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The association was established for the following purposes:

1. To collect, record, preserve, disseminate, and perpetuate biographical and historical information on Alford's (including 100+ spelling variations) and their ancestors.
2. To educate members, particularly those of the younger generations, on the Alford family history and how it relates to the history of our nation.
3. To further fellowship and camaraderie within the living Alford family.

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## The President's Corner

*Max Ray Alford, President, AAFA #0230*

Hello, it's me again. It seems as if it was only yesterday that I stepped down as president of the AAFA here I am at it again. First, I must thank Earl Alford for the great job he has done for the last four years. During that time, the Association has seen a steady growth. Hopefully, Earl will continue to be an integral part of the leadership of the Association. His steady hand at the helm will be missed.

As you may know, the results of the voting on the new Bylaws were announced at the Saturday morning session of this year's meeting. While the votes in favor of the new Bylaws were overwhelming when considering only the number of votes cast, it was only a meager 23% of those eligible to vote. All eligible (or active) members were either emailed or sent a letter via the U.S. postal service. Responses were received from 62 members. Out of the sixty-two votes cast, fifty-five were in favor of the new Bylaws, four were opposed to the new Bylaws, and three were so upset at the new Bylaws that they refused to cast a vote.

The most notable changes made by the new Bylaws involved the Board of Directors and the electing of officers. The Board of Directors is now reduced to three members appointed by then President, Earl Alford. The new members of the Board are Gil Alford, Pam Thompson, and Max Alford. These three will serve for an indefinite period of time. When a Board member decides to resign or is removed for whatever reason, the remaining Board members will appoint a replacement. Members serving on the Board prior to the new Bylaws taking effect will have the option of either resigning or they may elect to serve out their terms. The choice is entirely up to the individual.

Under the old Bylaws, the Board of Directors was elected by the membership. The officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) were in turn elected by the Board. Under the new Bylaws, the officers will be elected by the membership prior to the annual meeting. The results of that voting will be announced at the annual meeting.

As has always been the case, the Board of Directors will handle policy matters and the day-to-day operations of the Association will be the responsibility of the officers who will serve as the Executive Committee.

Originally, the Board of Directors consisted of three members. As the Association grew in size, it was felt that there was a need for a larger Board to oversee the policy-making aspects of the Association. This worked fine for a while. But as time went on, it got more difficult to find members who were willing to serve on the Board. Eventually, the makeup of the Board remained the same from year to year due to a lack of members who would agree to serve the three-year term. It also got more difficult to get a quorum so that business could be conducted at the Board Meetings. It was felt that in this electronic communications age, a smaller Board would be more effective and efficient in conducting the duties of an AAFA Board.

As we go forward, I see good things in the future of the Association. But to bring these to fruition is going to require hard work and determination on not only the part of the Board and your officers but also on every member's part. It cannot be done without your help. Please keep this in mind.

Until the next issue, *keep a tight line and gitter done.*

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## Treasurer's Report

*Robert D. Alford, Treasurer, AAFA #0197*

### Income Statement for Year to September 30, 2011

Receipts:			
Dues (includes 14 new members, 1380-1393)		7,200.00	
Donations:			
General		934.50	
DNA Test Fund	110.00		
Member Memorials	<u>20.00</u>		
Total Donations		1,064.50	
Annual Meetings:			
2010	64.00		
2011:			
Registration	4,449.00		
Tours	<u>1,466.50</u>		
Total 2011	5,915.50		
Total Meetings		<u>5,979.50</u>	
Total Receipts			<u>\$14,244.00</u>
Disbursements:			
Annual Meetings:			
2010	47.73		
2011:			
Hotel	250.00		
Tours	540.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>144.67</u>		
Total 2011	934.67		
Total Meetings		982.40	
AAFA Action (Quarterly) :			
Printing		4,875.03	
Postage	2,451.69		
Supplies	<u>867.53</u>		
Total AAFA Action		8,194.25	
Office Expenses:			
Internet Site	119.40		
Legal Fees <sup>1</sup>	24.86		
PO Box Rental	96.00		
Safe Deposit Box <sup>2</sup>	300.00		
Postage	215.60		
Printing		40.13	
Supplies	90.35		
Copying	4.48		
DNA Test Kits	<u>153.00</u>		
Total Office Expenses		<u>1,043.82</u>	
Total Disbursements			<u>\$10,220.47</u>
Net Income			<u>\$4,023.53</u>

<sup>1</sup>MO State Corporation Fee (2 years [2011 & 2012] @\$10/yr)

<sup>2</sup>Photograph Archive Storage (2 years [2010 & 2011] @ \$300/yr)

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	<u>Checking Account Reconciliation</u>	
Beginning Balance January 1, 2011		\$12,057.58
Net Income		4,023.53
Ending Balance September 30, 2011		\$16,081.11

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## AAFA 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The Alford American Family Association was created in January 1987, and it has been growing and flourishing every since.

During 2012 there will be a special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary page on the website with a link from the home page, and

there will be a special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary page(s) in each issue of the quarterly in 2012.

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As you probably know the association grew from Gil Alford's quarterly newsletter **About Alfords**. Get a head start by reading that—especially the part about the association. You can find it on the website: [www.alfordassociation.org/AA/aa18.pdf](http://www.alfordassociation.org/AA/aa18.pdf). If you do not have access to the Internet and would like to have a copy of that newsletter please send a note to AAFA, Attn #18, POB 1297, Florissant, MO 63031. Don't forget to include a return address. Gil will send you a copy free as an anniversary present.

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