

**Annual Business Meeting  
Plains Anthropological Society  
77th Plains Anthropological Conference  
Friday, October 18, 2019, 5:00 PM  
Bloomington, Indiana**

1. Meeting called to order 5:10 by President Mary Adair
2. Agenda approval – motion to accept the agenda, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously
3. Waiver of Reading and Approval of the 2018 Business Meeting Minutes as distributed online
4. President Mary Adair skipped President’s message, it will be delivered at banquet
5. Treasurer’s Report (Chris Johnston) –  
Questions – from Mark Mitchell – how will temporarily restricted funds work? – Johnston explained that income can be gained or lost on endowment accounts. When income is sufficient it will eventually be available for use. The principal will never be touched.

Motion to accept treasurer’s report, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously

6. *Plains Anthropologist* Editor’s Report (Bob Hoard) – highlights
  - Proposals for a Memoir issue are solicited
  - Hoard would like to emphasize the need for reviewers to please do their reviews promptly. He also asked that individuals need to least respond yes or no when asked to review an article. This would help the editor keep things moving.
  - 9,000 downloads from Taylor and Francis
  - Taylor and Francis has 3,000 institutional subscribers
  - Members are encouraged to call Hoard if they have questions

Questions – Journal indexing? Taylor and Francis are working on it

Our journal is ranked in the 76<sup>th</sup> percentile in mock profile

August issue is late – Hoard is engaged with Taylor and Francis working on getting it out

Motion to accept editor’s report. 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously

7. Membership Report (Wendi Field Murray) – highlights
  - Membership is steady over the past four years
  - 464 members this year, only 1 less than last year
  - Conference location clearly effects membership changes
  - The new Web site has streamlined membership renewal and is working smoothly

Questions – none

Motion to accept, 2<sup>nd</sup>, approved unanimously

8. Report of the Nominations Committee (Lauren Ritterbush) –

- Recognition of new board members:  
Kelly Pool (Principal Investigator, Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc.)  
Richard (Richie) Meyers (Acting Director and Chair, Graduate Studies  
Department, Oglala Lakota College),  
Brandi Bethke (University of Oklahoma)
- Recognition and heart-felt thanks to outgoing board members:  
Jay Sturtevant  
Mike Fosha  
Lance Foster

9. Vacancy on the PAS board (Adair) – Mike Fosha has had to resign from the board for personal reasons. The Bylaws require that this vacancy be filled in order to maintain the required number of board members. Also, he was Vice President slated to step into the presidency for 2019-2020. Mary Adair is willing to stay on and fill Fosha's role for one more year on the condition that, at the second board meeting, a Vice President will be selected who will step in as president in the fall of 2020 and Adair will not need to serve another three-year term. This decision was unanimously accepted.

10. Resolutions (Jay Sturdevant)

*Be it resolved, the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its sincere thanks to the organizers of the 77<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference, in particular our conference hosts, the Department of Anthropology, Indiana University – Bloomington. We thank conference organizers Laura Scheiber, Courtney Scheiber, and Amanda Burt. Thanks to Chris Johnston, Courtney Ziska, Abigail Springer, and Sam Pierce for providing logistical support to the conference organizers. Thank you to Monroe County Convention Center for their planning assistance during the last year and for their hospitality during the conference. Thank you to the Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology for hosting the Thursday night reception. Thanks to all the tour leaders and facilitators April Sievert, Melody Pope, Kelsey Grimm, and Amanda Burt (Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology); Ellen Sieber and Jason Jackson (Mathers Museum of World Cultures); and Mike Linderman and April Sievert (Angel Mounds). We extend our gratitude and thank you to banquet keynote speaker Timmothy Pauketat (Illinois State Archaeological Survey). We are also grateful to all our session and symposia chairs.*

*Thanks to the Thee Vatos Supreme and Kieth Skooglund for the musical entertainment at the Wednesday and Thursday night receptions.*

*Thanks to all conference donors, sponsors, and silent auction participants. Your donations and support are most appreciated. The following provided support for the 2019 conference:*

- *Indiana University, American Indian Studies Research Institute*
- *Indiana University, Anthropology Department*
- *Indiana University, Glenn A. Black Laboratory of Archaeology*
- *Indiana University, Mathers Museum of World Cultures*
- *Indiana University, William R. Adams Zooarchaeology Laboratory*
- *Paleocultural Research Group*
- *Paleoindian Research Laboratory*
- *Bighorn Archaeology*
- *Upland Brewery*
- *Visit Bloomington*
- *One World Enterprises/Pizza X*
- *Hive Restaurant*
- *Underground Printing*
- *In Case of Emergency Press*
- *Monroe County Convention Center*
- *ReeCreations*
- *Designs by Della*
- *Two Leggins Family, Crow Nation*
- *Anya Peterson Royce*
- *Fred Schneider*

*We remember our friends and colleagues who passed away this year, including:*

- *Janet Goldstein Ahler*
- *Dennis Stanford*
- *Francis A. "Cal" Calabrese*
- *Dan Watson*
- *Patricia J. O'Brien*
- *Thomas A. Witty, Jr.*
- *Larry J. Schmits*
- *Chris Von Wedell*
- *Toby Morrow*
- *Allan Outram*

## **Old Business**

1. Changes to way president is elected – A suggestion was made by Mark Mitchell at the 2018 business meeting that the PAS consider changing the way the president is elected. It was suggested that other organizations have a system in which the president serves a two-year term and is elected directly by the membership. Mike

Fosha undertook the task of looking into this and the Board discussed the following proposal.

