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# Creating Alaska

The Origins of the  
49<sup>th</sup> State

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Dear Creating Alaska Advisory Board Members:

**Please mark your calendars for the annual Creating Alaska Advisory Board meeting to be held in Fairbanks on Tuesday, November 9, 2004.** Your airfare and lodging expenses will be covered. Expect a memo in October regarding instructions for reimbursement.

There have been a number of exciting new developments in this project since we met last November, including:

- Production of a one-hour documentary on Alaska statehood is on-going and proceeding on schedule;
- 30-90 second "History nuggets" are in the development stages for broadcast statewide commencing November, 2005;
- The "Creating Alaska" website is expanding and receiving over 6,000 hits per month; this will be utilized as a teaching tool in the near future (see: [www.alaska.edu/creatingalaska](http://www.alaska.edu/creatingalaska));
- Oral history - Extensive interviews have been conducted with 20 prominent Alaskans, up to 6 more are planned for 2004/05; \$550,000 in new funding has been received from GSA and the UA Foundation for 2004/05 to continue work on the documentary and surrounding pieces;
- A cooperative partnership with the Alaska Humanities Forum has been established to assist with a K-12 Alaska History teacher education and curriculum program;
- A lecture series to be delivered statewide on Alaska Statehood is being developed;
- Capital projects are being considered at UAF to commemorate statehood;
- A traveling museum exhibit on the Constitutional Convention and Statehood is in the conceptual stages;
- A series of newspaper articles and a "special edition" insert on the road to statehood is being discussed with major newspapers in the state.

A number of other proposals are also being formulated to present to the Advisory Board at the next meeting. It promises to be a day filled with information, celebration and planning.

The Steering Committee is looking forward to presenting the efforts of the past year for your review and approval.

Best regards,

Ann Ringstad

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