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**Attendees**

**Attendees via Telecom:**

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Vince McCoy, Emergency Management, Anchorage

Chief Jeff Tucker, North Star Borough

SMSGT Frank Dannals, EAFB

Bill Mitchell, Eielson AFB

John Rockwell, APD

Don McCollum, ML&P

Ted Kenny, AK Dept of Corrections

Tina, -----?, Wasilla?

Steve Michael, APD

Don Savage, Wasilla Chief of Police

Joe Quickel, DoD Contractor

Al Temagni, Anchorage Fire Dept

Kyle Sinclair, NLECTC, DoD Supporting ProgOfc

Gary Davis, Chugiak Fire Dept.

Bob Griffiths, NLECTC

Chief Jack Krill, Mat-su Fire

Bruce Richter, NLECTC

Ocie Adams, Juneau DOT

Natalie, -----?

Leslie Pearson, Dept. Environmental Conservation, Anchorage

Heather Handyside, Executive Council Member

John Bauer, Dept. Environmental Conservation, Anchorage

George Keeney, Valdez

Steve Hack, Valdez

Dave Squires, Seward Fire Dept.

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Brad Johnson , Deputy Chief Fairbanks

The meeting was called to order on Monday, December 5, 2005 at 1:33pm by Major Matt Leveque. Minutes of the November 16<sup>th</sup> meeting were reviewed; a motion was made by Frank Dannals to accept the minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Bob Griffiths and a vote was taken; all “ayes”. The minutes were approved.

The big business that we have today is to review the draft charter documents that were emailed out by Kyle Sinclair last Friday. Those whom we have email addresses for, should have received two documents: (1) is the 1 December version of the ALMR User’s Council Charter Draft , and (2) the Draft of 26 October, heavy multi-colored ink denoting Microsoft Word tracking changes function. The objective was to give you an opportunity to look at what we had worked from (the one of 26 October) and then to incorporate and clean up those changes which is reflected in the December 1<sup>st</sup> copy.

By way of introduction of this subject, a reminder for those who weren’t with us before, the charge to the User Council, this provisional group that we are, is to create a charter that we can bring to the executive council – which of course are the core members that represent DoD, Federal non-DoD, State, and Municipal interests so that when they meet on Thursday, they can, hopefully, vote to accept our charter. Or, at least we can have it before then, in time for that meeting. The challenges I believe that we found at our meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> were that we were struggling with the subcommittee that had been formed, which hadn’t been able to develop any suggestions yet, and we were as a group, struggling with how to handle what constituted MEMBERSHIP of the User Council in the future and what would constitute voting rights. Those among us who are from (I suspect) DoD, Federal non-DoD in the state have been appointed by our supervisors or who were asked to come. Municipalities, in some cases, have received letters from Heather Handyside who is the municipal representative at the Executive Council (EC) and in that case, those people are formally appointed – at least for purposes of our interim committee. The discussions last time seemed to evolve into a system where there would be three or four representatives per main area (State, Federal, DoD and Municipal) – so there would be 12 or 16 members on a User’s Council and everybody not actually seated among those 12 or 16 would be represented by one of the 16 or 12. When we last left it, my request was that anyone who had any input would go ahead and email, fax or give me a phone call with suggestions. And, in terms of actual input, the sole individual that was involved was Bob Griffith, of NLECTC, who wrote some of the items discussed at our last meeting.

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We held a meeting here about a week ago which included Kyle Sinclair and Bob Griffiths representing the project team, Brad Johnson, Deputy Chief of Fairbanks PD, Frank Dannals, Communications Wizard at J6 ALCOM, and myself, representing Al Storey who is out of state. That meeting brought us to the draft of December 1, 2005. So with that background, I'd sure like to hear what you people think.

I would assume that those individuals who have reviewed the draft charter (the December 1<sup>st</sup> clean version, the easy-to-read one) may have objections or observations that are to be put in place. One telecom response (Bill Mitchell from Eielson) was that his leadership wanted representation on the User's Council. Matt responded that during the last couple of meetings our DoD representatives (and we are joined here today by Frank Dannals and of course Bill Mitchell of Eielson) indicated the preference that there would be a representative from each: Eielson, Wainwright, Richardson, and Elmendorf.

