

CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY APRIL 19, 2003

Item 1. President Robert McKinley called the meeting to order at 11:53 am. President McKinley welcomed everyone to the annual meeting, particularly the several past presidents of the Society. He spoke briefly of the honor it has been to serve CSAS during his tenure.

Item 2. Outgoing President R. McKinley presented the mantel of the office to Incoming President E. Paul Durrenberger. President Durrenberger thanked R. McKinley for his service, and welcomed everyone to the 2003 annual meeting. He spoke briefly of the history in present manifested in the past and future officers. He also offered thanks to those who made the past year a successful one.

Item 3. President's Report.

President Durrenberger summarized the 2002 annual report to AAA, as well as the letter CSAS sent to the AAA regarding our concerns about the change in policy on meeting site restrictions. The Midwest is particularly hard hit by the restriction.

The increase of membership dues was explained as a result in the increase to the expense of publishing and distributing the *CSAS Bulletin* among other increases. The increase went into effect January 2003.

The CSAS invited and co-sponsored sessions for the 2003 AAA annual meeting were announced. This year we have collaborated with the Society for Senior Anthropologists and the Society for the Anthropology of Religion in two sessions. Many CSAS members are panelists in a variety of sessions. In 2003 there will be a distinct increase in CSAS' visibility. We are currently working to continue that trend in 2004.

Item 4. Secretary's Report.

Secretary J. Lucke summarized the minutes from the March 2002 Business meeting in East Lansing, Michigan. Highlights included: the growing CSAS collection in the National Archives and the sale of CSAS jewelry. The motion was made to accept the summarized minutes; the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Item 5. Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer J. Lucke provided the figures from the most recent statement provided by AAA. See attached report. The motion was made to accept the treasurer's report; the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Item 6. 2003 Program Chair Report.

E.P. Durrenberger reported on the success of the current meeting citing 36 sessions with 170+ presentations were made. Registration was 210+. Durrenberger thanked R. Deutsch for his work in local arrangements, and for his photo display. A discussion was held regarding the improvements made to the planning process for the annual meeting.

In particular, the new web site and business luncheon (see agenda for others). All were encouraged to attend the Saturday evening musical entertainment – Andy Cohen, blues musician. Tickets are still available. A motion was made to accept the report of the First Vice President; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Item 7. First Vice President's Report.

R. Feinberg announced the 2004 annual meeting would be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on April 15 to 18 at the Park East Hotel. Local arrangements chair will be P. Gray (University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee). We are investigating the possibility of having a joint meeting the Midwest Ethnomusicology Society. A call was made to submit paper and session proposals by the December 1st deadline. Plans for a CSAS jam session are also being made for any musicians or vocalists who may attend. A motion was made to accept the report of the First Vice President; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

A call for ideas for sessions for the 2004 AAA annual meeting was made as well, with the reminder that it is never too early to begin planning. Please let R. Feinberg know of your interest by late October 2003.

Item 8. Second Vice President's Report.

J. Hamill announced the 2005 annual meeting would be held in Oxford, Ohio on March 10 to 13 at the Marcum Conference Center and Miami Inn. Local arrangements chair will be J. Hamill (Miami University). Any suggestions for the annual meeting should be forwarded to P. Gray and J. Hamill. A motion was made to accept the report of the Second Vice President; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Item 9. Committee Reports.

Nominations Committee. H. Ottenheimer announced the nominees for the 2003 election process. Slate of candidates is as follows: Second Vice President: Hopkins and Provinzano; Board: Bucko, Hull, Kuznar, and Sidky; Nominations Committee: Adams and A. Sandstrom. Candidates present were asked to stand and give a brief statement. A motion was made to accept the report of the Nominations Committee; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

CSAS Bulletin Editor. J. Hopgood asked that members keep sending him ideas for stories as well as member information and news. The President thanked Hopgood for the improvement in the publication since taking over as editor. Applause by membership. A motion was made to accept the report of the CSAS Bulletin editor; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Archivist. P. Sandstrom asked for volunteers to look through photo albums to assist in the identification of people. She also distributed a record of the most recent deposits to the CSAS collection at the National Archives (see handout attached to Board meeting minutes). The handout outlines what materials are missing...particularly from the annual meetings or presidential papers. A call was made to donate any materials may have stored in office or home that will help to complete our historical record – paper and

electronic documents are welcome. A motion was made to accept the report of the Archivist; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

Item 10. Old Business.
No old business.

