

Second Board of Directors Meeting – 2020
Plains Anthropological Society
Monday, November 30, 2020
Virtual meeting

Present: Mary Adair (Past President), Nancy Arendt, Brendon P. Asher, Brandi Bethke, Alison Hadley Hilburn, Bob Hoard (Editor), Chris Johnston (Treasurer), Richie Meyers, Kelly Pool, David Posthumus, Lauren W. Ritterbush, Courtney L. Ziska

- **Call to Order** In-coming President Kelly Pool called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm
- **Recognition of Outgoing Board Members**

Kelly seconded Mary Adair's earlier thanks to out-going board members Chérie Haury-Artz and Wendi Field Murray and extended thanks to Mary Adair for her service.
- **Welcome New Board Members**
 - Nancy Arendt
 - Alison Hadley
 - David Posthumus
- **Nomination and Election of Officers for 2020-2021**
 - **President** Chris nominated Kelly Pool, seconded by Lauren; approved without opposition
 - **Vice President** Richie nominated Dave Posthumus, seconded by Lauren; approved without opposition
 - **Secretary** Chris nominated Lauren Ritterbush, seconded by Dave; approved without opposition
- **Committees & Appointment of Committee Chairs**
 - **Archives** – Lauren Ritterbush
 - **By-Laws** – Dave Posthumus (VP)
 - Expect issue about membership election of the PAS President potentially for two years.
 - Chris, Mary, and Kelly have offered to help with this discussion. Need to bring in other PAS members to represent supporting and non-supporting views (among those mentioned were Mark Mitchell, Leland Bement, & Joe Artz).
 - Bob Hoard previously drafted some By-Laws changes and Chérie also previously noted issues with the “seal” of the organization.
 - Kelly also suggested considering adding a webmaster as another ex officio board member (in addition to the Treasurer, Editor, and Past President). Also potentially consider making webmaster a paid position.

- Bob noted this could be a communications director including webmaster and social media. Brandi added that this would be useful for keeping the passwords and protocols in one place.
- **Distinguished Service Award** – Dave Posthumus
 - Bob reviewed what needs to be done. Lauren added information and is willing to help. Mary also volunteered assistance. See briefing packet for steps in process.
- **Conference Handbook** – Chris Johnston willing to continue
 - Laura Scheiber has now submitted a report for last year's Plains Conference. This will be distributed by Kelly soon.
- **Nominations** – Brendon Asher
 - Wendi has names of people who are willing to serve.
- **Native American Student Award** – Richie Meyers (Chair) and Alison Hadley
- **Membership** – Alison Hadley
 - Chris and Courtney are willing to help because of overlapping responsibilities
- **Student Paper Competition** - Laura Scheiber
 - Let Laura or Kelly know if you are interested
- **Student Poster Competition** – Brendon Asher
 - Lauren moved and Chris seconded making this a standing committee like the Student Paper competition. Motion passed unanimously.
 - Brandi and Richie are willing to assist and Bob will serve as judge.
- **Resolutions** – Brandi Bethke
 - Brandi will work with Doug Bamforth as Conference Organizer
- **Website and Social Media (Communications)** – Courtney Ziska
 - Chris is willing to help since he manages the PAS Twitter account.
 - Student Affairs may be interested in assisting with Instagram, but as Courtney notes this must be done well. A conversation is needed to address this. Seeking input on what social media is of interest. Brandi is willing to be included in the conversation.
- **Travel Grants Committee** – Brandi Bethke (Chair) and Brendon
 - 2021 will be the second year of piloting this opportunity. \$5000 will be made available again for student travel grants.
- **Journal Committee** –
 - Bob, Mary, Kelly, and Chris plan to discuss PAS wants and needs with our present journal publisher, Taylor & Francis. First task is to meet and work with Peter at T&F to get contract signed by December 31.

- Also need to find a journal editor and book review editor.
 - Discussion about posting Call for Editor on website and sending an e-mail to the membership. Suggestion also that Bob prepare a list of qualifications and expectations.
 - There is a stipend typically used to fund an editorial assistant (often a graduate student for editors who have a university position).
- **Endowment Committee** – Chris Johnston (Treasurer)
- **Donna C. Roper Research Fund** – Mary Adair
 - Nancy and Lauren willing to assist
- **Anti-discrimination-inclusiveness Ad Hoc Committee** – Brandi Bethke
 - Richie and Alison are willing to help. (Chérie Haury-Artz may also be willing to continue on this committee.)
 - Mary will help regarding conference workshop.
- **Update: Ray Wood Award** –
 - Kaci Hollenback is working on it and recruiting committee members.
 - This will be a non-monetary award.
- **Student Affairs Committee** – Brendon & Brandi with Carlton Gover (student)
 - Mary noted desire to get students involved, for example, with podcasts.
 - Brendon reported that the students have ideas such as workshops related to public outreach, publishing, and media outlets.
 - It is difficult to contact students.
 - Brandi noted that this committee also tends to help with the poster competition.
- **Back Issues** – Brandi
- **Additional Business**
 - Virtual summer Board meeting – May 24, 2021 Monday
 - (Brandi probably can't attend due to field school)
 - Reminder new board members sign in to website
 - Courtney will transfer PAS e-mail address to new officers (president, membership)
 - Nancy offered to help in whatever ways needed

Motion to adjourn – Lauren moved to adjourn, Chris and Brandi seconded

Meeting adjourned 5:55 pm