

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society
Thursday, March 28, 2008 - 7 p.m. , Director's Row 3, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
Approved November 22, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President James Hamill called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m

Present: James Hamill, Claude Jacobs, Margie Buckner, Robert Ulin, Harriet Ottenheimer, James Dow, Nancy Eberhardt, Bill Guinee, MaryCarol Hopkins, Cindy Hull, Evelyn Dean.

Guests: None.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hamill welcomed the new board members and extended thanks to Buckner, Ottenheimer and Jacobs for great meeting organization, emphasizing that none of them live close to Indianapolis.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

M/S/P Eberhardt/Hull to approve the minutes of the November 2007 Board meeting, distributed electronically.

Ottenheimer reported that according to AAA we have 196 members as of February 2008. Although 21 new members joined through the conference, we are also losing members. AAA bylaws require 250 minimum for representation in the Section Assembly.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Ottenheimer reported that as of December 31, 2007, we had net assets of \$9,268.70. This is up nearly \$2,000 from the previous year. The difference is having dropped out of AnthroSource. Our section allocation dues were \$880 for 2007, as compared to \$5,508 in 2006. The White award fund has \$17,061.60. The Dillingham award fund has \$15,793.12.

M/S/P Hopkins/Jacobs to accept the financial report.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Claude Jacobs presented an update on the 2008 Indianapolis conference and thanked the hotel and the local and conference planning committees. There were more than 160 papers organized into 35 sessions. He cited in particular the work of James Dow in publicizing the conference. Dow explained that he had compiled lists of all anthros in the central states region (MI, MN, WI, IL, IN, KS, MO, OH, KY, IA) and sent them all an electronic copy of the conference flyer. The flyer was a small file size for ease of emailing. This reached about 1,000-1500 anthros. Jacobs further explained the division of labor on this conference. Margie Buckner, handled local arrangements. Sue Kenyon assisted, hooking her up with local folks. Harriet Ottenheimer handled registration details, receiving payment and forwarding to AAA. Ray Bucko handled abstract submission through the CSAS website, forwarding details to Jacobs and Ottenheimer. Hamill offered his thanks to the team. Buckner asked for help for next year. It was pointed out that Jacobs was doing this a year earlier than had been expected.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Margie Buckner presented an update on plans for the 2009 conference. The conference will be in Urbana-Champaign at the Illini Union. The Union switched from Coke to Pepsi last year, and is a near-union hotel. The UI anthro department will be celebrating its 50th anniversary. Buckner is in contact with individuals there including department head Steven Leigh and AAA incoming president Virginia Dominguez. Angela Glaros will recruit graduate students to assist with local arrangements. The Spurlock Museum is on campus. The question arose regarding providing online registration for the conference. Using Missouri State Web Services would cost \$500 setup, \$20 per month, and 2-3 percent of each registration payment (see below).

There was general agreement that the Program Chair and the Secretary/Treasurer should work out how to handle registration issues each year.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MaryCarolHopkins noted that Anna J. Willow (U Wisconsin) had won the 2007 Dillingham award and Bronwyn Fullard (Notre Dame) won the 2007 White award. She indicated that the results of 2007 White and Dillingham awards competition had been announced via the Fall Bulletin and the AN. They were also listed in this year's conference program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Jim Dow reported on the ballot for 2008: For Second Vice President-Elect: (to take office as 2nd vp Spring 2009: H Sidky, for Secretary/Treasurer: 2008-2011 Harriet Ottenheimer; for Nominations: (2008-2010) Larry Breitborde and Alan Sandstrom; for the two board positions (2009-2012), Deborah Akers, Myrdene Anderson, Nancy Eberhardt, Phyllis Passariello, and Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi have agreed to run. He also reminded people that the bylaws changes approved by the board at the spring 2007 meeting will be on the 2008 ballot. M/S/P Guinee/Hull to accept the report.

CSAS BULLETIN No editor. See Old Business, below.

AN EDITOR(S)

Evie Dean indicated that she and co-editor Angela Glaros are open to suggestions for future columns. She will be going to Mexico city next year for her fieldwork but will continue to edit the column with Glaros. M/S/P Jacobs/Dow to accept the report.

ARCHIVIST REPORT No report. Pamela Sandstrom has indicated to Ottenheimer that she has received boxes of material from Lucke and is preparing them for archiving.