The position of PAS President will be changed to a two-year term and the position will be directly elected by the PAS Membership, rather than by board members.

- President would come on to the Board as President Elect and serve a two-year term as President (this would fulfill their three-year Board term).
- The position of Past-President would be eliminated as the President Elect would be mentored by the current President.
- There would only be a Presidential election every other year.
- President would become an additional board position. Every other year there would be an extra nominee running specifically to be President Elect that will be voted on by the full PAS membership.
- This proposal would expand the Board to 10 members which will also require a Bylaws change. The Bylaws also indicate that a quorum for a board meeting is half which could result in a split vote if there are 10 members.

Discussion:

- a. If no one will step forward to serve a two-year term as president we will revert to finding someone within the existing board.
- b. Does past president position still exist? No there will always be overlap with president and president elect. But a past president will be unofficially available to offer advice.
- c. If we pursue this Bylaws changes will be necessary.
  - i. Bylaws will have to remove the Past President and redefine the Vice President positions;
  - ii. Will have to specify that the PAS membership will elect president as a new, 10<sup>th</sup>, member of the board;
  - iii. Will need to specify that the president will serve a two-year term.
  - iv. Issues of quorum and possible voting ties also need to be addressed.
  - v. It will also be necessary to make changes that will address the possibility of a gap during the period transitioning between the two systems.
- d. Bob Hoard offered to research and propose necessary bylaws changes to put before the PAS membership.

Motion made by Jay Sturdevant to table this discussion until the Bylaws changes are spelled out and presented to the membership.

Motion seconded

Passed unanimously

Members are encouraged to call President Mary Adair to ask questions or contribute discussion.

2. Web Site – The new web site is up and running. Thanks are due to Courtney Ziska and Chris Johnston for all their hard work.

## **New Business**

1. Harassment policy – Adair read the new policy on Sexual Harassment and Anti-Discrimination.

*The Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) is committed to providing a safe and collegial space for all of our members regardless of age, ethnicity, race, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, disabilities, religion, marital status, or for reasons unrelated to professional performance. All members of the PAS deserve courtesy and respect in an environment where one can converse, interact, learn, and grow. The PAS does not tolerate harassment, assault, bullying, or intimidation. As an organization, the PAS is committed to ensuring the safety, well-being, and inclusion of all our members and guests at PAS meetings and other functions.*

She explained that it will be necessary for individuals to agree to this policy to become a member or renew membership. It will also be necessary for members and their guests to agree to follow the policy when registering for conferences.

Questions and Comments – none were brought up

2. The Board has voted to increase treasurer's stipend from \$2000 to \$7000
3. Forth coming conferences:
  - a. 2020 Boulder, CO. – Doug Bamforth announce the conference scheduled for November 4-7<sup>th</sup> in Boulder, CO. It will be held at the Embassy suites and Hilton Garden Inn. Both offer breakfast and have easy access to airport. Collaborators include: a reception at the Colorado University Museum. A craft beer exposition. Wednesday tours Magic Mountain, Lamb Springs, and the Denver Museum.
    - If you are bringing children, please register them so they can get name tags and be recognized as being associated with the conference. There will be no additional charge for children.
    - There will be no registration charge to students who are presenting papers.
  - b. 2021 – South Dakota State Historical Society proposes to host the 2021 Conference
    - David Williams proposed for mid-October
    - SDSHS proposal includes \$89/night rate at the hotel Rapid City
    - Possible tours – Deadwood Walking tour, Southern Black Hills Rock Art

A motion was made to accept the South Dakota State Historical Society proposal  
Motion seconded

Passed Unanimously

- c. 2022 – Oklahoma University proposes to host the 2022 conference in Oklahoma City (not Norman)
- Sarah Trabert and Brandi Bethke announced that they can lock down rates now if their bid is accepted
  - There are Two possible hotels \$129/night no limit on number of folks/ room or \$149/night
  - They would rent entire hotel for conference
  - Possible tours include the Wichita Heritage and History Tour and Panhandle Bison Kill Sites tour

A motion was made to accept the Oklahoma University proposal

Motion seconded

Passed Unanimously

- d. 2013 – Kansas State Historical Society has indicated that it would like to host the conference in 2023. A proposal will be forth coming.

4. A Motion was made to adjourn

Motion seconded

Passed Unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm