

**CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
Union Square 9, San Francisco Hilton Hotel, San Francisco, CA
Saturday, November 22, 2008, 9 a.m. – noon
Approved April 2, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

9:05 a.m.

President Claude Jacobs called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Present: Margie Buckner, Nancy Eberhardt, Bill Guinee Alice Kehoe, Harriet Ottenheimer, Alan Sandstrom, Pamela Sandstrom, Robert Ulin

Guests: Incoming (Spring 2009) board member Myrdene Anderson, AAA president-elect Virginia Dominguez, UIUC local arrangements contact Melinda Bernardo

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Claude Jacobs)

President Jacobs welcomed board members, and announced election results: Second vice president-elect H. Sidky, Nominations Committee Alan Sandstrom, Board members Myrdene Anderson and Nancy Eberhardt.

President Jacobs reported on the Section Assembly meeting. Buckner had also attended and she assisted with the report. There were two major issues: Section size and Archives. Mentoring was also discussed.

Section size: The new minimum size is 225. The old minimum of 250 had not been enforced because the SA had never had voting rights on the AAA Executive Board. The Section Assembly now has an executive committee. Three SA members will be elected by the SA to serve on the AAA EB. Now that the SA will have voting representation on the AAA EB the AAA bylaws require enforcement of a minimum section size. Six sections have been given special status including Black, Indigenous, Latino, Gay/Lesbian, and Senior Anthropologists and do not need to meet the minimum. CSAS does not meet the minimum at present but AAA is willing to be flexible and to work with us to find ways to keep us in AAA if we want to remain. There will be a three year period during which we can work to get our numbers up. AAA wants to help us meet the mark. Many ideas were discussed at the SA including courtesy memberships, affiliate memberships, even memorial memberships. Peak membership will be counted, rather than average. (Our most recent peak was 204, in May of 2008.) If we do not meet the minimum within the three years there will be an appeals process and a working out of how funds would be managed if we were to leave AAA. It is unclear if we would be able to keep our funds or if they are legally the property of AAA. These are uncharted waters. Kehoe suggested addressing AAA requesting special status as the oldest section, but advised waiting until there was a real threat. Virginia Dominguez, president-elect of AAA, joined the meeting at this point and reassured the group indicating that we did not need to worry about the demise of CSAS as a section. She indicated that there were many creative ways to build membership. She indicated that CSAS is seen as a very organized section.

Archives: There is a push to have all sections place their materials in the National Anthropological Archives in Suitland MD. The NAA is a part of the Smithsonian Institution. CSAS is well ahead of the curve on this one. It has been and continues to be the most active section in terms of archiving, thanks to early depositing of materials by Barry Isaac and continued archiving by Pamela Sandstrom.

Mentoring: There will be a Section Assembly Caucus of Students. Every section should send a student representative to participate in the caucus. (We should fill our vacant student-rep position.)

Task forces established at the Section Assembly meeting included a task force on building section membership, a task force on mentoring students, and a force was set up to look into offering reduced conference registration and waivers for community organizers, international scholars, etc.. Buckner has volunteered for the membership task force and Jacobs has volunteered for the mentoring task force. Alan Sandstrom volunteered to assist Buckner with membership drive issues. (Buckner and A. Sandstrom will serve as an informal CSAS membership drive committee.)

Also note: the Section Annual report to AAA will be due Jan 31st. Claude will take care of this. And Feb 15 is this year's deadline for material for elections for spring ballot. Alan and Paul should be taking care of that.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

M/S/P Guinee/Ulin to approve the minutes of the March 2008 Board meeting, distributed electronically

The officer contact list has been distributed electronically and is on the website.

Ottenheimer reported that according to AAA we have 201 members as of August 31, 2008. Our peak for this year was in May, with 205 members. Although we continue to sign up new members we also continue to lose old members. Buckner

noted that the Dow lists are being used to send conference information. She has a graduate student who might be able to assist with updating them. They will only be used for Bulletin mailings (call for papers, final program). Kehoe raised the issue of reaching out to profs at community colleges. Guinee suggested sending a short piece to the journal "Teaching Anthropology" inviting professors at Community Colleges to request a free subscription to the CSAS Bulletin. Kehoe suggested contacting Mark Lewine about reaching out to Native Colleges in our region.

A membership drive committee including Buckner and A. Sandstrom was informally formed. Kehoe, Guinee, and Ottenheimer will also be on the committee.

