

## Minutes of the 2013 Annual Business Meeting of the Plains Anthropological Society

**71<sup>st</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference  
Friday, October 4, 2013, 5:15 PM  
Snowberry Room  
Embassy Suites Loveland - Hotel,  
Loveland, Colorado**

Prepared by PAS Secretary Jeani Borchert

- 1) Welcoming Remarks from President Mavis Greer.
- 2) Approval of Agenda: moved by Mark Miller, seconded by Mark Mitchell, and approved by those present.
- 3) Summary of Past Year Issues: Mavis Greer presented. The Maney contract was approved by the board on March 7, 2013. It was signed later in March. Briefly, we had come to contract with Left Coast Press but they sold their journal division to Maney Press. As Left Coast had not yet signed the contract with us, we had to renegotiate with Maney Press. Maney will begin publishing our Journal in 2014. They have high quality printing, an online presence. We will have online members-only access immediately to the journal. Marcel Kornfeld and Mavis have been working with Maney and Marcel will discuss this in his Editor's report. There were no questions or comments.
- 4) Approval of minutes from the 2012 Business Meeting: These were not printed in the journal, but we have 200 printed copies. Changes/Corrections: No. Mark Mitchell moved for approval, this was seconded and the membership approved the 2012 business meeting minutes.
- 5) Treasurer's Report: Adam Graves presented. PAS Assets: \$258,173.20. We have 3 more journals to print this year. Increase in membership by 72 this year. There have been 35 renewals at the conference this year, including some for 2013 and some for 2014. The number of renewals prior to the conference is up this year, likely due to the two email reminders. Printing costs this year have been \$25,000.

The database has been cleaned up quite a bit. The Board approved a process to revise the database and use the Quickbooks system. This will allow the Treasurer to manage everything better.

The 2012 Plains Conference in Saskatoon returned \$9,787.78 in U.S. dollars which was up \$7,976.05 from the previous conference.

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

- 6) Editor's Report: Marcel Kornfeld presented. Thanks to all the reviewers and to the authors for their quick revisions. He introduced Elizabeth Lynch and Allison Grunwald, the new Associate Editors.

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Maney Press: Plains webpage will be displayed on Maney's website. He explained how the website will work for submissions. There may be glitches, but we will make it work. There were no questions about this change.

*Plains Anthropologist* Journal: We are 2 weeks to 1 month ahead in the process with our journal, but now we may have a MS in the process. Now, as soon as an issue is approved it will be on the web, prior to publication.

Please keep on submitting articles.

Mavis said the Society owns the journal, but Maney owns copyright to the layout of the journal. Contents remain in the ownership of the author.

There was a question in regard to an author's right to use of the article. You can't post your article to other journal's websites, but you can send the article to individuals. Will it be acceptable to put your article on the web elsewhere at a later date? The Board will ask Maney this question.

Marcel said he has somewhat fewer than 40 manuscripts at the moment. This should carry us through 2014. Some may carry over into 2015. There may be a monograph in 2015. He hopes all the 2013 issues will be out when the February Maney 2014 issue goes out.

There was a question on reprints. Marcel said the authors will get a .PDF of their article.

Marcel commented on the use of illustrations from other published sources in a PA article. He said we may need to get a release to use the illustration. Mavis wasn't sure in the case of illustrations from previous PA articles, although it may require contact with the previous author and we may need a release from them.

In regard to original artwork, the author probably won't get them back. Copies of the PA are archived in SD at Vermillion. These will be retained. We do not archive original hard copies of illustrations.

Can an author turn over copyrights to PAS so when they die PAS would have access? We do not require the author to relinquish copyright. Dual copyright? No. There was some discussion on copyrights for JSTOR.

7) Nominations: Report by Matt Hill. Matt, Chris, and Elaine are on the committee. Mark Miller, Steve DeVore and Joe Watkins have completed their terms. New Board Members are Kacy Hollenbeck, Mark Muniz, and Susan Vehik. We had a 45 percent return on ballots that were sent out.

8) Student Paper: Laura Scheiber presented. Ed Knell and Scott Brosowske have been on the committee since 2004. Kent Beuhler has asked to remain on this committee. Marcel as Editor is

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on the committee. Kacy Hollenbeck was the student representative, and she is now a Board Member. Bill Reitze is now the student representative.