Item 11. New Business.

AN Editor Position Open. R. Graff has resigned from the appointed position as she is moving out of the Midwest. The membership thanked her for her dedication and job well done over the past two years. Persons interested in the position should contact President Durrenberger as soon as possible. Two individuals present, H. Sidkey and D. Akers (Miami University), expressed their interest in the position. The membership decided to accept their application and appointed them co-editors. The deadline for the first fall issue is in July. R. Graff was instructed to coordinate with them for the transfer of responsibility.

Job Postings within CSAS. A motion was made to post job openings in the Midwest on the CSAS web site; it was seconded and passed by voice vote. Job listings should be sent to Secretary Lucke.

Future Annual Meeting Locations. A call was made for host institutions for the 2006 and beyond annual meetings. Secretary Lucke can provide information on the responsibilities and obligations of the host institution. Three universities have expressed tentative interest: Creighton University, IUPUI, and Grand Valley State University. Approval must be sought from AAA for all potential sites due to sodomy law restrictions.

Improvements to Annual Meeting Program. B. Kaplan suggested that to assist members in planning for their attendance at the annual meetings certain information should be made available prior to the meeting dates. Some of the information is currently available but not widely known. It was moved that the preliminary program should be posted on the web as soon as it is available, the abstracts to organized sessions and all papers should be made available at the meeting, and a descriptive sentence of all sessions and papers be included in the printed program; it was seconded and passed by voice vote.

CSAS Reaction to U.S. Military Action in Iraq. The Board discussed the distribution of a resolution stating our disagreement with the action taken by the U.S. government regarding Iraq. Several other professional organizations have done the same in recent weeks. In the Board meeting a proposed resolution was presented, and deferred to the membership. After lengthy discussion and several friendly amendments regarding the wording and intent of the resolution, the following was presented: *We, the members of the Central States Anthropological Society, support the right of the Iraqi people to pursue their own self-determination. Furthermore, we oppose all efforts of the United States government to substitute pre-emptive military action for diplomacy.* The motion was made to accept the amended resolution; it was seconded and passed by voice vote, with voiced opposition. Another motion was made to send the resolution to national news services for publication. Agencies to send to include the Associated

Press, Reuters, New York Times, AAA and Science; the motion was seconded and passed by voice vote. NOTE: press release was submitted with no response from any news agency.

Item 12. Necrology.

Gabriel Lasker passed away at the age of 90 in August 2002. Gabe was an officer and long-time member of CSAS. He is survived by his wife B. Kaplan.

Others include Robert and Linda Braidwood, and Sue Kent, former editor of American Antiquity.

Item 13. Official Conference Thank Yous.

Richard Deutsch, Hyatt Regency Downtown, and Spalding University for the local arrangements.

Thomas Dillehay for the wonderful Distinguished Lecturer presentation.

Richard Deutsch for his photographic display on this work in Ireland.

E. Paul Durrenberger for the planning of the program.

Item 14. Announcements.

2003 Student Paper Competition deadline in mid-May. Undergraduate and Graduate divisions.

2003 White and Dillingham Awards will be accepting applications through mid-may.

Item 15. Adjournment.

President Durrenberger asked for a motion to bring the 2003 annual business meeting to a close. A motion was made, seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce J. Lucke
Secretary
April 17, 2004

Amended April 30, 2004 per corrections offered at 2004 annual meeting.