



Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:52 AM
Hi Scott

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:52 AM
Hi Andrew

is it snowing in Valdez? 10:52 AM

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:54 AM
No, a little icy. Mostly rain.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:54 AM
Yeah all the snow is in New York. I heard they got 6 feet in some places

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:54 AM
Yes, I saw that.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:55 AM
I guess that would be nothing for Valdez

Just another day 10:55 AM

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:55 AM
They are getting slammed, and you are getting SLAMed.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:56 AM

Ha ha, Maybe I should give an update on SLAM!!

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:56 AM
 Sure...do you have anything else in particular planned for today?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:56 AM
 no, I am hoping people will ask some good questions

There might be a few new people joining us 10:57 AM

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:57 AM
 Cool, from where?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:57 AM
 Well there have been a number of museum staff changes

Like the Clausen museum in Petersburg 10:58 AM
 and The Wrangell museum 10:58 AM

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:58 AM
 And Ketchikan

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:58 AM
 They both have new directors

Oh yes and Ketchikan that is true 10:58 AM
 - Jan Yaeger joined the Main Room. (10:58 AM) -

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 10:59 AM
 Good morning Jan.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:59 AM
 Hi Jan Welcome

Jan Yaeger 10:59 AM
 Good morning, Andrew & Scott!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 10:59 AM
 How are things in Seldovia?

Jan Yaeger 10:59 AM
 Sunny for a change!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:00 AM
 wow, we have rain rain rain

Jan Yaeger 11:01 AM

Yes - that's how it's been here. Supposed to be a short sun break, but we'll take what we can get. Hopefully some will move your way as well.

- Valarie Kingsland - Seward joined the Main Room. (11:01 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:01 AM
Hi Valerie

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:02 AM
Hello!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:02 AM
Oops I meant Valarie
with an a 11:02 AM

- Natalie Wadle joined the Main Room. (11:02 AM) -

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:02 AM
No worries...happens all the time.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:02 AM
Hi Natalie

Natalie Wadle 11:03 AM
Hi

- Heather McClain joined the Main Room. (11:04 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:04 AM
We will wait a couple of more minutes to get started
Hi Heather 11:04 AM

Heather McClain 11:04 AM
Hi!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:06 AM
So Heather I know you are from the Seward museum
Valarie are you with the museum as well? 11:06 AM

Heather McClain 11:07 AM
I am, yes. Valarie is the Director of SCLM which includes the library
and the museum.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:07 AM
Oh so in place of Patty Linville?

Heather McClain 11:08 AM
 Yes, sir! Patty retired in the spring and Valarie stated a few weeks before I did.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:09 AM
 Great! Welcome on board

So I think we have a pretty good crowd now 11:09 AM
 People will probably join in as we move forward 11:09 AM
 So while people are joining in that I thought I would start off 11:12 AM
 today by giving an update on the SLAM project here in
 Juneau

While I am typing you all can be thinking of questions or 11:12 AM
 topics you want to address today

So the SLAM project is the State Library Archives and 11:12 AM
 Museum Project

Which is the new building here in Juneau. 11:12 AM
 Some of you helped with moving our collections into that 11:13 AM
 building

I know Natalie was part of the move project 11:13 AM

Natalie Wadle 11:14 AM
 great experience

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:14 AM
 So we have a completed storage vault and our collections processing
 room and exhibits workshop are coming online in the next week or
 two

this means we will be able to do layout and mount-making 11:14 AM
 and all sorts of stuff related to getting our new exhibits 11:15 AM
 designed and built

The rest of the building is coming along just fine. The last 11:15 AM
 report we got was that it is on time and on budget

which is pretty remarkable for a building that costs \$137 11:16 AM
 million

11:16 AM

The have been pouring concrete like mad and the below grade parking garage and the first floor are almost finished (rough in) and they are starting to pour the slabs for the second floor

- Kelsey Lutz (NPS) joined the Main Room. (11:17 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:17 AM

Hi Kelsey, welcome

Kelsey Lutz (NPS) 11:17 AM

Hi

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:17 AM

We are just getting started

I am just giving an update about our museum building project here in Juneau 11:18 AM

Kelsey Lutz (NPS) 11:18 AM

great

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:18 AM

So they hope to have most of the concrete poured before the Christmas break

We are still on target for opening the new exhibits to the public by May of 2016. 11:19 AM

There is a lot of prep work that goes into redoing the entire exhibits. 11:19 AM

Anyway if you have questions about the SLAM project I would be happy to try and answer them 11:19 AM

If no questions about SLAM we can take any questions about museum related tops that anyone has 11:20 AM

Don't be shy 11:20 AM

Valarie Kingsland - Seward

I have some museum questions... 11:21 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:21 AM

great fire away

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:22 AM
I was wondering if anyone here has a Memorandum of Understanding with an outside agency?

Jan Yaeger 11:22 AM
We have one with UAF for a specific project.

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:22 AM
We have one with the Resurrection Bay Historical Society, but it leaves us with a lot of questions about how to proceed and I'm not sure it's the best model for this type of partnership.

Natalie Wadle 11:23 AM
I know we have one with the coast guard and with the forest service

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:24 AM
I should clarify that RBHS owns the collection in the museum, which was a volunteer museum, but is now operated by the City of Seward.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:24 AM
We have one with the Valdez Native Tribe

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:24 AM
Andrew what is the Valdez Museums relationship to the City of Valdez?

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:24 AM
Our museum is contracted with the City of Valdez for the care and presentation of the collection, which technically is owned by the City.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:25 AM
They also own our buildings.

Heather McClain 11:25 AM
To add to what Valarie said, the MOU covers who owns the collection and who runs the facilities, but we are kind of in limbo land when it comes to operations and who's responsible for what.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:25 AM
So there is no historical society involved?

or that is who is being contracted? 11:25 AM

Heather McClain 11:25 AM
 RBHS is still very involved

Where the confusion comes in is exactly what they expect 11:26 AM
 staff, aka Valarie and myself, to do when it comes to exhibits
 and care of collections.

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:26 AM
 We have confusion about how our roles are defined and who's
 responsible for what. It's a fairly new move, so it's to be expected,
 but I know we'll have to take a look at it again .

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:27 AM
 In the mean time...we have our work cut out for us! =)

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:27 AM
 Valarie, I know that several museums in Alaska are operating on a
 similar model

I think Amy Carney mentioned that the Cordova museum 11:27 AM
 might have been a model for your MOU

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:27 AM
 I'd love to know who they are to see if they'd be willing to talk about
 their experience.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:28 AM
 I know that the Sheldon Museum in Haines has a similar situation

In Cordova you would want to speak with Cathy Sherman. 11:28 AM

She is the head of the library and the head of the museum 11:28 AM

I am pretty sure the Cordova Historical Society still owns the 11:28 AM
 collection

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:29 AM
 Good to know!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:29 AM
 It might be the same way in Haines

You could talk to Helen Alten at the Sheldon Museum 11:29 AM

I do understand your situation a little bit 11:29 AM

because the MOU did not really define the roles for care of collections and exhibits 11:30 AM

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:30 AM

And, I guess I was wondering if it should or not.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:30 AM

Wouldn't that be in your mission statement?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:31 AM

So Andrew who is it that is contracted to care for the collections, is it the historical society of Valdez?

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:31 AM

Not necessarily if we are talking about who is responsible for what tasks to achieve a mutual mission.

Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) 11:31 AM

There is no historical society, it is the Valdez Museum & Historical Archive, Inc.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:32 AM

Ok so it is a bit different.

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:32 AM

Seems like could really tie us up if these roles were passed via a resolution, which also concerns me.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:32 AM

The deal in Seward is the Historical Society still owns the collection but the City has agreed to house it and provide a staff member for it. Is that right Valarie?

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:33 AM

Pretty much

I believe it can be found online...I should look for the link. 11:33 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:34 AM

So could you outline where some of the conflict might be?

Is it in how the collections are being cared for or how they are being displayed or who pays for what? 11:34 AM

Heather McClain 11:35 AM
All of the above. We have a lot of different things feeding into this.

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:35 AM
Yes, all of the above.

Heather McClain 11:36 AM
Just to give everyone an idea, we have three separate collections in storage. We have RBHS, the Library Assoc.'s art and photo collection, and things from the City of Seward

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:37 AM
It seems that we are trying run the same model of operations in a totally different museum and no one's acknowledge there needs to be a change except Library Museum admin and staff caught in the middle.

So, we are dealing with a lot of change with an organization that is not happy about changing. 11:38 AM

Heather McClain 11:39 AM
Part of the problem is that we don't have a collections management policy for SCLM so we have been using RBHS's as a default

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:39 AM
Well, it's nothing we will solve today, but I thought looking at some other MOUs might help.

But, Heather's working on it! =) 11:39 AM

The collection management policy, that is... 11:39 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:40 AM
I do think this is a problem that a few other museums in AK have had to deal with. It would be interesting to see how it is resolve or if it is resolved.

I do remember now that having three different collections under one roof was one of the big issues. 11:40 AM

I know that the Library has important artworks that belong specifically to the library 11:41 AM

Heather McClain 11:41 AM

It is, but its good to know that we're not the only ones and that there are other examples that we can look at

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:41 AM

It really is, as well as the library collection. I have a vision for an integrated LAM, so, while it's a challenge, it's also exciting.

