

**Plains Anthropological Society  
69<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference  
Business Meeting  
Friday, October 28, 2011  
Tucson, Arizona**

1. President Bob Dawe called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. The **agenda** was distributed. A motion was made and seconded to approve the agenda. It passed unanimously.
3. **Minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting**  
The President presented the minutes of the 2010 Business Meeting. A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the minutes for the October 2010 Business Meeting as published in *Plains Anthropologist*. The minutes were approved unanimously.
4. **Treasurer's Report**  
*Marjorie Duncan*

Marjorie Duncan stated there were 585 members (compared to 650 last year). The current totals included 36 new members, including one new lifetime member. She emphasized that the society needs to increase membership numbers.

She provided the following summaries of (1) profit and loss during the period Oct. 1, 2010 to Oct. 21, 2011, (2) supplemental budget information including outstanding journal expenses and money returned from the 2010 conference, and (3) PayPal use and associated costs. PayPal seems to be a very effective way of attracting new members and collecting membership dues from renewing members.

BUDGET SUPPLEMENTAL

Account Balance

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| October 1, 2010  | \$123,980.47        |
| October 21, 2011   | \$166,787.38        |
| Pay Pal Deposit – requested Oct. 22, 2011                  | \$ 2,166.04         |
| <b>Current Balance October 24, 2011</b>                    | <b>\$168,953.42</b> |
| Increase in assets in past year                            | <b>\$ 44,972.95</b> |
| Outstanding Journal expenses for 2011 [see following page] | \$ 22,500.00        |
| Revised Balance  | \$ 22,472.95        |

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| NOTE: The 2010 Plains Conference in Bismarck, ND returned | \$ 21,587.11 |
| Cash advance to Tucson Plains Conference                  | \$ 3,000.00  |

Journal Expenses

November 2010 (#216)

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Print and Mail – Augstums Printing  | \$ 4,273.99          |
| Mary Ann Drass – Editor’s Assistant | \$ 3,750.00          |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 8,023.99</u> * |

February 2011 (#217)

|                                     |                      |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Print and Mail – Augstums Printing  | \$ 4,912.71          |
| Mary Ann Drass – Editor’s Assistant | \$ 3,750.00          |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 8,662.71</u> * |

May 2011 (#218)

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Estimate Print and Mail             | \$ 5,000.00        |
| Mary Ann Drass – Editor’s Assistant | \$ 3,750.00 *      |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 8,750.00</u> |

August 2011 (#219)

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Estimate Print and Mail             | \$ 5,000.00        |
| Mary Ann Drass – Editor’s Assistant | \$ 3,750.00        |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 8,750.00</u> |

November 2011 (#220)

|                                     |                    |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Estimate Print and Mail             | \$ 5,000.00        |
| Mary Ann Drass – Editor’s Assistant | \$ 3,750.00        |
| Total                               | <u>\$ 8,750.00</u> |

Additional expenses for 2011 to be pulled from cash assets \$22,500.00

- already paid

## PAYPAL SUMMARY

FOR PLAINS CONFERENCE 2010:

| <u>Term</u>                            | <u>Fees</u> | <u>Transfers</u> |
|--|-------------|------------------|
| April 1, 2009 to December 31, 2009     | \$ 134.21   | \$ 3,969.99      |
| January 1, 2010 to September 29, 2010  | \$ 202.79   | \$ 7,700.51      |
|  | _____       | _____            |
| Balances (April 2009 to Sept 29, 2010) | \$ 337.00   | \$11,670.50 *    |

\* \$11,670.50 transferred into checking account since inception April 1, 2009.

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FOR PLAINS CONFERENCE 2011:

| <u>Term</u>  | <u>Fees</u> | <u>Transfers</u> |
|--|-------------|------------------|
| September 30, 2010 to April 15, 2011                     | \$ 74.97    | \$ 2,605.58      |
| April 16, 2011 to August 5, 2011                         | \$ 31.01    | \$ 1,080.99      |
| August 5, 2011 to October 22, 2011                       | \$ 54.96    | \$ 2166.04       |
|  | _____       | _____            |
| Total for Past year<br>(Sept. 30, 2010 to Oct. 22, 2011) | \$ 160.94   | \$ 5,852.61      |

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Treasurer's report. It passed unanimously.

