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Plains Anthropological Society
82nd Annual Plains Anthropological Conference; Iowa City, Iowa
Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 31, 2025; 5:00-6:00 pm Central

1. Welcome and Call to Order

- a. Call to order at 5:00 pm

2. Approval of the Agenda

- a. Motion: Abby Fisher; 2nd Veronica Mraz; unanimously approved

3. Waiver of the reading and approval of the 2024 Business Meeting Minutes

- a. Motion: Mary Adair; 2nd Doug Bamforth; unanimously approved

4. Conference Organizer's Remarks

- a. 30 donors & advertisers, 16 vendors
- b. Significant contributions from Iowa Economica Authority grant
- c. 450 participants; 156 students
 - i. Anticipate a few more walk-ins tomorrow
- d. 169 papers and posters; 3 workshops; 2 forums

5. Officer's Reports

- a. President's Report (Clark)
 - i. See attached report. Highlights below:
 - 1. Importance of the community of the PAS; we're a community of communities
 - 2. We're a society of members, and we're successful when members are involved.
 - 3. Need for advocacy within all our communities to work together, come together as one. We need to be out there talking about why we're important. Need to advocate for students and train them for the next level (CRM and academics).
 - 4. One of most important things we have is the journal, so we need to work together (CRM and academics) to get more articles into the journal.
 - 5. PAS BOD decision to participate in SAA professional group. Puts us in on the ground floor to advise how the SAA moves forward.

b. Treasurer's Report (Johnston)

- i. See attached report. Highlights below:
 - 1. Encourage colleagues and students to join and get involved so membership revenues can bounce back.
 - 2. Student Travel award: 10 students received assistance from the \$5,000 pulled out of the PAS Endowment
- ii. Motion to Approve: Brad Logan; 2nd Matt Hill; unanimously approved

c. Editor's Report (Billeck)

- i. See attached report. Highlights below:
 - 1. Thank everyone who has submitted recently, and those who have reviewed manuscripts
 - 2. 5 issues out; 4 with articles and one memoir; one in press now, so should have 6 out this calendar year to get through all 2024 issues
 - 3. Hope to have first 2 issues of 2025 by end of the year.
 - 4. Stepping down at end of year. Allison Grunwald and Marcel Kornfeld coming on January 1 as co-editors.
- ii. Motion to Approve: Tyrel Iron Eyes; 2nd Matt Hill; unanimously approved

6. Membership Committee Report (Fisher)

- a. See attached report.
- b. Numbers are level compared with last year. Good increase in students, particularly Kansas.
- c. Want to reiterate that membership and us being successful financially is directly tied to the journal. People are interested in being part of the PAS due to what's included in the journal.
- d. Alice Kehoe: Should the PAS be proactive against the terrible blows on academia and heritage management by current federal administration. Not sure what to do about it, but should be something considered by BOD and membership.
 - i. Andy: Big proponent of advocacy. As a 501c3 we're limited on what we *can* do. But reiterate that we're a society of members, so we can organize individually and get the word out.

7. Nominating Committee Report (Clark for Reed)

- a. See attached report. Highlights below:
 - i. Tim really emphasizes members and BOD getting names to him for prospective BOD nominees.

- ii. We really need a webmaster right now. Don't need to be a BOD member, but need to give Chris a break on this. *Post-meeting update: Adam Wiewel has agreed to become the new PAS Webmaster.*

8. Recognition of Outgoing and Incoming BOD members (Clark)

- a. Carlton Shield Chief Gover, Cody Newton, Veronica Mraz, Adam Wiewel, and Bill Billeck; thank you for your service
- b. Jen Harty, Matt Hill, and Warren Davis elected to the BOD; Brooke Morgan elected as President; thank you for agreeing to run, and welcome to the BOD
- c. Marcel Kornfeld and Allison Grunwald new co-editors

9. Resolutions (Newton)

- a. Read list of supporters

10. Editorial Committee Report (Clark)

- a. Committee formed to find a replacement for Bill. We were lucky to have a good slate of candidates to select from, and welcome Marcel and Allison as co-editors. Bill has done a great job and left things in a good place for the new co-editors.
- b. Small journals have been struggling across the board. The more we publish, the more members we retain and gain.
- c. Committee will continue to review upcoming contract renewal with Taylor and Francis, and explore if we should move to another vendor.
- d. Marcel comments: We (Allison and Marcel) are gluttons for punishment, so we're back as co-editors! Thank Bill for putting out 6 issues in a year. Send manuscripts!
- e. Alice Kehoe: Message from Linea Sundstrom, speaking as former Editor—she urges that the editorial staff should solicit papers from women.