This year, all 6 committee members were here. There was discussion among members on where the Student Paper Award is going. We supply two banquet tickets for all participants. Awards are in two categories: Undergraduate and Graduate, with \$200 to the former and \$300 to the latter. They are invited to submit papers to the PA for review. Winners are encouraged to contribute to the PA.

This year there were 5 entries. One was graduate level and four undergraduate. Students were from Arizona, Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma, and Wyoming.

Mentorship is still an issue. We would like to see colleagues work more closely with students to improve these papers.

There was a question from the floor in regard to the future and the possibility of increasing the numbers by adding poster papers. This has been discussed in the past. The Board was urged to consider this issue again.

Another issue from the floor was in regard to high quality researchers who are not considered part of this process because they present as part of a symposia. Laura said we need one venue for student papers so the reviewers can see all of the papers. It was suggested the student could present the paper twice as a way to address this. Also if there were a couple students in one symposium, perhaps their papers could be reviewed by the Committee with scheduling accommodations. The Board will discuss this issue at the next meeting.

9) Ethics: Mavis Greer reported. The ethics statement appeared in Issue 224 of the journal and it has been posted on the web. There was a motion to accept the statement by Mark Miller. Mark Mitchell seconded. This ethics statement was approved by the membership.

10) Resolutions: Prepared by Amy Bleier, Resolutions Committee.

Be it resolved, the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its thanks to the organizers of the 71<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference. We thank our conference hosts, the Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, Colorado State University. We express our thanks to Conference Organizer Jason LaBelle, Program Organizer Christopher Johnston, Conference Committee members Suzanne Brant, Hallie Meeker, Ben Perlmutter, Kaitlyn Simcox, and Support Services staff Lauren Ankarlo and CSU Conference Services. The Society thanks all the volunteers who assisted with the conference. The logo is a modified work of art by Dean Babcock, which celebrates his contribution to natural and cultural studies. The Society is grateful to session and symposia chairs and to Bob Brunswig, Cody Newton, and Michael Troyer for their pre- and post-conference field trips. The Society expresses its gratitude to the banquet speaker, Douglas Bamforth. The Society expresses its gratitude to the Embassy Suites for providing the venue for the 71<sup>th</sup> annual conference and in particular Diana Brown. We thank the conference's supporters: the Plains Anthropological Society, the College of Liberal Arts of Colorado State University, the Center for Mountain & Plains Archaeology, the Jim and

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We recognize friends and colleagues who passed away this year: Marshall McKusick, Sarah Moore, John Weymouth, and Randy Williams.

11) Conferences: Jason LaBelle made remarks regarding the Loveland conference. We had 405 people pre-register. Walk-ins were in the high 60s. Registration was up probably because of the link to the Colorado Archaeological Society meeting.

2014: Fayetteville Arkansas: Ken and JoAnne Kvamme and Marvin Kay are hosting this conference. There have been issues of scheduling with the football season. The conference will be Oct 29-Nov 1 at the Hotel Chancellor. Rooms will be under \$100. There will be a reception by the Arkansas Archaeological Society. There will be wonderful fieldtrips. There is a new American Art Museum 30 minutes away that everyone should try to see. They have great airline connections. There are direct flights from Denver. You can have 4 people per room which is good for students. There is free WiFi and free parking.

2015: Iowa City, Iowa. Matt Hill and Matthew G. Hill are hosting this conference. It will be October 14-17 at the Sheraton in Iowa City. Rooms will be \$115/night. They are still working on the receptions and tours. The University of Iowa has been honored with the moniker "Best Party School in the Nation." So, there will be plenty to drink.

2016: Lincoln, Nebraska. This will be hosted by Jay Strickland and Steve DeVore. It will be a joint effort between the Nebraska State Historical Society, the University of Nebraska, and MWAC. They are working with the Conference and Visitor's Bureau. It will be around Halloween. Again there are football schedule issues that need to be worked around. There was a motion by Mark Miller to approve Lincoln for 2016. This motion was seconded and approved by the membership.

75<sup>th</sup> Plains Conference: 2017: There has been a proposal for Tulsa Oklahoma in conjunction with the SE Archaeological Society meetings. They will present something formal next year.

12) New Business: We had previously voted to require presenters to be members of the Society. Jason looked at this for 2013. There was some discussion about this issue and how to ensure presenters were members. This issue ties into membership renewals prior to the conference and having good, available membership data.

There was no new business. It was moved, seconded, and approved to adjourn the meeting.