



General Membership Meeting
August 29, 2013 noon-1:30pm (Alaska Time)

AKEN Agenda

Location: University of Alaska Anchorage, Institute for Social and Economic Research (ISER), 500 Diplomacy Drive, 5th floor, Anchorage, AK 99508

Attendees: Barbara Adams, Sylva Robb, Alda Norris, Corrie Whitmore, Steve Konkel, Diane Hirshberg, Lexi Hill, Rosalynd Frazer, Rhonda Johnson, Katie Cueva, Diwakar Vadapalli, Karen Heath.

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Call to order	12:05 pm	
Review of Agenda	Lexi asked for one addition, re the AEA Annual Meeting and opportunity to meet with congressional representatives re: evaluation and AEA	
AKEN blog	Recruitment of blog coordinator and post authors for AKEN blog	Rosalynd Frazier volunteered to serve as "Blog Boss." Upcoming posts will feature content from Lexi Hill, Rhonda Johnson, Corrie Whitmore, Katie re PHAT, and Diane on SRMO. Corrie & Alda will get Rosalynd posting access; Corrie will send her post guidelines.
Committee Updates		
Membership Committee	Membership committee update: # members; discussion on membership list for website	Alda – 33 paid members Steve Konkel – shared info with students, who may be joining
Program Committee	Program committee update	No members present. Lexi's presentation will include a discussion of topics of interest to our members, as specified during the general membership survey.
Nominating Committee	Nominating committee update	Will start recruiting for Vice-President and Treasurer nominations in September.
Program Presentation	Lexi Hill- Preliminary results of the AKEN General Membership Survey (powerpoint emailed to AKEN list).	
Other	Washington DC Evaluators Group has an initiative to raise the visibility of AEA among Members of Congress and keep trying to build constituency in Congress for rigorous, fair	Will forward email out to our mailing list so AKEN members can consider volunteering to schedule a meeting with a staffer for one of our congressional reps or senators (ideally their staffer who

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	minded, quality evaluation. They pointed out that 2013 meeting is in DC and would offer a good time to meet with staffers (Congress is in recess). Will be a good opportunity for us to make AKEN and ourselves more visible	deals with our areas of expertise).
Who is going to AEA?	Definite: Wendi, Corrie, Alda (no lobbying), Ed, Susan. Likely: Katie, Rosalynd, Lexi, Diwakar,	
ANNOUNCEMENTS, EMERGING ISSUES, OPPORTUNITIES		
Announcements	AKEN Panel was accepted for presentation at the 2013 Annual conference; there will be a breakfast organized at the conference – if you are able to attend, please let the membership committee know.	Our local sources suggest AKEN Breakfast at Tryst – 2459 18th Street NW, Washington, DC 20009, 202-232-5500, http://www.trystdc.com/). It's a 10 minute walk from the hotel into Adams Morgan. Let's plan on breakfast on Friday October 18th at 7 am .
Next Meeting	Next meeting: Board of Managers meeting Thursday September 26, 2013 noon-1:30pm General Membership meeting Thursday October 31, 2013 noon-1:30pm.	<p>October program will be Diwakar facilitating a program of agency evaluators talking about their work.</p> <p><u>Future Agenda Items:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. how the AKEN presentation at annual conference went. 2. AKEN Conference for Alaska eval folks <p>Ideas for a conference include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Poster session for all attendees to share their work and make connections? - Professional development sessions? - Pick timeline - Need videoconference options – UAA/UAF smart classrooms? OWL (online with libraries), something else? <p>Interim between here and the conference – maybe an annual meeting – with 1 featured speaker in a site where we can connect across locations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. In the future, AKEN may want to do a survey of all agencies in the state about evaluation practices. (Diwakar suggested, Diane agrees is important. Roz & Lexi highlight the challenges. Diane suggested it could be a cool ISER intern project). <p>Rhonda – with public health program have gotten results of practice survey – program evaluation content was in the</p>

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		top five interests. Could be discipline-specific workforce development audiences that could be interested in our program presentations, AKEN Conference, etc. We could potentially have a role in engaging members responding to workforce needs.
Adjournment	1:18 pm	