Bill Mitchell continued that the Army is set up with a single point of contact that basically handles their funding and ALMR issues for the state, and that's down at Ft. Richardson. The Air Force is not set up that way; Eielson and Elmendorf are set up separately.

Matt responded to Bill Mitchell that what Frank Dannals proposed at the last meeting was representation by the four bodies that I just mentioned. The difficulty is coming up with a situation that involves generally equivalent voting rights among the four named groups – and I wasn't quite sure what your proposal would be, Bill. I received your feedback that you didn't like the Charter you received on Friday, but I'm not sure what the alternative was.

Mr. Mitchell continued: Basically, what we've been told for 1 and a half years, is that this council was going to happen. We've been on line for 1 and a half years and been told that everything that I kept bringing up and had questions about, I was told that was going to be part of the User's Council and we were assured we would be part of it. Now granted, we may or we may not, but if there's only one representative from the Air Force then that's either going to be from Eielson or Elmendorf – so one of us is going to be left out as far as representation in person – and again, when I got the Charter, I brought this up to my leadership. They have told me that they want representation and they are pursuing other channels, but wanted me to bring this up again in the meeting, that they wanted to be added to that. So the recommendation would have been through from Air Force – one from Eielson and one from Elmendorf.

Matt reiterated that it didn't help him with the overall composition in trying to create equal voting. I don't know how to go to the Army and say the Air Force gets two votes and the Army gets one. Mr. Mitchell said he looks at membership and voting as two different things. I understand you want to get this to the EC and you want to get that done fairly quickly.

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SMSGT Dannals: When you (Bill) say that membership and voting are two different things I think that you are absolutely right. Whoever is the nonvoting Air Force member will remain a member of the council and it'll just be up to the two installations (you and Eielson and Elmendorf) to come to a cohesive agreement prior to when the voting happens, and then if that vote can't happen under the three-person periphery guidelines we guess both installations would go to the ALCOMJ6 to try to get some resolution on the Air Force side if we couldn't come to an agreement on that. Does that make sense to you? The response from Bill was that yes it did make sense to him, that he's not saying this can't work. My commander appointed members per request of Col. Clifton and she's saying that she wants it to stay that way, so that's why I'm here, saying what I'm saying! SMSGT Dannals stated that his squadron commander feels the same way – He wants a voting member for installations as well. But I mean if it's for the benefit of the entire User's Council, in order to keep it down to some sort of controllable number, then that's why I agreed to it a couple of weeks ago ... let's go ahead and try it. If it turns out that it's not working, then we've got purpose in the Charter that says "go ahead and change that".

Bill continued by stating that he understood. That he's not trying to be a thorn in the side of the UC. If a vote needs to be taken, then obviously everyone there doesn't seem to have too much of a problem with it, so I would be out voted. Again, Sgt. Dannals knows that in the military, we do what we're told to do. (laughter) Matt replied that clearly, that was understood.

Matt interjected by stating he would like to begin addressing some of our municipal members that we haven't seen here before. You'll notice in your charters that the expectation is that the state would be broken up into three regions. Regions would be represented by one individual who would become a member of the User Council. Hypothetically, the Southern region would organize both, and perhaps would elect Fire Chief "X" from a given community. That individual winds up having the authority to vote – hopefully – in the interests of all the individuals in that region. Same in the Central region and in the North. Among state agencies we have a similar situation, given that the Department of Public Safety and DOT are two of the biggest state users by far of this system. DOT and DPS would each have a voting member appointed by their respective commissioners; however, all of the other state users, whether it's Department of Corrections, Health and Social Services, etc., would have to jointly be represented by that third, if you will, at large number. A similar situation exists with our Federal partners; there's not enough for the FBI to have a vote; Marshals' service have a vote, TSA, etc. So I believe there's going to be a fair amount of compromise, and I certainly respect your concerns, Sgt Mitchell. I hope that decisions that work best for the group over all.

George of Valdez: This is a question of the municipalities part of it ... How and where are we going to start the appointment of these positions for the three regions that you've got lined out.

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Matt replied that he believed (refer to top of Page 5 of the clean copy ... and for those of you that are on line and perhaps don't have a version, please bear with me, I'll read it.) and he reads: "*Responsibility ... through ... over time*" Skipping down to the middle of the page he reads on "*... In order for the user ... through organizational steps already*". I believe the language in here describes the idea that if someone in the central region decided to coordinate this thing (say it's Anchorage Police Department, they jump on out there, they contact all the other municipal partners – whether it's Chugiak Fire Department or Jack Krill out at Central Mat-Su, etc.) they could come to our meeting on January 4<sup>th</sup>, assuming that the EC approves this draft charter with a 100% yes vote ... "Joe Blow" is our representative and all of us agree." I don't suppose that we'll have everybody out there in agreement, so I certainly think that could happen and would be preferable if municipal regions want to organize themselves in advance and come with a letter that says "hey, I speak for everybody," I think that would be best case. Worst case would be to say "Ok, if you're in the central region, who would you like to have represent you" and we just do that at our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. Does that help?

George responds by saying ... "a little bit, Matt. The only question I've got is that I know you have one person for each area, but for Valdez here, we're actually in the central area too, so we would have Anchorage and other communities representing us too, so I guess my question is, is there a reason why you went with just one representative – or is there a way we can boost this up so there's two from each one of those agencies throughout this whole list"?

Matt continues. What we've got at this point are people who have been identified as interested parties, I guess for want of a better description. I don't think that those of us that worked on Charter draft can envision there being a way where we have 20 or 40 or 60 members of a body that's supposed to be ultimately the operationally governing body for ALMR. The expectation that's been conveyed to me (and anyone can speak up if they've had differing conversations) but that I've gotten from Heather Handyside, who is the municipal representative, and from my boss' boss, Commissioner Bill Tandeske and from some members of the project team, are that their expectation is they want to step back from this whole ALMR process and they want to transition interactions with the project team and transition the operationalization of ALMR to the UC. In order to make that work, the UC's going to have to be small enough that we can have meetings with some regularity, that there's a small enough contact list that people can be relatively easily identified and notified, and that it would be the responsibilities of those folks who represent Valdez interests to make sure that Valdez knows what's going on. I just don't see a practical way that we can have a body that's supposed to be making lots of operational decisions, especially over the next year and a half, on a fairly rapid basis – that winds up being larger than the 12 representatives that we've identified. Does that help at all?

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George from Valdez: Responds affirmatively. It helps to know that you want to reduce it down, but I guess my problem is “who will represent us and how will that actually work”! If we’re being outvoted all the time, then why should we go for it.

Matt responded by saying he thought that was a great question. This is addressed in the Charter, page 5, second paragraph down: *“In the event ... through ... for consideration at the next council’s meeting”*. Now this was specifically put in there ... let’s go to two completely different spectrums here. We’ve got the municipality of Anchorage, we’ve got a fire department and a police department (which I understand may have different objectives from a communications perspective) but between the two of them involve probably the largest user of ALMR resources down the pike of anyone in that region, they would be represented by the same individual as the Valdez fire and/or police department. In the event that say Valdez isn’t happy with an outcome, or in the event that say Anchorage PD isn’t happy with an outcome, those agencies can go ahead and directly petition the Council via the Chair so that we can get a different perspective. In other words, if I’m the guy and I’m not from the department of Public Safety and I’m representing all of the State of Alaska agencies, and I’ve got a wild hair and I do something strange, then Dept. of Corrections or whomever else, can go ahead and directly petition the chair saying “this bonehead, Matt Leveque, is all wet! We need to do something different!” So that was kind of a safety valve that we identified.

Kyle Sinclair: One of the things that I wanted to make sure you understood is that this is an open forum meeting, so you’re not barred from giving your input, you’re not barred from making suggestions or taking notes so that you can go to your regional meetings and bring back ... the only thing we’re looking at was limiting the voting portion of that.

