

Plains Anthropological Society
Second Board of Directors Meeting – 2021
Friday, **12 November 2021**, 6:00 pm MT
78th Annual Plains Conference, Boulder, CO
MINUTES

Present: Nancy Arendt, Brandi Bethke, John Hedden, Alison Hadley Hilburn, Chris Johnston (Treasurer), Spencer Pelton, Kelly Pool (President), Adam Wiewel; Lauren Ritterbush (outgoing secretary)

Via Zoom: Bill Billeck (*PA* Editor), Shawn Bubel, Richie Meyers (joined at 6:46 pm MT)

- President Kelly Pool called the meeting to order at 6:24 pm MT.
- **Nomination and Election of Officers for 2021-2022**
 - **President**
Chris nominated **Kelly Pool**, seconded by Nancy.
Discussion: Chris explained that this was needed with the resignation of Vice President Dave Posthumus in May 2022.
Vote: Kelly abstained; Approved without opposition.
 - **Vice President**
Kelly nominated **John Hedden** with the understanding that the Vice President typically transitions to President after one year. The President then transitions to Past President after a year as president.
Nomination seconded by Chris.
Vote: John abstained; Approved without opposition.
 - **Secretary**
Kelly nominated **Spencer Pelton**, seconded by John.
Vote: Spencer abstained; Approved without opposition.

Kelly clarified that the Treasurer (Chris) and *PA* Editor (Bill) are also officers.
- **Appointment of Committee Chairs**
 - **Archives – Spencer Pelton** (linked to role as Secretary)
 - **By-Laws – John Hedden** will continue on this committee, now as chair (and linked to role as Vice President); Kelly will help.
 - **Conference Handbook – Chris Johnston** is willing to continue to chair this committee with the assistance of Courtney and Doug Bamforth (2021 conference organizer). Brandi (as 2022 conference co-chair) will also help.
 - **Distinguished Service Award – John Hedden** (with other committee members to be selected from the PAS membership).
 - **Ethics & Inclusion-**
 - Brandi explained that Cherie Haury-Artz wants to stay on, and others have expressed interest in helping. The chair must be a member of the Board.
 - After no board member volunteered to chair this position, **Brandi Bethke** volunteered to continue as chair with Kelly's assistance.
 - Richie is also willing to continue on this committee.

- **Membership** – **Alison Hadley Hilburn** will continue in this position.
- **Native American Student Award** – **Richie Meyers** (chair) and Alison Hadley Hilburn
- **Nominations** – **Adam Wiewel**
- **Resolutions** – **Adam Wiewel**
- **Student Paper Competition** - **Kacy Hollenback** (non-board member)
- **Student Poster Competition** – **Shawn Bubel** with help from Adam.
- **Website & Social Media (Communications)** – **Spencer Pelton** with help from Chris.
- **Donna C. Roper Research Fund** – **Bill Billeck** (chair) with continuing help from Nancy Arendt, Mary Adair, and Lauren Ritterbush.
- **Endowment** – **Chris Johnston** (chair) with help from Spencer Pelton, Brandi Bethke, and Mike Fosha.
- **Financial Review** – **Mark Mitchell** plus a “gaggle” of others to be recruited
- **Student Affairs** – Current student chair, Carlton Gover, is calling a meeting to elect new officers. Shawn Bubel and Brandi Bethke are willing to serve as board liaisons.
- **Undergraduate Student Travel Grants** – **Nancy Arendt** (chair) with assistance from Brendon Asher and Wendi Field Murray.
- **New business**
 - Kelly noted that everyone has so much to do that we may want to consider adding another board member in the future. Chris pointed out that if the President will be elected by the membership, this may not be necessary because the board will then have additional member(s) – president (& president-elect).
 - Mike Fosha (with others he mentioned, including Tod Bevitt and Brendon Asher) will organize the 2023 conference if we are contractually obliged to hold this conference in South Dakota and David Williams cannot do so or cannot find a replacement to do so. (Questions raised include: Could Dave take it to Nebraska? Does Dave know someone in SD who would be willing to organize in Rapid City?)
 - This year’s Student Poster Committee had a tie for the best poster award and could not settle on a single winner. Instead, they plan to present the award to two students. In the past, the award was split (\$200 = \$100+100). The Committee requested two awards for \$200 each. The Board agreed to give each \$200.

John moved to adjourn; Brandi seconded.
Meeting adjourned: 6:58 pm MT

Respectfully submitted by Lauren W. Ritterbush, outgoing PAS Secretary.