M/S Ottenheimer/Buckner To confer CSAS membership on CSAS student prize winners. Motion withdrawn.

M/S Ottenheimer/Eberhardt To give Barack Obama an honorary membership in CSAS. Motion Postponed.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The general budget is in much better shape now that CSAS is not paying publication fees/costs for UCP to publish the Bulletin. AnthroSource still keeps copies of CSAS publications online for public access, but CSAS receives no income from AAA any more because CSAS is not included in the AnthroSource contract with Wiley-Blackwell.

M/S/P A. Sandstrom/Eberhardt to accept the financial report, distributed electronically

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner reported on preparations for 2009 conference. Online registration was set up by mid-October. Three people have registered online so far and one has registered on paper. The cost to us for this service will be \$400, rather than \$500 as anticipated. There will be no percentage fee charged. The page is at Buckner's institution and is linked from and to the CSAS page. It will be usable as long as Buckner is affiliated with CSAS. Registrants receive an online receipt and Buckner also is sending individual emails as receipts. UIUC Anthropology has reserved the meeting rooms for us at a lower cost, and will provide equipment, including two data projectors, for our use. Buckner will bring 4 additional data projectors. Sandstroms can bring some. No overhead projectors or slide projectors will be provided.

Events (and individuals helping) will include: a tour of and possibly a reception at the Spurlock Museum (Norm Whitten), a writing workshop for students (Alma Gottlieb), a session on the AA race project (Arlene Torres), a publishing workshop (Janet Keller), a workshop on publishing in journals (Steve Lay, Helene Silverman, Janet Keller), an IFUS (International Forum for US Studies) panel including non-US based anthros doing research on the US, a lunch or cocktail session for presidents and former presidents of sections (e.g., a section leadership forum). Other suggestions include a presidential session of some sort (history of CSAS?), a graduate school workshop for undergraduate students, a social networking workshop (Willie McKether), and a panel on museums and social justice (Joel Zobar). UIUC will be celebrating their 50th anniversary with a reception or a symposium. Entertainment may include a Balkan music ensemble (Angela Glaros).

Buckner introduced Melinda Bernardo who will be the local contact person. Board members were asked to organize symposia. Eberhardt suggested a session on CSAS history. Kehoe, Ottenheimer, and P. Sandstrom offered to help. Anderson suggested it be a poster session or exhibit. We have six breakout rooms on one floor, two rooms on another floor, and a third floor ballroom for special events. The Illini Union will be charging \$100 for a double room. There are overflow hotels nearby. Anderson mentioned that the Holiday Inn, near the interstate, has a shuttle.

Buckner discussed the greening of AAA and asked whether the same could be done for the UIUC. She will talk to Bernardo and the Illini Union staff about recycling, etc.

M/S/P Pamela Sandstrom/Buckner: To challenge conference participants and organizers to green the 2009 conference as a model. Sandstrom requested that this challenge be put into the AN column.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Robert Ulin)

Ulin announced the winners of the 2008 student paper awards:

The undergraduate student paper award was won by Chelsea R. Iverson, a senior at St. Mary's College, majoring in the Anthropology of Global Development, for her paper "Disempowering Women: Human Development and the Kerala Model". There were 11 papers submitted.

The graduate student paper award was won by Audrey Ricke, a Ph.D. student at Indiana U, for her paper "The Power in Festivals: Reviving and Reasserting German Identity in Brazil". There were 13 papers submitted.

Ulin reported on preliminary plans for 2010 conference. The conference is scheduled for April 8-11, 2010 at the Pyle Conference Center in Madison, Wisconsin. They are well set-up for conferences of our size and they offer reasonable catering costs. The chair of the Anthropology department at University of Wisconsin-Madison signed off for us so that we could get reduced rates. Ulin plans to approach Neil Whitehead as a possible speaker, and to help with contacts for support.

Now that he is Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at Rochester Institute of Technology he is more challenged in terms of time and support so he is working to find a local arrangements chair to organize local details

Suggestion: have someone from Wisconsin attend next Fall's meeting to help plan with spring conference. Also, encourage folks from Wisconsin to attend the Urbana conference this Spring.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Jim Hamill)

No report. But for the record: Brandi Janssen, a graduate student at the University of Iowa, won the 2008 Dillingham award and Antonie Dvořáková, a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Chicago won the 2008 White Award.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (E. Paul Durrenberger and Alan Sandstrom)

The positions to be filled during 2009 election process are: Second Vice President-Elect: (to take office as 2nd vp Spring 2010), two board positions: (2010-2013), and one nominations committee position (August 2009-2011). Please send suggestions to A. Sandstrom and to Durrenberger.