Matt adds “from the management perspective, on Page 5 second paragraph above the paragraph where it says “Organizational Procedures”, *... because user agencies ... through ... information that may have been overlooked”*. So we have another mechanism. Say we have another meeting in April, for example, the 12 members of the UC meet; individuals who would like to participate can be teleconferenced in, there’ll be a section where just like any municipal assembly meeting, anybody who has two or three minutes worth of input would go ahead and speak up – provided they were recognized in advance by the Chair so that the work or current agenda or whatever – I don’t think there’s any intention to make sure that the voices of members who are physically removed or smaller in terms of agency size, get disenfranchised. There’s no reason Valdez could not wind up being the voting representative of all of the central municipal region.

Don Savage asks “Is there a possibility that we could make this some sort of an interim agreement? I kind of agree with what Valdez is bringing forward here, although I understand the

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frustration of trying to come up with a model that's perfect. And I don't disagree, at least initially, that the regional approach may be the best approach simply because of goldmine issues. As we get into this a little further; say a year down the road or something like that, there may be other commonalities that cause dissention among fire and police groups, or agency size and need. We could maybe consider realigning these voting entities based on future criteria. Some interjected that this very subject is addressed on Page 7 of the Charter.

Perez advises that he's just logged on.

Matt continues. Under "Amendments to this Charter" ... *it is anticipated that this document will require amendments over time ... of user deliberations and function*". So our expectation is that's absolutely going to happen. We've been told, and I don't know how many versions there've been, but apparently the EC Charter has gone through three or four iterations so far. I see Joe Quickel nodding his head saying it's four complete revisions. So I don't think there's any expectation that we struck perfection on the first go-around. I know I see that from Frank Dannels from EAFB nodding his head in agreement also.

Jeff Tucker/North Star Borough: One quick observation is that I agree with the way this is structured; however, in the regional user groups that you've established, you kind of have not defined them at all and how they'll be organized. And you're relying on them heavily to nominate representatives and have a functioning organization regionally, but nowhere in this document will you find that you hope they'll get together. There's no definition of how they'll be structured, how they should come up with their officers per se that I see. That might help define and answer some of the other questions that the regional user groups could find as part of this organization.

Kyle Sinclair: I understand where you're coming from, and agree with that. What we're looking at is getting the council itself organized and then we can look at the first subcommittee meeting. We need to do this rapidly as an organization. Major, your comments?

Major Leveque concluded that certainly, one of the things that the organization needed to be careful of, as an example, is that we had Brad Johnson representing the municipal departments, working with Frank and I as we were trying to wrestle what this document might look like. It sounds like in many respects the Fairbanks region already has , to a certain degree, some organization just because Fairbanks PD is involved in ALMR.

It was mentioned that Fairbanks has an organization, but it's a small organization of only those folks who are dispatched by Fairbanks PD – not the whole region, and by no means organization of the entire northern region of the state. If we nominate Brad to do this, this

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document does not define how we go about doing this. Will we have decisions being made 6 months down the road?

Matt responded by stating that what he had some conversations with Heather Handyside who is the EC member who represents the municipalities. Heather had indicated a couple of times that it is her desire (and she believes the Executive Council's desire) that there be the broadest possible representation among municipal agencies – both those that are on line, are transitioning to come on line, and those who would ultimately be on line. As a consequence, for example, I understand that up in Fairbanks, Jeff, you have “sort of a system” in Fairbanks and we were talking about the fact that we've got nobody from the North Slope on board. That might be some of the outreach that we could perform.

