

2012 Business Meeting
Friday, October 5, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:47 pm.

Treasurer's Report: There was discussion on the loss of \$2,000 from the 2011 Tucson Plains Conference.

Membership Committee Report: and a reduction in membership. At that time we had 145 members, 271 institutional members, 5 joint memberships, 27 life memberships, 3 life joint memberships, and 37 student members. SEE report to revise numbers.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Mark said the Membership Committee needs to get aggressive in recruiting members. It was suggested we send letters to members who voted but had not yet become 2012 members. It was noted that 50% of the papers given were not members; only 10 of these had never been members. It was further suggested that we email people to remind them to renew. We could also send a return envelope with the Journal. It was decided we should send notice to people to renew their membership.

Editor's Report: Kent Buehler reported that 16 papers were submitted for the journal in 2012. We currently have 9 in the review process, 13 in the revision process, and 3 in final editing/formatting. We need to increase the number of papers submitted to a minimum of 20 a year to meet Journal needs.

The editor commented that we need to up the number of papers to meet the journal needs. We need at least 20 papers submitted in a year to keep up with Journal needs. There was discussion about making a change to a 3 month revision period for submitted manuscripts.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Mark said we really need to focus on membership and our publication this year.

Nominations Committee Report: Mark Mitchell spoke. His committee included Amy Blier, Robert Brooks, and Dr. Matthew Hill.

It was suggested that in 2013 the candidate statements should be posted on the web. We need to make sure to send 2 ballots to joint members. Electronic voting was discussed.

Electronic voting was discussed. We would need a password system to make it work. The Website Committee will check into it.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Board of Directors: If anyone is interested in running for the board please let the current Board know.

Members can check the web and contact Committees with any relevant comments.

Note: Joe Artz resigned from the Board. His position was filled by outgoing Board member Steve DeVore. Steve will serve for an additional year.

Student Paper Award: Laura Scheiber reported that student submitters should be members the year they submit. Committee members – 6 now. Judges: 3 people here and 3 reading papers. 3 papers were submitted this year. They had 2 and then asked others coming here and got 1 more to switch to student paper session. All 3 submitters are from Canada. She reported that the Board decided next year to have a \$300 award for both the undergraduate and graduate awards. She also reported there was discussion with the Board about the need for the winning paper to be ready for publication.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

New Editor: The new Editor was introduced to the group: Marcel Kornfeld has replaced Kent Buehler.

Ethics Committee Report: Jeani Borchert reported that the Ethics Committee took your comments into consideration and rewrote the ethics statement to cover all 4 sub-Disciplines of Anthropology. We will vote on this in 2013.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept this report.

Resolutions: Doug MacDonald read the resolutions.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the resolutions.

Conferences:

Margaret Kennedy reported on the 2012 Conference. They had \$33,000 in donations. 229 people registered for the conference. 87 papers and 17 poster papers were presented.

Jason LaBelle spoke about the 2013 Conference being planned for Loveland CO for October 2-5. The Conference will be held at the Embassy Suites Event Center in Loveland. He discussed some trips that were being planned.

Three new locations have been requested.

2014 in Fayetteville (Ken Kvamme). Discussion mentioned the 2002 meeting was there, they have sufficient facilities, and exciting archaeology. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept Fayetteville as the Conference location in 2014.

2015 in Iowa (Matt Hill). Planning is in the beginning stages. It will be in either Des Moines or Iowa City...they are leaning toward Iowa City. They are working on some interesting tours.

2016 in Lincoln, Nebraska (Steve DeVore). MWAC have discussed this with the University and SHPO. All are agreed with the offer to host the meeting in 2016.

A motion was made, seconded and approved for all three upcoming locations.

Leftcoast Press Publishing:

There was discussion led by President Mark Miller. The Board considered various options and spent great effort in working out a contract with Leftcoast Press. The Board voted to approve the contract. The contract will be for 5 years. Institutional members and electronic journal will be theirs while we retain our members. They will share profits from institutional members and ads with us. Our staff needs will be reduced by their staff in some areas. Further it is a higher grade outlet for the journal.

Kent said the editors duties remain the same but the Assistant Editor position will be affected as Leftcoast Press will proof and copy edit and set it up for us. Augstums in now a 3 man operation.

There was a question regarding whether or not the cost of the journal would be less for members. Mark said the rate would be higher for non-members.

There was a comment congratulating the Board for their hard work on this – that it would be good for the Society.

There was a request that a letter of thanks for service be sent to Augstums.

New Business:

Steve DeVore discussed the history of the Distinguished Service Award Committee. There was a motion to officially make this a standing committee – moved, seconded and approved.

Leigh Syms brought up the issue of huge cuts to Parks in Canada affecting archaeologists and conservators. Apparently archaeologist, conservators, collections, libraries will all be in 1 office in Canada. All programs are cancelled. He encouraged people to write letters to the Prime Minister. Leigh will send names and addresses to the Board.

There was a motion for an official PAS response that was seconded and approved.

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