

79th Plains Anthropological Society Conference
Oklahoma City
Business Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 14th 2022, 4 to 5 pm

1. Welcome and call to order by Kelly Pool-meeting called to order at 4:04pm
2. Approval of the agenda
 - a. Billeck moved, Hollenback second, unanimous approval
3. Waiver of reading and approval of the 2021 business meeting minutes as posted on the website
 - a. Mitchell moved, Adair second, unanimous approval
4. Conference co-organizer updates (Brandi Bethke and Sarah Trabert)
 - a. Reviewed conference attendance, stressing high student attendance
 - b. Drew attention to low number of paper/poster presentations
5. President's report (Kelly Pool)
 - a. The PAS is bouncing back from the Covid years well
 - b. Membership numbers are back up to pre-Covid levels
 - c. Recognized issues with website, but good fixes in progress already. Recognized Courtney and Chris for their efforts.
 - d. Encouraged meeting attendance because it's dropping the last few years (even before Covid)
 - e. Looking for people to host meeting in 2025
 - f. Bylaws change proposal has been in works
 - g. LaBelle moved to approve report, Hadley second, unanimously approved
6. Treasurer's report (Chris Johnston)
 - a. Total assets are \$309,377, down around \$44,000 from last year due to market fluctuations.
 - b. Summarized money earned by type (membership, royalties, conference)
 - c. Summarized expenses by type (editors, awards, printing, credit card, travel)
 - d. Squeaked by in black in 2021. 2022 balance is over \$14,000.
 - e. Summarized endowment gains and losses
 - f. Bamforth motioned to approve report, Joe Artz second, unanimously approved
7. Plains Anthropologist Editor's report (Bill Billeck)
 - a. Summarized obligations from publisher, including 4 issues and 14 to 17 published articles per year. This equates to 114 pages per issue.
 - b. Low submission issue
 - i. Only has 1 article for 4th issue of 2022 (November)
 - ii. Has been working the conference for submissions
 - iii. Probably shouldn't expect to receive November issue until next year (given review time, proofing, etc.)

- c. Talked about open access for Federally-funded research. Not sure about implications for publication business. Some people are concerned about cost.
 - d. Journal is talking about changing the way they tabulate publication process, from article frequency to number of clicks.
 - e. Johnston asked the attendees of the business meeting how many wanted a print journal. It was roughly half and half.
 - f. Sarah Trabert asked why we don't do special issues (i.e., thematic). Billeck says that Memoirs could be that if people wanted, they would count as an issue.
 - g. Trabert moved to approve Editor's report, Bethke second, unanimously passes
- 8. Membership committee report (Alison Hadley)
 - a. 450 current members, a little over 100 increase from last year
 - b. 32 lifetime members
 - c. Back up to pre-Covid number (2019 had comparable numbers)
- 9. Nominating committee report (Adam Wiewel)
 - a. Call for nominations sent out in mid-April
 - b. Board members recommended some people in summer Board meetings, but none of the membership submitted nominations
 - c. 114 votes this year. New Board members are Carlton Gover, Cody Newton, and Veronica Mraz.
- 10. Recognition of incoming/outgoing Board members (Kelly Pool)
 - a. Outgoing Board members include Kelly Pool, Richard Meyer, and Brandi Bethke. Also Courtney Ziska leaving as webmaster.
 - b. Recognized the rest of the Board members
 - c. Mark Mitchell recognize Pool for her service
- 11. Resolutions (Adam Wiewel)
 - a. Wiewel read resolutions acknowledging conference organizer and those who passed away over the last year.
 - b. Bamforth noted that the Panhandle Archaeological Society has lost something like 9 people this year, and we should probably add some names to this list.
 - c. Late additions: Lue Litwinionek, J. Michael Quigg, Alvin Lynn, Rolla Shaller, Regge Wiseman, Alston Thoms, Jeff Indeck, and Mick Sullivan
- 12. Old Business
 - a. By-laws
 - i. John Hedden read a couple paragraphs summarizing background of bylaws changes and then summarized the proposed bylaws changes
 - ii. Discussion
 - 1. Editorial comments
 - a. Brendan Asher had an editorial comment, Hedden clarified that it will be crossed out
 - b. Doug Bamforth thinks the term viable should be removed
 - iii. Substantive comments

1. Kacy Hollenback thinks language should be changed to enable 1 person to run for position so we don't need to get 2 nominees
 - a. Hedden clarified that presidential election has to have 2 nominees or it reverts back to old system.
2. Mark Mitchell supports the motion, but thinks that it will put pressure on nominating committee
 - a. Mary Adair suggested that Board draft definition of the president's role(s) so that the candidates know the various obligations. Nominating committee can put it together.
3. Comments by Joe Artz
 - a. Is the reason for this change is that vice president doesn't really know that they're supposed to become president? Hedden outlined the reasons why this scenario fell apart.
 - b. What will the VP do? Hedden clarified that they'd only be in charge of bylaws committee.
 - c. Called attention to other sections where VP and President duties are defined that might need to be edited. Hedden does not think they conflict with the changes.
 - d. Term 'president-elect' isn't defined and asked what ex officio member means. Hedden clarified that it means they're a non-voting member.
- iv. Lauren Ritterbush moved that we approve proposed changes, Billeck second, 2 opposed
- v. Motion passes
- b. Undergraduate travel grant
 - i. Pool recognized value of fund in enabling student attendance.
 - ii. Adair recognized Brad Logan and Lauren Ritterbush for donating book proceeds to student travel fund.

13. New Business

- a. Sensitive image policy
 - i. Restrict the use of human remains and funerary objects unless you get permission of Tribes
 - ii. Described process of drafting policy and distributing to Tribes
 - iii. Summarized details of policy
 - iv. Noted that we have decided to form an ad hoc committee to look at this issue
- b. Orphan collections
 - i. Andy Clark said a few words about orphan human remains collections
 - ii. Described orphaned human remains recently uncovered at the University of North Dakota. Described a series of errors that led to the discovery of human remains.
 - iii. Two other universities have moved on this issue as well (cited University of Tennessee collections of Bill Bass)
 - iv. Asked if Plains would entertain compiling something to bring this issue to light and assist the organizations that need help.

- c. Upcoming conferences
 - i. Katie Lamie talked about upcoming Rapid City, SD conference
 - 1. More traditional venue at a Holiday Inn conference center
 - 2. Commitment from Augustana to help out
 - 3. City of Deadwood archives director will give a below the ground tour
 - 4. Dates are the 18th through 21st of October.
 - ii. Someone (unknown) suggested we look at Lincoln, NE for 2025 meeting