Bill Rasmussen with the State of Alaska responded by stating that he believes it safe for now to limit yourself to where ALMR now is, which is just north of Fairbanks and down to Juneau. Matt interjects that it's not Heather Handyside's position. Bill continues that he understands that point, but it's going to be a while before we can reach out to satellite cities. We are only going right now to terrestrial-connected cities; we don't have copper or fiber going there, or microwaves going there. (St. Paul Island is only a test for now and they're not the critical users.) We should probably talk about that, Matt, and say that we will start initially with those that are on the system or coming on to the system, and then expand from there to bring others on line. Matt states that he doesn't disagree at all, but that he believes that it would be naïve, at this stage, to tell municipal regions how they should organize. In anyevent, we have it built in here that 6 months from now we look at this, and it seems like the municipal organizational process is a disaster, or alternatively, that the federal folks can't get organized – that we can get back and be more directive. Not say, for example, that with respect to the Department of the Interior that it would have to be a BLM representative. We didn't say for Department of Justice it would have to be an FBI representative, etc. Matt agreed with Jeff, that there is a fair amount of pressure on municipal regions to come up with a solution that works for them. If it doesn't work, then I guess we could impose something. Brad said that to get the thing off the ground up in Fairbanks, that they would take their user group within the com center and expand it to include those other agencies coming on board that are not dispatched by Fairbanks – so that we have a larger group to deal with ALMR to get it established. Matt continued that he understood about Fairbanks, and that we're probably in better shape than the central district is, because Dave down in Seward is going to have to be reached out to, and the guys at Valdez, etc. Jeff stated that his region is fairly compact. Matt further continued by stating that neither Frank, or Brad, or myself, or the folks that have been helping us have any vision that this is the perfect vision right out of the chute. George of Valdez said that just to keep focused on the charter part (and he thinks it's a very great document). We need to get the charter approved. If we can get a note or a list out to each region of those that are ALMR active, then we can figure out who CAN be a

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representative. That might solve our problem if we know who we're dealing with. Matt assures George that we can do that. We will get some sort of list to the folks we know are regional members with respect to those that are on or who are in the process of coming on.

Matt responded to a statement by Mr. Squires that membership wouldn't have to be on anybody's letterhead. Matt replied: For instance, you have a teleconference and decide that you are THE guy. Then a letter would be circulated having, ideally, heads of agency signatures so that it would be clear that you are a member of the User's Council. As you know, many of you on line have had letters prepared by your agency stating "this is my voting member and that we've got a set number of alternates". We are basically going to start over again. We will go back to the agencies that are identified by name, e.g., DPS, DOT, Army, AF, ALCOM, etc., would have to give us the UC names so that when we have our January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, it starts over again. We will note who is on the UC and everyone else that is not, is represented through the people that are seated around the table.

**There was a question about January 4<sup>th</sup> but it was unintelligible.** Matt responded "I don't know. Which is why there is a provision in there that we would have some sort of an election during the January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting, and we'd say that if you're from the northern region (municipal-wise) and we don't already have a name, then who would you like to be your representative. We would quite literally make it that crude so that if the EC approves this document by January 4, then we would be up and running on January 4<sup>th</sup> and we'd seek municipal members as best we could, we'd seek members from the other agencies who have not participated so far, namely, the federal agencies that haven't been coming, and after that was all done, we'd wind up with 12 people (or however many we had; a quorum would be 7). If we had 7 members here around the table or on the phone then at that point we would vote who would be the Chair, Vice Chair, and the Secretary. Perhaps that's an aggressive time table, but that's what we're working toward.

Someone stated that once that initial voting membership was in place, just to get this thing going, then we would pursue the municipal regional organizational and subcommittees and move into that process where the full makeup of the region would start identifying voting on their membership through a formalized process. We were trying to get going first, just so that we had a functional organization.

Kyle Sinclair: the EC is meeting on December 8<sup>th</sup>, so yes we are aggressive because if they approve this then possibly by the Thursday meeting then we could start marching on. And I say WE because Bob Griffiths just acknowledged the fact that NLECTC would help you folks organize the regional groups. That's one of the things we're trying to do.

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Natalie from ? (unintelligible): (the following is Matt's interpretation of her question and not her own words; they're Matt's) Are some individuals on the UC disproportionately represented in the four areas? Matt replied that it was absolutely not the case. DoD will have 3 seated and include 1 from the AF, 1 from the Army and 1 from ALCOM J6. There would be 3 federal representatives, 3 state representatives, there are 3 municipal regional representatives, so that's how we go from 4 to 12. Each of the principal 4 is represented by 3 in the UC.