REPORT OF REPRESENTATIVE TO AAA ALLOCATIONS COMMITTEE

Buckner reported that she had participated in the February AAA conference call on selecting an allocations formula for AS participants. Following the conference call AAA asked all participants to send responses and all participants have been reading each others' responses. Two weeks ago AAA decided to go with option 3. It takes an accountant to understand each option but basically half of the AS income from Wiley-Blackwell will go to AA. The remainder will be prorated to protect sections with larger costs. Other sections will get smaller amounts. Some sections are upset at having to subsidize AA via AS (in addition to membership). Having pointed out the inequity of CSAS having been allowed to withdraw from AS at exactly the same time that the negotiations with W-B were being discussed, Buckner has asked for CSAS to be readmitted, Oona Schmidt, with whom this needs to be discussed, is out of town until Monday. Buckner will follow up with her after the conference.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTING A BULLETIN EDITOR: (continued from Spring and Fall 2007)

Ottenheimer presented Alice Kehoe's offer to edit the Bulletin (see addenda below). In Kehoe's words: "Alice will consider taking the job for three years IF (a) CSAS will pay about \$50 to pay a competent person to format the Bulletin using best most recent technology, OR (b) the Bulletin would also include selected papers from the Association of Senior Anthropologists' AAA sessions, in which case ASA would pay for formatting, and the approximately 170 members of ASA would also receive the Bulletin" Discussion ensued with focus on CSAS identity and needs issues.

M/S/P (Buckner/Ulin) to accept Kehoe's offer for three years beginning with the Fall 2008 issue, and to ask her to include more CSAS content (notes from the field, distinguished lecture, book reports, winning student papers, member profiles, department profiles, U Illinois 50th anniversary celebration) to provide balance with ASA content. There should also be an explanation of the arrangement in the first Bulletin with ASA papers, so that CSAS members will know why the papers are included.

Hopkins noted that she would be interested in helping Kehoe, especially in working with award-winning student papers for inclusion in the Bulletin.

NEW BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP, OUTREACH, ETC.

Discussed a range of ideas including providing networking opportunities for anthropologists in the region, encouraging regional cross-institutional consortia (for fieldwork schools, for example), organizing more roundtables at CSAS conferences (teaching, service-learning, graduate-school applications), encouraging members to test-drive symposia prior to presenting at AAA, reaching out to other sections, maintaining contact with anthropologists in the central states region (perhaps through sending e-bulletins), and establishing a "supporter" category of CSAS membership (CSAS "supporters" would make an annual donation of at least \$20 to CSAS (i.e., to the White or Dillingham or general funds) and would receive member-level conference registration fees). M/S/P Guinee/Eberhardt that Ottenheimer explore the idea of "supporter" category of membership with AAA.

LOGGING CONFERENCE REGISTRATIONS INTO AAA DATABASE?

(Currently AAA just files copies of the registration forms that Ottenheimer sends them, at no charge to us. Instead they could log info into database at cost to us of @\$25 per hour. (History: \$50 in 2004, \$50 in 2005, \$17.50 in 2006.) Advantage? They can provide us with member stats (after the fact) and can refund fees more easily. But note that they have no problem refunding fees now.) Not discussed

USING WEB REGISTRATION FOR FUTURE CONFERENCES?

Discussed under 2nd Vice President's Report. Missouri State Web Services will charge \$500 for basic setup, \$20 per month in paypal fees for each month that the system is active, and 2-3% of each registration fee. AAA would charge \$300-450 programming time, and \$25 per hour logging registrations. AAA cannot provide registration info to us as frequently as we would like. Missouri State Web Services can perhaps provide information to us in a more timely manner? Once set up we could use the system for subsequent conferences as well, thus pro-rating the basic setup cost over a longer time period. Buckner and Ottenheimer will work out the details with Missouri State Web Services for the 2009 conference. Ulin should be involved as well.

AWARD GUIDELINES and PROCESSES

Hopkins led a discussion about award guidelines and processes. There was some concern that money is granted to the White and Dillingham winners with no accountability requirements. Additional concern that we are not staying in touch with the family. It was noted that Anna Willow voluntarily reported back on completion of her dissertation. Result of discussion: Jacobs and Ottenheimer will work on revising announcements for next year's awards, Hopkins will contact Fullard to request a report, and Hamill will put something into this year's award letter requesting reports.

2010 MEETING Locations

Ulin led a discussion of possible locations for 2010 including Toledo and Madison. Regrettably Michigan is still on AAA's taboo list. There was general support for Madison. He will inquire there.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was general support for having a bulletin board for messages at next year's conference. There was also support for creation of a CSAS banner for the registration table.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.