



**STAFF REPORT
DECEMBER 18TH, 2014**

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCE:

Current assets exceed one million dollars, earning a very small return on investment; consider diversifying to increase yields. Staff focus is on growing revenue through the March Conference with increased membership, sponsorship and conference registration; which will require extensive outreach. The budget will require regular review to ensure actual revenue and spending are appropriate within the more regulated granting and contracting environment. The public fiscal environment may have long-term implications for grants.

PROJECTS/OLD BUSINESS:

Regional Energy Planning

- *Aleutian/Pribilofs*: Staff has submitted the Phase II report to AEA; we hope to have a contract for Phase III – Technical & Economic Analysis in place this winter. SWAMC will be ahead of other regions in this planning effort, setting benchmarks for all other regions statewide.
- *Bristol Bay*: Staff has outlined draft site-visit logistics, which we are sharing with our BB team. BBNA has hired a new Energy Coordinator, Lawrence Sorensen who we look forward to working with.
- *Kodiak*: SWAMC has engaged about 30 community, regional and industry stakeholders to represent the Steering Committee which will help identify Regional Energy Priorities at the January 27th Kodiak Energy Summit. The Steering Committee is reviewing the Draft Conference Agenda, which Staff will be finalizing in the coming period. Staff has conducted site visits to the Kodiak road system and all 6 villages.

Energy Intern

Laura Vaught has been a valuable asset to achieving the activities outlined in the Regional Energy Planning process.

SWAMC Work Plan

Staff will continue to ensure planning activities are aligned with stated work plan.

Business Retention & Expansion - UAA Training

Staff has shared an updated contact list with Executive Pulse, populating our CRM software; updating the program will be ongoing for some time. Staff will begin outlining targeted surveys to our stakeholders, and developing local partnerships in the upcoming period.

VISTA- STEM Program

Staff has interviewed for the new VISTA-STEM Coordinator position, who should join our team in February.

Membership & Network

Memberships continue to come in.

Workforce Development

No activity this period.

Quality of Life and Substance Abuse

This issue has been added to the Draft Conference Agenda, with interest from key participants.

Conference

Sponsorship letters have been mailed to 332 organizations, with some organizations already committing support to SWAMC. We have taken control of the www.swamcsummit domain, which was outsource last year. We hope to have the payment system updated at this time, and updated draft agenda posted. We have entered our Conference promotion period, which will continue to the Conference.

NETWORKING/MEETINGS:

- November 19th, Obrien & Griffin met with Information Insights to discuss energy planning at the SWAMC office
- November 20th, Obrien & Griffin attended an AML panel on BRE at the Hotel Captain Cook
- November 24th, Obrien discussed Executive Pulse CRM software with Laith Wardi, CEO via teleconference
- November 25th, Obrien participated in the IEDC 2015 Planning Committee teleconference
- December 2nd, Obrien Participated in the AOOS sponsored Ocean Acidification Summit at the Hotel Marriot
- December 3rd, Obrien participated in AEDC & Aleut Christmas parties
- December 4th, Obrien participated in the DOE & AEA sponsored Energy Planning session of the Borough of Indian Affairs (BIA) Providers Conference at the Dena'ina Center
- December 8-15th, Obrien followed the NPFMC Meeting, primarily Charter Halibut and Chinook Bycatch
- December 8-11th, Griffin traveled to Port Lions, Akhiok & Ouzinkie as part of the Kodiak Energy Plan Outreach effort
- December 11th, Obrien had lunch with John Woodruff, COO Iccicle Seaffods
- December 15th, Obrien & Griffin participated in the Annual ARDOR Meeting at the AEDC Office in Anchorage
- December 16-19th, Obrien traveled to Larsen Bay, Karluk & Old Harbor as part of the Kodiak Energy Plan Outreach effort
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