Kyle Sinclair: You will note that Debra Smith on the EC is brand new, but you will notice that she is not from Department of the Interior, not from the FBI so you know you're not getting a weighted vote at the EC.

Natalie: I can understand Sgt. Mitchell's concerns in that Eileson and Elmendorf apparently march to their own music, so we feel that by Eileson not having a vote ... Matt interjects that it's helpful to remember that the User Council (and please, anybody, correct me if you've heard otherwise) has no expectation that the Executive Council will go away any time soon. We might speculate that there is an expectation by the user that the EC will step back.

Discussion between Matt and Natalie. We as the UC are going to need to go to the EC and say this is how I think things are going to work, how we're going to have this evolving dynamic relationship as we try to sort out what their expectations are of the UC and what a relationship with the EC winds up being. As a consequence of that they will always (I've been assured by Commissioner Tandeske) be in a position for the foreseeable future, where if we in the UC collectively come up with a stupid idea, or a great idea that they think is stupid, they're going to tell us no.

Natalie: We all need to get along.

Frank Dannals: You said something a minute ago ... that for instance Eileson won't get to vote. I want to make sure that everybody knows in the event that if someone from Elmendorf gets the voting member of the users council, or in the event that you, Sgt. Mitchell from Eileson. It's not to say that the other agencies within that might get a vote, because they will have already talked about it amongst themselves, So hopefully there'll be some sort of consensus that will then be brought to the UC's attention.

Natalie: You guys are really two entities that are going to have to come together and agree.

Bill Rasmussen: Two things to keep in mind. (1) The EC would kick the project off, and build the infrastructure, but it was never intended to try and run the frequency sharing. But the UC is a better one to do it figuring ok, troopers in Valdez are interfacing with the PD in Valdez ... let's

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make sure we have the right talk groups for those kinds of issues. Frequency, now by the way is handled by a state employee but that's the way the FCC set it up. So their primary executive goal was to meet thru the mandates of the FCC and grant them this waiver of frequency. The EC's importance is kind of going to diminish when they're through building the infrastructure. They're almost through. The UC is going to sort of rise up and take over, so this has to be very organized and very effective, or the EC won't be able to fade into the background ... Matt interjected by saying the EC wasn't going away. This is hopefully a source for some solace or comfort to anybody that might worry that this UC will go berserk and do weird things. Maybe we run completely off a cliff and come up with a marvelous idea and the EC says "Whoa ! This is not where we want you to go! Stop, fix this!" Until they tell us otherwise, they're not planning to go away in the near term. They want to hand off the day-to-day stuff but still want to represent us to the governing bodies that gave us these frequencies to begin with. (2) the UC needs to keep its focus as to who is representing whom. Remember the whole purpose of this is interoperability. So any group who is doing something that doesn't lend itself to that, it should be pretty obvious right away, you could say out of order. We're trying to be interoperable – where troopers could deal with MPs which could deal with the PD which could deal with DOT on a continuous basis

Ted Kenney, Department of Corrections, on page 5 under Municipalities. Change Southeast to Southern (typo).

Does anyone else have comments or observations? Frank Dannals from Elmendorf asks for Sgt Mitchell on the bridge line. I was going to ask you if you knew for sure if the Army was set up that way, but it's already been answered. So I wonder if that being said, and if Colonel Clifton would agree (and I think she would), if we substituted that third ALCOM J6 rep with a separate Eileson rep. That would still be 3 members for DoD, ALCOM J6 doesn't necessarily need to have a voice because we ARE that voice for them. Sgt Mitchell adds that ALCOM J6 is part of the Executive Council . So if I can just make that motion that we substitute ... Matt interjects ... I'm sorry, let me just talk to the counterpoint from Natalie's perspective. That we've got 2 Air Force reps and 1 Army rep. Dannals adds ... but from the way that they're set up, both from a funding standpoint and ... Natalie interjects that she understands the Air Force might outweigh "me"; I don't have two separate entities. I have a single one, unless you want to include Ft. Greeley who is in part a user and in part of FNBC and now they're separate entities. I don't know that we ever had a real clean ...and I don't feel threatened by the Air Force having two separate voices.

