

Plains Anthropological Society Business Meeting, 74th Plains Anthropological Conference

5:00 pm, Friday, October 14, 2016

Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln, NE

1. Welcome & Call to Order (Hollenback)

2. Approval of Agenda & Waiver of Reading of 2015 Minutes

There was a move to approve the agenda, which was seconded and approved. It was moved to waive reading the minutes of the 2015 meeting and this was seconded and approved

3. President's report (Kacy Hollenback): The PAS is in a good place. The journal has moved to Taylor and Francis (the publishers). Finances have been examined. The Board wants greater student and tribal participation. The solution to this goal is greater financial support. The PAS Endowment is currently \$53,000. We need to further invest in it. Goals are Native American and student awards and poster awards. We also wish to add student travel awards and research awards. A slogan has been developed: "\$75 for the 75th annual meeting" (which is the next). If we can get 75% of the membership to contribute, the PAS could match in order to raise the Endowment to \$100,000 (a minimum goal). The PAS website will be modified to include a page for the PAS Endowment. An alternative is to raise funds through "estate planning," where individuals may include contributions in their wills. An NPR-style campaign is planned, with regular announcements. Prizes are to be included for various levels of donation, such as mugs, water bottles, stickers, pens, field notebooks, and the like. Several different PAS logos will be available for the items (e.g., bison, projectile points). Monies will be invested for return. The Donna Roper Estate will give monies. The membership may contribute to either PAS or the Roper Estate. The PAS website will include links to any source of possible Plains funding.

The conference organizing committee was thanked (consisting of Jay Sturdevant, Dawn Bringelson, Rob Bozell, LuAnn Wandsnider, Linda Clarke, Linda Plock, Bonnie Farkas, Steve DeVore) as were the host organizations (National Park Service (Midwest Archeological Center), Nebraska State Historical Society, University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Department of Anthropology)). Board members were thanked for their work, particularly Chris Johnston for his strong efforts as Treasurer.

4. Treasurer's Report (Chris Johnston). There is \$101,604 in the Wells Fargo checking account and \$53,290 in the Wells Fargo savings account. The conference checking account holds \$3,000 for \$157,894 in total assets. This year, registration occurred through the conference website. A sum of \$3,000 is established for conference seed money, with Chis Johnston and Jay Sturdevant as signatories. The PAS website made it easy for conference organizers.

Johnston noted that PAS receives royalties from Taylor and Francis as well as from institutional subscriptions. The 2015 conference ended up raising \$7858 for the PAS. The insurance liability of the Board and the PAS was \$3757 for 2015.

It was decided there is no need for a financial audit this year, which was approved and accepted by the Board. It was then moved, seconded, and approved to accept the Treasurer's report.

5. Editor's Report (Marcel Kornfeld). Three years ago we changed our publisher to Maney and one year ago to Taylor and Francis. The journal is now up to schedule, especially in the on-line issue. Taylor and Francis has "issues" with the PAS Memoir and the number of excess pages (more than 100).

Submission Process. The Editorial Manager is the same, but there is a new production system. There are currently 30 manuscripts in hand, some in review or in copy edit. The rejection rate is 33%. In 2016, 490 pages are estimated. Submission are substantially down, the lowest rate in 10 years. However, there are enough papers to publish through 2018. Taylor and Francis has added a "latest articles" section.

The search for a new editor continues. Some applications have been received, but PAS would like to see more.

The work of Assistant Editors Elizabeth Lynch and Allison Grunwald, and book review editor Kelly Macauley was acknowledged.

It was moved to approve the Editor's report, a motion that was seconded and approved.

6. Nominations Committee (Susan Vehik). This committee also included Lauren Ritterbush and Kacy Hollenback. Twenty-one individuals were approached to obtain six willing to run, not a good ratio. On-line voting was made possible through Chris Johnston through on-line software. The membership had a paper ballot option, but none were cast. All membership was notified of the vote, and notices were placed on the PAS website. Out of 450 members, 137 votes were cast, a proportion consistent with previous years. A problem was spam filters that blocked some of the PAS notices. Winners of the election were: Mary Adair, Lance Foster, Jay Sturdevant.

