



- The Society has two endowments, the PAS fund and the Donna Roper fund. Both are invested in Exchange Trade Funds (ETF). The initial PAS endowment fund of \$100,000 grew to \$103,000, but is now down to \$97,000 owing to market fluctuations. The Board agreed in 2017 that the fund will sit for 5 years before using it. The Roper fund was invested at \$75,000 and it now stands at \$74,000.
- The Board decided against an annual audit, which costs \$1,500 per year. Although an annual audit is in the by-laws it is not necessary. An audit will be performed every few years.

#### **6. *Plains Anthropologist* Editor's Report (Bob Hoard)**

- The journal is doing well. Seventy-seven people were invited to do reviews and 54 agreed (70%). Finding reviewers is difficult. The membership was urged to participate and suggest reviewers. On the PAS website, members may indicate areas of reviewing expertise.
- The last issue of the year has gone to press and there will be a *Memoir* this year.
- Twelve manuscripts are currently on-line, and others are in review. All articles necessary for the 2019 run should be covered by manuscripts now available.
- It requires about two years to get into print, but articles go on-line very quickly with a Digital Object Identifier (DOI).
- *Plains Anthropologist (PA)* utilizes the *American Antiquity* Style Guide.
- *PA* can be accessed very quickly but you must be logged into the PAS website.
- Our publisher Taylor & Francis permits video and 3D models to be included on-line alongside articles.
- The Associate Editor is looking into indexing the journal, a task which has not been undertaken in many years.
- Teaching faculty at colleges and universities should *not* download articles for students. Students should download themselves, because this increases download counts, good for the publisher and *PA*.
- Thirteen percent of *PA* viewers come from outside the United States.

#### **7. Membership Committee Report (Wendi Murray)**

- PAS has 465 members in 2018, the largest count in eight years. In 2012, membership was down to 250.
- Most members, 25%, reside in only five states.
- Membership renewal is now easier using the PAS website.

#### **8. Report of Nominations Committee (Mike Fosha)**

- The following Board members have completed their service: Doug Bamforth, Don Blakeslee, Ken Kvamme (Secretary), Sarah Trabert (Past President)
- New Board members are: Brendon Asher, Lauren Ritterbush, Courtney Ziska

## 9. Resolutions (Don Blakeslee)

Be it resolved that the Plains Anthropological Society thanks all of the people who made the 76th annual conference successful, including:

- The Center for Archaeological Studies at Texas State University for hosting the conference;
- The members of the conference committee: Todd Ahlman, Alison Hadley Hilburn, Jodi Jacobson, Mark Howe;
- The Institute of Texas Cultures for hosting the reception;
- The field trip organizers: Mike Collins, Clark Wernecke, Susan Snow;
- The conference sponsors and all volunteers, symposium organizers and session chairs;
- Our banquet speaker, Carol Boyd;
- and La Quinta Inn and its staff.

Be it also resolved that the Society thanks the people who served us in recent years including:

- Society President, Jay Sturdevant;
- Plains Anthropologist editor, Robert Hoard, and the book review editor, Matt E. Hill;
- Our treasurer, Chris Johnston;
- And outgoing board members: Doug Bamforth, Don Blakeslee, Ken Kvamme, Sarah Trabert

Finally, be it resolved that the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its condolences to families, friends and colleagues of those members of our community who have passed away recently, including:

- Robert Bartlett, Oklahoma Department of Transportation
- Harold Dibble, University of Pennsylvania
- Frank Eddy, University of Colorado
- Donald Erickson, avocational archaeologist from Sturgis, SD
- Terry Gibson, Western Heritage
- Roger Grange, University of Florida
- Larry Keeley, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle
- Ruthann Knudson, National Park Service
- Michael Kyte, U.S. Forest Service
- Carson Murdy, Bureau of Indian Affairs
- Randy Nathan, Moore Archaeological Research
- Michael “Smoke” Pfeiffer, U.S. Forest Service
- Stedman Upham, University of Tulsa

## 10. Old Business (Jay Sturdevant)

Changes have been made to the by-laws that were approved by the Board last year. They required a vote of the membership. The changes were sent to the membership and could be found on the PAS website.

- *Article II, Membership*
- *Article V, Officer, Section 2, Election and term of office*
- *Article VII, Waiver of notice*

All changes to the by-laws were accepted and approved by the membership.

## 11. New Business (Jay Sturdevant)

Mark Mitchell made the following proposals:

- The PAS membership should vote for the President; the holder of that position should not be determined by the Board. This topic should be discussed by the Board during next year's meeting. It will require changes to the by-laws.
- The appointment of President should be for two years instead of one to permit a better base of experience.
- The title of "Vice President" should be changed to "President Elect."
- The Nominating Committee should come up with several candidates for President Elect as well as two-three board members.

## 12. Forthcoming Conferences (Jay Sturdevant)

- *Thanks were offered to the present conference organizers.* The conference committee: Todd Ahlman, Alison Hadley Hilburn, Jodi Jacobson, and Mark Howe were thanked. Ahlman reported 215 attendees, including 60 students. Tours were well-attended, despite rain. The reception went very well. Thanks were extended to university faculty who brought students. Thanks were also extended for the development of the Conference App for smartphones, which cost \$3,000. The Board was urged to continue use of such an App at future conferences.
- *2019 conference: University of Indiana, Bloomington (accepted in 2017).* Laura Scheiber announced their excitement in holding the conference. Social media for it are now available. It will be held at the city's conference center. The fieldtrip will be at Angel Mounds. This conference has the potential to form a connection with Midwestern archaeologists.
- *2020 conference proposal: University of Colorado, Boulder.* Doug Bamforth proposed hosting the conference. It will likely occur at the Hilton Gardens & Suites or at the Marriott in Boulder. Costs should only be about \$10 more than San Antonio. Timing of it is uncertain, but it will occur in October. This proposal was approved by the membership.
- *2021, 2022 and 2023 conference possibilities.* Suggestions were made by Mike Fosha for hosting the conference in Rapid City, South Dakota. Sarah Trabert suggested the

University of Oklahoma, in Oklahoma City. A suggestion was also made for a 2023 conference in Billings, Montana.

- Members urged that future PAS conferences should be coordinated with the Rocky Mountain Conference so it does not occur at the same time or at points close in time.

### **13. Adjournment**

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