Well Thank you, Natalie (voice over the phone bridge) (laughter) Natalie says "we're in this together"

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Matt continues that Frank, Brad and I have spoken about that we have an expectation that people are going to change around this table, however ultimately it winds up being. People are going to get promoted, retired, transferred ... and so we wanted to come up with a situation that would wind up being something that – unless changed – will work in the future as personalities change. And so right now Natalie's fine with NOT feeling outweighed by the Air Force, but we wanted to come up with a system where the Air Force had a vote, the Army had a vote, the Marines, the Navy, and anybody else who doesn't have a vote gets represented by ALCOM J6. Now I understand ALCOM J6 is Colonel Clifton but someone from her shop would be designated (perhaps Frank) who would kind of be the honest broker; the individual who would be in the best interests of DoD Alaska to be at "x" point.

We are now joined by Heather Handyside. Are there other comments before we take a vote? Natalie asks if we can vote to change ALCOM J6 to Air Force. Kyle Sinclair interjects that the one reason ALCOM J6 is sitting in there is right now Colonel Clifton IS the Air Force. What happens if you had an Admiral or a Captain, an O6 from the Navy that came up here and was assigned as J6. That position is supposed to be a neutral position. I realize that's difficult at times when you're in the military but that's the reason for that position to be in there, to be a tie breaker in a sense. Sgt. Mitchell adds that that position is also on the Executive Council, the actual J6. Matt interjects that, no, that's not what we're saying it's going to be the J6. The document says ALCOM J6 representative. Mitchell adds, but do you really think that someone who works for an Admiral in their office, for example, would go against them on the User Council? Matt answers that we've got a couple of people from DoD here ... do we want two from the Air Force and one from the Army and nobody else? The Marines and the Navy are out of it?

The response is that they don't even know how many Navy and Marine Corps users we have. Matt answers very few, he was certain. Dannals advises that some of the Navy users are on Elmendorf. Brief discussion ensues. Matt asks do we need to have two Air Force and one Army and is this going to work okay with the EC? Because I don't want to come back to the drawing board. The response is that it should be fine with them – it's the same situation with the State.

Someone says you're going to have that same situation where you have ... remember my initial concern with going with 3 was; the same as Sgt. Mitchell has said. A couple of weeks ago I backed off for the benefit of the entire UC, but with the understanding of how the Army is broken up how they are, I think it would be better if it was 1 Army, 1 Eileson, and 1 Elmendorf. From the bridgeline: I don't look at it as 2 Air Force because we don't do the same thing, and we don't work together on ALMR.

Matt indicates that at least on his copy he has marked " 1 US Army, 1 from Eileson AFB and 1 from EAFB." Assuming that change is made and the typo that was made (SE not. Southern) is

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correct? ... discussion follows regarding what map is being reviewed, where lines are drawn, etc.

George of Valdez just wants to know what position Matt wants him in - whether it's going to be the central or Southeast. Matt advises that he does not have a map in front of him but literally, if you just connect the dots you'll be able to see whether you fall above or below. George continues that he has connected the dots and they fall above, so that puts him in the central region. Matt agrees with George's assumption.

A motion was made to approve the ALMR Charter, created December 1, 2005 and amended December 5, 2005. It was seconded by Frank Dannals. A vote was taken and they were all "ayes"

Any new business to be considered? George/Valdez if we can get the folks to send out to all the members in the UC of who is in each region, then we can start our process in looking at who is going to be our representative for that region. Matt advises that he will work with Kyle Sinclair. He realizes there's a lot of confusion, that there's lots and lots of letters appointing people. We will attempt to identify who is out there on the phone, who has been on the phone in the past, who is around this table. What I need you to do is if you did not get an email from Kyle on Friday with the two documents (the red-lined version of the Charter and the one that we've just accepted as amended), it means we don't know about you. So it is critical at this point, as we begin to organize and try to help regions understand who their partners are. It is critical that we send Kyle Sinclair an email at [kyle.sinclair@ctsc.net](mailto:kyle.sinclair@ctsc.net). If you don't send us that email and you didn't get one from him on Friday we don't know you exist. Our lists seem to be out of date. Please help us out. Then Kyle and I can sit down and sift thru that list and make a first cut of what appears to be what regions you would be in, breakout regional lists, send them to everybody in a given region so that regions can begin organizing themselves.