11. Awards

- a. Student Poster Award (Perkins)
 - i. Really enjoyed the process. Atmosphere during the Happy Hour was electric. Students were ready, confident, and poised to discuss and share their work. They articulated their projects very well. Thank them all for participating, as the future of the PAS.
 - ii. Thanks to committee: Nancy Arendt, Mark Mitchell, Adam Wiewel, and Abbi Fisher
 - iii. 6 graduate students; 11 undergraduates
 - iv. Undergrad winner: Stephanie Silverman (KU)

- v. Graduate winner: Daniel Dalmas (Utah)
- b. Student Paper Award (Billeck for Trabert)
 - i. 4 individuals submitted papers for the competition; all graduate students, no undergraduates. This was a very difficult decision: committee tied 2-2; decision was made to give 2 awards this year.
 - ii. Megan Bieraugle (University of Alberta); submitted to another journal for publication
 - iii. Fox Nelson (University of Iowa); would like to invite to submit to PA for publication
- c. Donna Roper Award (Billeck)
 - i. Endowment for research being conducted on the Central Plains.
 - ii. One application this year. That winner is Nautika Richards (Wichita State University).
- d. Native American Student Award (Iron Eyes)
 - i. 2 applicants and recipients this year.
 - 1. One unable to make it. Darien Quick Bear (Rosebud Lakota [Sicangu]; New Mexico Highlands University)
 - 2. 2nd applicant, Jami Ecklund (Cherokee Nation; Wichita State University) is here to receive.
- e. Distinguished Service Award (Mraz)
 - i. 2 fantastic members awarded this year.
 - ii. Mary Adair for her nominee: Dr. Alfred Johnson
 - 1. Did not attend conference and didn't want to be filmed receiving the award.
 - 2. Mary will deliver the plaque and packet of information. Al is very appreciative.
 - iii. Cherie Haury-Artz for her nominee: Lance Foster, posthumously
 - 1. Lance was taken too soon and too suddenly.

12. Old Business

- a. Sensitive Image Policy
 - i. Andy: We had the forum on the policy yesterday. There is a draft of the policy available. Thank you to attendees, the good discussion, and lively feedback.
 - 1. Suggestions on revising the policy a bit, as well as implementing it.
 - 2. Committee moving forward will be chaired by Tyrel Iron Eyes. Carlton Shield Chief Goverwill remain on the committee.
 - 3. We'll leave the comment page open on the PAS website for a couple of weeks.

4. More to come.

13. **New Business**

a. Upcoming Conferences

- i. 2026, Lincoln
 1. Waiting on Big 10 Football Schedule
- ii. 2027, Laramie
 1. Marcel: Anthro Dept at UWy and WY OSA is putting in an offer to host.
 2. Motion to Approve: Matt Hill, 2nd Warren Davis; unanimously approved (except Marcel!)
- iii. 2028, Wichita
 1. Crystal Dozier (Wichita State University)
 2. Motion to Approve: Abbi Fisher; 2nd Stephen Perkins; unanimously approved
- iv. 2029, North Dakota
 1. Andy (NDSHS)
 2. Motion to Approve: Chris Johnston; 2nd Abbi Fisher; unanimously approved
- v. 2030, Kansas
 1. Carlton (for KU and KSHS)
 2. Motion to approve: Warren Davis; 2nd Bill Billeck; unanimously approved

14. **Adjournment**

- a. Motion: Stephen Perkins; 2nd Veronica Mraz; unanimously approved