

**Plains Anthropological Society
Pre-Conference Board Meeting via Zoom
Tuesday, October 4th, 2022
Minutes**

Present: Kelly Pool (President), John Hedden (Vice President), Spencer Pelton (secretary), Chris Johnston (treasurer), Bill Billeck (Editor), Courtney Ziska (webmaster), Alison Hadley (arrived at 9am), Brandi Bethke, Nancy Arendt, Adam Wiewel, Shawn Bubel, Carlton Gover (pending member, arrived at 9:08 am), Veronica Mraz (pending member), Cody Newton (pending member)

Not present: Richard Meyers

1. Welcome and announcements
 - a. Called to order by President Kelly Pool at 8:37 am
2. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Hedden motion to approve, Billeck second, unanimously approved
3. Introduction of new Board Members
 - a. Veronica Mraz is in Iowa and works for State
 - b. Cody Newton in Wyoming working for SWCA
4. Brief conference update (Bethke)
 - a. Have everything in place. Going today for final walkthrough. Have enough money to pay bills. Close to 300 people registered, around half of which students. Around 200 people signed up for networking event.
5. Officer's Reports
 - a. President
 - i. Will give at meeting
 - b. Treasurer and Endowment Committee
 - i. Will give at meeting
 - c. Editor
 - i. Presently on volume 67
 - ii. 2 issues have been printed and distributed. 3rd issue submitted and awaiting mailing to membership.
 - iii. Has 1 article in hand for November and 1 submitted (but initial reviews not good).
 - iv. Average years published 14 articles and reports. This year we've gotten 7 submitted articles. Need more submissions. 3 articles in a group and a fourth article pending. Promise of a memoir. But if submissions continue at this rate, Plains is in trouble.
 - v. Press used to have a page quota, but thinking about switching it to complete article quota (14 to 17 a year).
 - vi. Biden Admin says that Federally-funded research has to be open access. Press requires fee for open access. Questions over what this means. Is every CRM project Federally-funded?
 - vii. Bubel confirmed that submissions are down for the journal she edits as well. Also noted that Canadian funding sources require open access already. Noted that winner of student paper competition is encouraged to publish.

6. Standing Committee reports

- a. Archives
 - i. Archives for 2021 meeting submitted by Lauren Ritterbush on September 1st, 2022, including all 2021 agendas and minutes, program and abstracts from 2021 conference, 2021 distinguished service award packet, and 2021 resolutions
 - ii. Intend to submit post-conference report and other awards
 - iii. Will add Board handbook to archives submission
- b. Bylaws
 - i. John and Kelly on Bylaws committee
 - ii. Updated everyone on bylaws changes (switching President from Board to membership election)
- c. Conference and handbook
 - i. No updates
- d. Distinguished service
 - i. 2 nominations. Committee was Mike Fosha, Veronica Mraz, Tim Reed, and John Hedden. Deemed both awards worthy and will award both at conference.
- e. Ethics and Inclusion
 - i. Made major updates to conference code of conduct. University of Oklahoma not interested in partnering with PAS to promote workshops or events at conference. Included code of conduct in conference handbook.
- f. Membership
 - i. Total of 444 current members, up from last year but not much. 323 individual members, 72 student members (up from 47 in 2021), 32 lifetime members, 17 secondary members on joint accounts.
 - ii. Most of job was answering emails about password resets. 1 or 2 emails a week, more inquiries closer to conference.
 - iii. Biggest membership states are: Colorado (56), Oklahoma (60), Texas (40), and Wyoming (40).
 - iv. Making website more accessible for future membership committee is a priority (i.e., ability to remove members)
- g. NASA
 - i. Had 5 applicants this year. Have had 1 or 2 people in past. Never had this many applicants. Applicants from all across country (Augustana, OU, Kansas State, UCLA, CU Boulder).
 - ii. Brandi sent letters out to all local colleges and THPOs, but most of the folks seem to have been influenced by their advisor.
 - iii. Chris suggested holding off discussion of how many award to disburse until we're in person
 - iv. Have allocated 2,000 on an annual basis to NASA
 - v. Don Wyckoff has donated \$500 from book royalties to this as well
 - vi. Chase Earl donated a piece of art to auction for this award
- h. Nominations
 - i. Didn't have a ton of people who were contacted and not interested. Initially 7 candidates and only 1 backed out. Didn't have a single recommendation from general membership. Had 114 people vote (similar to recent years). Voting down 25% from 5 years ago.

- ii. Suggested providing a nomination form to incentivize nominations from membership.
 - iii. Can we do this because we need 2 members to nominate people? Nominating chair can handle getting a 'second'.
- i. Resolutions
 - i. 1st resolution recognizes the conference organizers and donors
 - ii. 5 deaths this year: John Frizell, David Gradwohl, Stu Conner, Mary Lou Larson, Fern Swenson
 - iii. Cody Newton indicated that Margot Liberty is another one, in February 2022.
- j. Student Paper
 - i. Will be given in person in Oklahoma City
- k. Student Poster
 - i. Bubel has not heard back from Brendan about this
 - ii. Went with same submission deadline as general call
 - iii. Has 13 student posters this year. Up from last year
 - iv. 6 are individual participants
 - v. 8 accepted banquet tickets
 - vi. Giving graduate \$200 and undergraduate \$100
 - vii. Adam Wiewel happy to help judge
 - viii. Kathy Holen may have a rubric for judging
- l. Website and Social media (communications)
 - i. 2,712 followers on Facebook
 - ii. We made 17 post to Facebook between May 3rd and September 30th
 - iii. The most popular post announced 2022 meeting. 2nd most popular was an article share about biographic tradition rock art.
- m. Webmaster/Website
 - i. Courtney decided not to continue for second term
- 7. Ad Hoc committee reports
 - a. Donna C. Roper
 - i. Bill Billeck, Nancy Arendt, John Hedden, John Bozell, Mary Adair, and Lauren Ritterbush on committee
 - ii. 2 applications for committee to review. Committee split into two groups because some members of committee were on one of the projects for which funds are being requested
 - iii. Original endowment \$121,000. Down about \$20,000 due to market. Now at about \$101,000. Now have about \$11,000 left that's not endowed. Considering lowering amount because concerned about overall longevity of research fund.
 - iv. Johnston encouraged applicants to publish results in Plains Anthropologist
 - b. Financial Review
 - i. Mark Mitchell will give at meeting
 - c. Student Affairs
 - i. Bethke reached out to see if the committee needed anything but didn't hear back.
 - ii. Gave them an ultimatum for organizing a workshop. They are going to do a workshop on how to get a job. Brandi will attend to give members background on the intent of committee. Board provided funds for luncheon last year, but this is the first time it's happened.
 - d. Undergraduate student travel

- i. Wendy Field-Murray, Brendon Asher, and Nancy Arendt on committee
 - ii. 21 applicants totaling over \$13,955.56 requested
 - iii. CU Boulder, University of Wyoming, Augustana, Metro State, and Wichita State
 - iv. 3 group requests (16 undergrads) and 5 individuals
 - v. Refined rubric again to determine what will be awarded
 - vi. 1 applicant was no longer an applicant and was disqualified
 - vii. Did not give an award to someone who received it last year
 - viii. Another applicant didn't make extended deadline
 - ix. Divided money among remaining 18 applicants
 - e. Plains Anthropologist back issues
 - i. Sold 2 issues
 - ii. More people want to pay via paypal than check
- 8. Announcements
 - a. No announcements
- 9. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to adjourn at 10:35 am by Johnston, Second by Wiewel