Discussion ensues over the number of lists and people involved. Heather advises that there could be some crosschecking of who was on the phone and who actually has their appointment letter. Matt advises that letters won't matter from here on out, provided the EC accepts the Charter.

Discussion over meeting minute distribution and Matt assures that all info will come from Kyle unless authorized from Matt. He advises his phone number is 907-269-5697 and to please call if you're not sure your emails are going thru or whatever, or if you feel we're ignoring you, just call. It's a quick way to double check. I will work with Kyle this afternoon and we will clean this UC Charter, make the corrections you've identified, and forward it to the 4 members of the EC tomorrow for their review.

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The question was raised “when do the appointment letters have to go to the EC”? Matt responds that once we know that the EC has accepted this charter, assuming that might happen Thursday, then they would let me know, the interim Chair, and we could go ahead and send out another email, making sure that the Army knew we needed a new letter. We would include some sort of wording so that people would know what needs to go in there. And then the municipal regions, if they hadn’t already started anticipating organization, would have started that. And if it’s not concluded by the 4<sup>th</sup> when we meet again, we’ll just deal with it and have a vote over the phone and here at the table.

Kyle Sinclair advises to send him a test message – everyone out there – just to make sure I have the correct email. Bob and I were just discussing that. Matt agrees, it’s a great idea. Kyle states that way he can compare with what we’ve got and then we’ll definitely have it. And Matt adds that Kyle will send you a reply so that you will know you sent the email to him and not to Neverland and not get a response. Call Matt if for some reason this doesn’t work for you.

Natalie from the Army: The Charter that I have for the EC is dated April 10, 2003; is that the latest version? Joe responds saying the last revision was when we submitted the revision to the FCC for the combined frequency waiver and to the NTIA, and that was the last change that we made.

Additional new business? Frank Dannals, EAFB, states as far as the cooperative agreement is concerned, this was sent out for review (at least on the DoD side, I don’t know who else got it for review), based on our new UC charter (which hopefully will be approved this Thursday) this thing’s going to have to change. Because there’s verbiage in here that directly reflects what the draft charter looked like. So I just wanted to make that clear. And then I have some problems with the way some of this was worded, I don’t know if it’s a good time to bring it up now? Or should I wait? Or, what do I do.

Kyle advises that he sent that out as an “information only” document and I should have specified that. I sent it out for information for those that weren’t here so they could get kind of an idea of where we were going and where this had come from.

From Matt, Anything else? Matt continues, about 20 minutes ago, Ms. Heather Handyside, a member of the EC representing the municipal regions arrived at the meeting, and I wanted to (before we wrapped this up) to give her an opportunity if there was anything she wanted to say.

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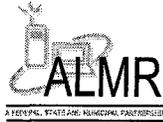
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Heather states her hat is off to you, Matt, for developing the formula that was approved in today's meeting. I am stunned. It's excellent. Matt responds that he doesn't think any credit resides in any one individual. So thank you for all of us.

The next thing on my agenda says "adjourn meeting". Our next meeting is on Wednesday, January 4, 2006. The physical location remains the same as well as the call in number.

Ocie Adams made a motion to adjourn; Frank Dannals seconded the motion. All were in favor of adjournment. Thank you all so much for your help. It'll be so much fun to present this to the Executive Council. And have a good day.



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User Council Meeting Notes  
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Meeting called to order around 1:38

Minutes review and approved without comment

User Council Charter review comments:

- On page 4, change detail description from Southern to Southeast
- Change DoD to 1 Army, 1 Elmendorf, 1 Eielson
- Lots of discussion regarding setup of regional committees and how they will be represented and voice their concerns.
- It was made clear that the charter can be amended
- NLECTC will facilitate regional groups
- New appointment letters will be generated

The meeting was adjourned around 2:40.