I agree, Heather. I took those names down and will do some follow up, for sure. 11:42 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:42 AM

I also remember some discussions I had with Patty (your predecessor) about whether the RBHS material was technically on loan to the Seward Museum

Heather McClain 11:43 AM

I think that is how RBHS sees it

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:43 AM

I remember a big discussion with the RBHS board that got very complicated when it came to that issue

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:43 AM

That's a good question, because I'm concerned about how the collection continues to grow and what the city (aka, me) is responsible for.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:44 AM

Well I guess you said it, the best place to start is with a little research into a few other places with similar agreements.

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:44 AM

Regardless, Neither of us can do it alone.

Heather McClain 11:45 AM

Nope! That's why its good to get input. So thank you!

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:45 AM

If you ever want to have a conference call on technical museum issues (with RBHS board members present) I am available

Heather McClain 11:45 AM

Good to know!

[Valarie Kingsland - Seward](#) 11:46 AM

That would be wonderful! Probably early next year, with the holidays coming up. That will give us some time to think through some things, too.

And do a bit of research. 11:46 AM

BTW, Heather is working on the MAP. Anyone else doing it or have done it? 11:46 AM

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:46 AM

Yes I would try and outline some of the contentious issues and then we could start with those.

[Valarie Kingsland - Seward](#) 11:46 AM

AAM MAP, that is.

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:46 AM

Which one?

[Heather McClain](#) 11:47 AM

The organizational option

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:47 AM

Good plan

Do you have an assessor 11:47 AM

[Heather McClain](#) 11:47 AM

Not yet, we're resubmitting our application 12/1

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:47 AM

ah good

MAPs are a really good way to find a road map forward 11:47 AM

[Heather McClain](#) 11:48 AM

And that's what we're needing

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:49 AM

So we probably have time for one more topic or question

Does anyone have another one? 11:49 AM

[Jan Yaeger](#) 11:50 AM

One fast one: we want to make some solid, hanging covers for our windows. I'd like to use MDO but can't find it. Any recommendations for alternative material?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:50 AM

I would recommend 1/2 inch Gator board

it is black and very rigid 11:50 AM

You can get it from Laird Plastic out of Seattle 11:51 AM

Jan Yaeger 11:51 AM

Substantial enough to hang things on? We want something paintable, also.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:51 AM

Oh not really,

I mean you can hang light stuff on it but you can't nail into it. 11:52 AM

Jan Yaeger 11:52 AM

We want something that can become vertical display space.

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:52 AM

So what is the trouble with finding MDO

Is it not available in Homer? 11:52 AM

Jan Yaeger 11:52 AM

Home Depot and Lowe's don't carry it in Anchorage/Kenai; not sure about Spenards.

Not much of anything in Homer. 11:53 AM

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:53 AM

Well since this is not in an exhibit case and you are going to paint it, you could also use plywood

Jan Yaeger 11:54 AM

Maybe birch plywood?

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:54 AM

You should see if you can get Marine Grade plywood or phenolic plywood which has less formaldehyde in it

Birch plywood would be the best actually 11:54 AM

[Jan Yaeger](#) 11:54 AM

Should be plenty of marine grade in Homer! Thanks!

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:54 AM

You should put many coats of paint on it

That helps seal it 11:55 AM

[Jan Yaeger](#) 11:55 AM

Will do.

Thanks! 11:55 AM

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:55 AM

Any other quick questions?

[Valarie Kingsland - Seward](#) 11:55 AM

Is there a museum listserv for Alaska?

Yes there is one 11:56 AM

I can put you on it 11:56 AM

Heather is on it I think 11:56 AM

[Valarie Kingsland - Seward](#) 11:56 AM

super! I'd like to know where people advertise thier musuems.

[Heather McClain](#) 11:56 AM

I am

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:56 AM

Send me your email address

[Valarie Kingsland - Seward](#) 11:56 AM

vkingsland@cityofseward.net

Thank you! 11:57 AM

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:57 AM

Advertise museums is a good question

[Andrew Goldstein \(Valdez Museum\)](#) 11:57 AM

I've got to go now everyone, bye and thanks for a good chat.

[Scott Carrlee \(ASM\)](#) 11:57 AM

maybe we should take a pole through the listserv

- Andrew Goldstein (Valdez Museum) left the Main Room. (11:57 AM) -

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:57 AM

When I add your email address that can be your first question to the list

Ok well that about wraps it up for this session 11:58 AM

thanks for your questions 11:58 AM

very interesting 11:58 AM

Valarie Kingsland - Seward 11:58 AM

Will do! Thanks for doing this!

Scott Carrlee (ASM)

We won't have a chat next month because around the holidays everyone is busy

Scott Carrlee (ASM) 11:58 AM

Have a great holiday season

Natalie Wadle 11:58 AM

Thanks! Bye

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Next Chat Session
January 14, 11 am