CSAS BULLETIN (Alice Kehoe)

Kehoe reported that Ottenheimer came to her house and helped to prepare the September issue. Seventeen paper copies were mailed via USPS. This is down from 20 last year. An item profiling Justine Cordwell in the Fall *Bulletin* resulted in an email from a woman in Oberlin wanting to get in contact with Cordwell due to an old family connection. There will be room in the February issue for more items of interest.

Amber Clifford's offer to assist with the *Bulletin* was discussed. As she is very new to the association, Buckner will invite her to attend the spring CSAS conference, to present a paper there, and to begin to get involved with CSAS.

AN EDITOR(S) (Angela Glaros, Evelyn Dean-Olmstead)

Both are in the field but are active in preparing the *AN* column. Items should be sent to them via email.

ARCHIVIST REPORT (Pamela Sandstrom)

Pamela Sandstrom reported that everything sent to her recently is safely under her desk and will be archived soon. Robertt Leopold (National Anthropological Archives) has said that CSAS is the most active member section in terms of archiving, thanks to Pamela and to Barry Isaac. Sandstrom is willing to continue indefinitely as archivist (she keeps redundant duplicates) and although she can answer reference questions she is not our librarian but our archivist. She also noted that nobody is archiving email. As there is no promise that electronic files can be migrated to newer media everyone should remember that important items should be printed out onto paper so that they can be archived.

OLD BUSINESS

ANTHROSOURCE (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner reported that it appears we couldn't sign on to the contract with Wiley-Blackwell at the time that they wanted us to because we did not have an editor at the time, so we did withdraw (or were withdrawn) from AnthroSource. She wrote AAA a letter last winter, asking to get back in. Never heard back. Last night there was a workshop on publishing headed by Andrea Wiley and Hugh Jarvis who are heading the committee for the future of electronic publishing (CFPEP) with Oona Schmidt, editors, web representatives; one section is trying to revitalize their publication and get back in. But for now, there will be no new people going in to anthrosource. There will be a moratorium for a year or two. New alternatives that were discussed include publishing a print journal with supplemental information online, and straight online publishing. Buckner will get more details tomorrow. Other ideas discussed include putting packets of best articles together as a virtual journal as a new issue, monograph publishing, print on demand publishing, online publishing, advertising in each other's journals? We need to make clear that we are not a thematic organization--we just live and teach in the midwest--but perhaps we could think about publishing materials for teachers in the midwest? Do we want to get the *Bulletin* back as published journal? Buckner will meet with Schmidt tomorrow to discuss financials.

BOARD MEMBER RESPONSIBILITIES (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner brought this up as a continuation of the discussion from the previous meeting. Should each board member have a specific task assigned? For example board members could be assigned to assist with conference planning, or with emailing members, or with tracking down students, etc. She would appreciate help with program decisions for the conference; Eberhardt, Jacobs, and Guinee volunteered for this. Guinee will email the journal "Teaching Anthropology" and assist with membership. He also offered to make a list of potential tasks that board members could work on and ask them to volunteer via email. Possible permanent tasks would include membership, meeting assistance, paper reading (for the student paper competition; usually assigned by the 2nd vp), assisting with the *Bulletin*, mentoring, networking, cooperation. . . . There are six positions on the board.

MEMBERSHIP

See the discussion above of AAA's proposed new minimum of 225 (instead of 250) and its impact on CSAS?

OPEN POSITIONS ON BOARD

Discussion of how to get student representative(s) who would continue to come to board meetings. Possible financial assistance? Should students choose their own representatives to the board? How to help them to organize this? Could consider this a "mentoring" issue.

NEW BUSINESS

AWARD AMOUNTS FOR 2009:

White and Dillingham awards are currently \$500; student paper awards are currently \$300. Agreed to continue these amounts.

MEETING LOCATIONS: BEYOND 2010:

Location ideas? Kehoe suggested Iowa State and University of Iowa, Need to check with AAA and get the current list of allowed locations. Claude will ask Kim Baker about how stringent the

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Ottenheimer suggested that we use some of our general fund for outreach to our members. Buckner will consider scheduling a nice reception at the Spring meeting. Other ideas: food provided at board meetings, a reception or cash-bar for members at the Fall AAA meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

M/S/P Kehoe/Buckner to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at noon.