### 5. Editor's Report

*Kent Buehler*

Volume 56:

- #217 92 pages, 6 articles, 5 book reviews
- #218 88 pages, 5 articles, no book reviews
- #219 page count not final, 5 articles, no book reviews
- #220 page count not final, 3 articles received so far, no book reviews

As of 10/18/11, the February issue (#217) has been published, May (#218) is in final formatting and within days of going to press. August (#219) is in final editing/formatting and will be in press by the end of November. The November issue (#220) currently has three articles in final editing/formatting but still needs two additional articles to make a full issue. In other words, we are currently in final edit/formatting of the May, August, and November issues simultaneously.

Seventeen manuscripts have been received since the last Plains Conference as compared to 25 last year. Of these, five are in final editing/formatting for publication, one has been accepted and is in revision by the author, and 11 are various stages of review.

[In discussion, Kent noted that the journal had more than enough papers through 2012, because they got a big block of papers after the last call for submissions. Bob Dawe mentioned that a lot of received manuscripts are not

formatted properly, and reminded the membership to format their papers as it saves the editor a lot of time. Kent asked the membership to participate in the review process by agreeing to review a submission if asked! If you paid for your membership by PayPal, you should contact Kent if you are willing to review, and list your areas of expertise.]

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Editor's report. It passed unanimously.

#### **6. Nominations Committee Report**

Mavis Greer summarized her report (the full report is in the minutes of the First Board Meeting). She reminded members to contact the committee once you see the call for nominations, rather than waiting to be nominated.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Nominations Committee report. It passed unanimously.

#### **7. Student Paper Award Committee Report**

Laura Scheiber read her report (the full report is in the minutes of the First Board Meeting).

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Student Paper Award Committee report. It passed unanimously.

#### **8. Ethics Committee**

*Mark Miller*

[A draft of the Code of Ethics was mailed to the membership along with ballots. Mark Miller offered a summary of his report and the Code of Ethics, reproduced below.]

Plains Anthropological Society Ethics Committee  
June 20, 2011

Members:

Mark E. Miller (Chair)  
Bob Dawe (2009-2011)  
Lynelle Peterson (2009-2011)  
Joe Watkins (2010-2011)

Rationale:

The following provides a draft copy of the Plains Anthropological Society code of ethics. It developed from a discussion in 2009 following observations by a member of the Society who noted there are Society members who sell artifacts on the internet and use their PAS membership to boost their credentials. It was this member's hope that the establishment of a code of ethics could set standards for PAS that might keep it from being exploited in a manner counter to our mission and philosophy.

This draft is believed to contain the core elements consistent with the PAS mission statement. There is no anticipation that they will be used to censure anyone, but rather to set ethical standards expected of our membership.

They are largely adopted from a review of the Society for American Archaeology code:

<http://www.saa.org/AbouttheSociety/PrinciplesofArchaeologicalEthics/tabid/203/Default.aspx>. They were written in an attempt to cover all four subfields represented in anthropology, and colleagues from cultural, biological and linguistic anthropology have commented on them. Future amendments or standards may be required to broaden the reach of this code. We are sure there will be differences of opinion and concerns.....and we would like to hear them; however, we would like these concerns to be accompanied by examples of how the document should be reworded to address them. You may send your thoughts to Mark Miller at [mmiller@uwyo.edu](mailto:mmiller@uwyo.edu).

The Plains Anthropological Society recognizes the special obligations that anthropologists have to the people with whom they work and study. This responsibility is multi-faceted and ever-changing, but has as its foundation the idea of "Do no harm." The Plains Anthropological Society also recognizes the complex ethical issues that underlie these relationships, and also the work the American Anthropological Association has undertaken in regard to the professional ethics of anthropologists. In that regard, we suggest the adoption of that Association's Code of Ethics as interim guidance until such time as the Plains Anthropological Society expands its own Code to a broader framework for Anthropological Practitioners.

## DRAFT Plains Anthropological Society Code of Ethics

General Statement: The Plains Anthropological Society is committed to sound, professional standards of integrity and ethical conduct, and recognize that such standards evolve as the discipline evolves. While the following standards are adapted from those of the Society for American Archaeology, they pertain to all four subfields of anthropology.

1. Stewardship: Members of the Plains Anthropological Society agree to work for the long-term conservation and protection of sites and collections. While the membership recognizes even systematic archaeological excavations are inherently destructive, it supports the practice and promotion of stewardship of the entire anthropological record for the benefit of present and future generations.

2. Public Outreach and Accountability: The membership will cooperate to the extent practicable with interested public sectors in the preservation, protection, and interpretation of the archaeological and anthropological record. These activities may include stewardship; public education on methods, techniques, and theory; and public dissemination of research findings. In doing so, members will make every reasonable effort to consult with groups affected by ongoing research and professional activities in order to establish a beneficial working relationship with everyone involved.

3. Commercialization: The commercialization of objects from archaeological and anthropological contexts can result in the destruction of sites and valuable scientific information. Consequently, the Plains Anthropological Society discourages its members from participating in the appraisal, trade, sale, or purchase of these objects as commercial goods. Such commercialization confuses scientific value with monetary value of the material and creates questions about the focus of our work. Professionals should therefore avoid taking actions for the purpose of establishing the commercial value of objects from sites or property that may lead to their destruction, dispersal, or misuse. Neither should the resources of the Plains Anthropological Society, such as the *Plains Anthropologist*, be used in furtherance of the commercial exploitation of that record.

4. Intellectual Property: The knowledge and generated documents that are created through study also are part of the record and should be treated in a manner consistent with stewardship principals. Tribal members have unique and specialized knowledge. This knowledge is their intellectual property. Payment to interviewees is compensation for their help and time, but does not generally constitute a transfer of property. They are not selling their stories, information or history. When one works with tribal cultural specialists it is imperative that the cultural specialist understand what the information is used for and how the information will be disseminated.

5. Reporting: Members are encouraged to present the knowledge they gain through research to the interested public and profession in an accessible form through publication or other means in a reasonable amount of time. Information obtained from interviewees may be restricted. The cultural mores of the individual who provided the information must be respected. Information provided for a specific project or purpose does not mean the information can be released to the public without the expressed permission of the interviewee.

6. Records and Collections: Members should work closely with relevant authorities to ensure the long term preservation of, and access to, collections and records. Members should also work with tribal representatives to ensure sensitive materials and information are treated and stored in a culturally appropriate manner.

7. Training and Resources: Given the destructive nature of typical archaeological investigations, members will ensure they have adequate training, experience, facilities, and other support necessary to conduct proper research, to minimize impacts, and to proceed consistent with the foregoing principles. In addition, members of the Plains Anthropological Society should not agree to perform or attempt to perform work for which they are not qualified.

Statement to add to our membership form. We also could add a box on the electronic renewal for online payers, set up where membership renewal cannot be completed without accepting this condition:

“By signing the following membership form, I agree to abide by the Code of Ethics of the Plains Anthropological Society.”

[The Ethics Committee will continue one more year, and the Code of Ethics will be voted on at the annual meeting in 2012. Joe Watkins will be the new committee chair. Members should contact Joe or Mark Miller with comments.]

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Ethics Committee Report. It passed unanimously.

## **9. Resolutions**

*Joe Artz*

Be it resolved, that the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its thanks to the organizers of the 69<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference. We thank our conference host, the University of Arizona and its partners, the University of Arizona Accelerator Mass Spectrometry Laboratory and the National Park Service, Midwest Regional Office. We express our thanks to the conference committee co-chairs, Maria Zedeno and Samrat Clements, and to committee members Jesse Ballenger, Michael Evans, Kacy Hollenbeck, Kaitlyn Moore, Wendi Murray, William Reitze, Andrew Richard, and James Watson. We thank Maria Rodriguez and Royisha Young for support services. We extend our appreciation to Katrina Erikson for creating the conference logo. The Society thanks all the many other volunteers who assisted with the conference. The Society is grateful to session and symposia chairs, and to C. Vance Haynes, Bruce Huckell and Thomas Sheridan for the pre- and post-conference field trips.

The Society expresses its gratitude to our banquet speaker, David Hurst Thomas. The Society expresses its gratitude to the Marriot University Park hotel for providing our 69<sup>th</sup> conference venue. We thank the conference's corporate sponsors, Powers Engineers, Statistical Research, Inc, Hdr, Inc, GCM Services, Laramie Soils Service, Ethnoscience, Inc, and, at the University of Arizona, the AMS Laboratory, the School of Anthropology, and the Bureau of Applied Research in Anthropology.

Be it resolved that the Society thanks outgoing board members, Margaret Beck, Brad Logan, Bob Dawe; Past-President Bill Billeck, and Treasurer Marjorie Duncan. The Society thanks our archivist, Doris Peterson, and Luann Wandsnider, the Society's registered agent in the State of Nebraska.

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks for the hard work done by our editor, Kent Buehler, and treasurer, Marjorie Duncan. We welcome our new Treasurer, Adam Graves.

In any given year between 2005 and the present, at least two, and in most years three, of the Society's board have come from the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey. This includes two editors, Richard Drass and Kent Buehler, one treasurer, Marjorie Duncan, one president, Lee Bement, and an assistant editor and webmaster Mary Ann Drass. Tonight, and at previous conferences, we have expressed our gratitude to these, but another deserves mention.

Be it resolved that the Society extends our gratitude to Robert L. Brooks, Director of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, for so generously releasing time for these individuals to work in the service of the Society.

Be it further resolved that Society expresses its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of those of our anthropological community who have passed away this year, including George Odell, John Dormaar, June Frison, John Slay, Jim Benedict, and Sharilee Counce.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Resolutions. It passed unanimously.

## **10. Conference Updates**

Nieves Zedeño, one of the 2011 conference organizers, noted that she expected the 2011 conference to break even. There were over 200 people preregistered, and the on-site registrations had not yet been counted. All of the hotel rooms were sold.

The 2012 Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. Margaret Kennedy and Ernie Walker are the conference organizers. Ernie especially encouraged the U.S. archaeologists to attend, and reminded everyone that U.S. residents will not be able to return to the U.S. without a passport. Preregistration for this conference is also very important given the tight hotel market in Saskatoon.

The membership voted unanimously to accept Colorado State University as the host of the 2013 Plains Anthropological Conference (Jason LaBelle, conference organizer).

#### **11. Old Business**

- a. JSTOR. Some members report trouble with access. The problem probably lies with their institution rather than our agreement with JSTOR. Please let Bill Billeck know if you are having problems with access, as he wants to know about those institutions without access.
- b. Treasurer. The new treasurer officially begins January 1. Some members asked why the board voted on the treasurer, rather than the membership. On one hand, the treasurer is an ex-officio member and is elected by the board, rather than a board member elected by the membership. On the other hand, Plains has previously announced when a new editor is needed (another ex-officio member) and there was no announcement about the need for a treasurer. Some earlier treasurers were elected (e.g., Dale Henning) but others were not (e.g., Marjorie Duncan). Bob Dawe will look for discussion of this issue in the last seven years of board meeting minutes. If there has been an omission in this case, the bylaws should be amended to match current action.
- c. Endowment Fund. Bob Dawe promoted the fund, which is currently not making enough money to support the student awards. Members might consider including this fund in their estate plans.

#### **12. New Business**

- d. Getting conference program and abstract to archives. According to the conference handbook, this is automatically done by the conference organizers. In practice, there are sometimes problems in getting materials to the archives. It was suggested that a list of missing materials for the archives could be put on the website.
- e. Requiring presenters to be members of the society. Bob Dawe confirmed that people who present must be members, although this policy was not in the previous conference handbook. Members argued that this policy should also appear on the abstract submission form and on the call for papers in the journal, etc. Switching to electronic submission should make it easier to enforce this.

13. A motion to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 6:35 pm.