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To the Plains Anthropological Society Membership

Recent events at the SAA meeting regarding sexual harassment serve as a wake-up call for all of us. The PAS Board of Directors is taking action to address sex-based discrimination, including sexual harassment, within our organization and develop policies that reflect the concerns and ensure the security of our membership. To this end, I asked Chérie Haury-Artz to work with me to establish a task force, whose primary responsibility will be to advise the board in developing policies on sexual harassment, sexual violence, racial and ethnic harassment, age discrimination, and professional conduct in our organization, including at PAS meetings. Sexual harassment and assault, and any form of intimidation based upon sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, ethnicity, disability, national origin, religion, age, or marital status is not tolerated by our organization under any circumstance. Representation on the task force is critical; we seek to include men and women, including those established in their career and students working towards this goal.

Please consider this an invitation to volunteer to serve on the task force. We envision a working group of 5 to 7 people who might initially work together via email and later at a special meeting at the annual conference. Please attend the annual business meeting on Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the 2019 Plains Conference for updated information.

Sincerely,



Mary J. Adair, President

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