It was noted that Mark Muniz and Susan Vehik are now off the Board. Hollenback thanked them for their service.

A move was made to accept the Nominations Committee report. Which was seconded and approved by the membership.

7. Resolutions (Don Blakeslee). Be it resolved, that the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its thanks to the organizers of the 74th Plains Anthropological Conference. We thank our conference hosts, the National Park Service (Midwest Archeological Center), the Nebraska State Historical Society, and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (Department of Anthropology). We express our thanks to the conference committee: Jay Sturdevant, Dawn Bringelson, Rob Bozell, LuAnn Wandsnider, Linda Clarke, Linda Plock, Bonnie Farkas, and Steve De Vore. The Society thanks all the many other volunteers who assisted with the conference. The society is grateful to session and symposia chairs and to tour leaders Rob Bozell, Linda Plock, and Peter Bleed. The Society thanks our banquet speaker, Simon Holdaway, of the University of Auckland, New Zealand. We thank also the Holiday Inn Lincoln-Downtown for providing the conference venue. We appreciate the conference's sponsors and contributors: Nebraska

Association of Professional Archeologists, Plains Anthropological Society, Lincoln Convention Center and Visitor's Bureau, The Cherokee Nation, Oklahoma Archeological Survey, Forestry Supplies, Center for Applied Isotope Studies, Holloway, Updike, and Bellen, Inc. Be it resolved that the Society thanks outgoing board members Mark Muñiz, Susan Vehik, and Past President Kacy Hollenback. The Society also thanks our archivist Doris Peterson.

Be it resolved that we extend our thanks for the hard work done by our editor, Marcel Kornfeld and Treasurer Chris Johnston.

Lastly, be it resolved the Society expresses its condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Gayle Carlson, Jim Potter, Bill Longacre, Bill Butzer, Jim Hester, A.C. Swedlund, Warren Caldwell.

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

8. New Business

- PAS has purchased webmail domains. We will have constant web names, such as *President@plainsanthropologicalsociety.org*.
- Proposed changes to Bylaws. We may make notifications now but voting must occur during the next business meeting at the Bismarck conference (Bylaws changes require a delay). The following changes are proposed:
 1. Change: we wish notifications to be made on the PAS website instead of through publication in the journal (notifications regarding voting, student papers, etc.).
 2. Change "he" to "he or she" or "they" in reference to PAS officers.
 3. We wish changes to membership categories, in order to streamline them. The following are proposed: Regular, Joint, Student, Lifetime.
- PAS will keep track of Nebraska residents and PAS will continue to pay sales tax to that state. However, these concerns may no longer be necessary since the publisher, Taylor and Francis, now sends the journals. We no longer have a foreign category.
- Don Blakeslee observed that today's forum was very positive and that we should insure continued interactions with Native peoples. THPO's should be invited to open discussions. He noted great variation between THPO's and that there is little communication between them. A session for THPO's to communicate with each other and with archaeologists would be rewarding.

9. Future Conferences.

- Wendy Murray indicated that the 2017 conference will be held in Bismarck, ND, which will be the 75th annual meeting. It is scheduled for October 4-7 at the Radisson downtown. Rooms will be available for about \$90. The State Historical Society Heritage Center has recently undergone a large expansion, which will be shown off at the meeting. Field trips to Menoken and Fort Clark are being considered.
- A proposal for the 2018 conference was made by Todd Ahlman for a meeting in San Antonio, TX. The last meeting in that state was in 1992 in Lubbock. That year is the 300th anniversary of San Antonio and the Texas State Historical Society has scheduled its

annual meeting there in the last week of October. A joint meeting with that Society was proposed, perhaps one that only partially overlaps with their meeting dates (which stretch from Friday-Sunday in contrast with ours which run from Wednesday-Saturday). A motion was made to accept this meeting proposal. It was seconded and approved by the membership.

10. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn the annual Business Meeting, seconded and approved.