

**CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
Room 403, Illini Union, Urbana-Champaign, IL  
Thursday, April 2, 2009, 5 – 7 p.m.  
Approved December 5, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Jacobs called the meeting to order at 5:20p.m.

Present: Myrdene Anderson, Margaret Buckner, Nancy Eberhardt, Rick Feinberg, Angela Glaros, Bill Guinee, Cindy Hull, Claude Jacobs, Alice Kehoe, Harriet Ottenheimer, Alan Sandstrom, Pamela Sandstrom.

Not present: Kathleen Adams, E. Paul Durrenberger, James Hamill, Robert Ulin, Homayun Sidky.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Claude Jacobs)**

President Jacobs welcomed officers to the meeting. He reports that he has been working to get CSAS-invited sessions for the AAA meetings. So far there is one with Durrenberger, one on Detroit, and he has been corresponding with ALA about co-sponsoring one on immigration/race ("e-rasure") in middle America and one on politics/representation.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)**

M/S/P Feinberg/Eberhardt to approve the minutes of the November 2008 Board meeting distributed electronically

The officer contact list has been revised and distributed electronically and the update will be posted on the CSAS website.

Ottenheimer reported that as of December 2008 we have 203 members. There are still problems with AAA keeping members on the list and adding new ones.

M/ Kehoe/ To formally petition AAA for CSAS to be added to the list of sections which will never be dropped due to membership issues. Motion failed for lack of second. Discussion focused on fact that the situation may not yet be dire enough for such an action and that AAA is still willing to work with us on the issue. Ideas for boosting membership were discussed, including continuing to have the annual conference on university campuses, combining conferences with other events such as departmental celebrations or other conferences, putting info from or about the history poster into AN, promoting the annual conference as a dry-run for AAA presentations, organizing sessions and inviting colleagues, emphasizing the affordability of CSAS conferences, and putting the history poster into the book exhibit room at the AAA conference in the Fall as part of an ongoing membership drive. Kehoe will pursue this latter idea with AAA.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)**

M/S/P Feinberg/Eberhardt to accept the financial distributed electronically.

M/S/P Feinberg/Buckner not to use the IRS W9 form in requesting information from conference distinguished speakers. AAA had requested we consider using the W9 rather than the traditional CSAS distinguished speaker information form. But AAA had also indicated that it is willing to accept the CSAS distinguished speaker information form. The traditional form was judged more user-friendly.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)**

First Vice President Buckner gave an update on 2009 Urbana-Champaign conference. There were 250 preregistered. There are 211 papers organized into 45 sessions. Undergraduates make up a smaller percentage of the presenters this year. There are lots of UIUC faculty chairing sessions. Virginia Dominguez has been very helpful in organizing local things. International attendees/presenters were only charged half-price; Dominguez covered the balance and her honorarium will make up for this. A few of Saturday's presenters who are only involved in UIUC events will also not pay (e.g., a single roundtable and some other events). The Saturday dinner is free, courtesy of UIUC Department of Anthropology. The Sunday round table of presidents includes free brunch. There are currently 58 people signed up for the business lunch; it will be possible to accommodate 66. Dominguez' distinguished lecture will be Friday evening at 7:30 followed by dessert and beverages, in room 314. Saturday night dinner entertainment will be provided by the ethnic music group Balkanalia, also in room 314; we are paying the group \$500 for the entertainment. Parking has been the only issue and it is working out. Online registration works now. The initial setup cost \$400 but

nothing was charged for the transactions. It will cost \$50 or \$100 to update it for next year. Buckner can continue to manage online registration so long as she is affiliated with her university. P. Sandstrom suggested a round of applause for an excellent conference.

For the 2010 conference: Buckner will do online registration and send the information to Ottenheimer. Ulin will be Program Chair. Not clear yet who will do local arrangements. Ulin may have someone in mind.

#### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Robert Ulin)**

Ulin was unable to attend but had sent information that Neil Whitehead had agreed to be Distinguished Speaker for the 2010 conference. Kehoe expressed a desire for Ada Deer to also speak at the conference. It was suggested that she coordinate a panel to honor Deer. She will ask Nancy Lurie to help and she will talk to Ulin about scheduling such a panel as a conference highlight.

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (James Hamill) - no report**

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE (E. Paul Durrenberger & Alan Sandstrom)**

Alan Sandstrom reported on the slate chosen for the Spring 2009 election process: For Second Vice President-Elect: (to take office as 2<sup>nd</sup> vp Spring 2010) P. Nick Kardulias; for the two board positions: (2010-2013) Derek Brereton, Doug Kline, Azizur Molla, Jon Wagner; for nominations committee (2009-2011) Alice Kehoe. All have agreed to run.

Cindy hull inquired about resigning from board and was talked into staying on board.

##### **CSAS BULLETIN (Alice Kehoe)**

Kehoe reported that the Winter Bulletin had been done mostly by Amber Clifford with input from Kehoe. Clifford is very tech-savvy. She also did the CSAS history poster now on display in the registration area. She recommends Clifford be appointed an editor. Discussion focused on importance of continuity for Bulletin.

M/S/P /Feinberg/Eberhardt That Amber Clifford and Alice Kehoe be named co-editors of the CSAS Bulletin.

##### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE (Margaret Buckner, Bill Guinee, Alan Sandstrom)**

Buckner reported that she had contacted other small sections (Humanistic, S E Asian) to see what they were trying. Humanistic has been very successful. The AAA committee that exists is forming ideas and we could piggyback on their proposals. Their report went in on April 1 and will be the subject of discussion in Philadelphia. A. Sandstrom commented that one good strategy will be to continue to have excellent meetings, with good balance between undergraduate, graduate, and faculty presenters, and to continue to break up student presenters into different sessions.

##### **AN EDITOR(S) (Evie Dean-Olmstead, Angela Glaros):**

Glaros reported that things going smoothly. One of the co-editors has been in in the field each year but it has been working out. They plan to have more features on experiences, and on specific topics. They would like to have additional ideas for columns. Feinberg suggested historical materials for columns. The Board thanked the AN editors for a great job.

##### **ARCHIVIST REPORT (Pamela Sandstrom).**

Pamela Sandstrom reported that the CSAS materials are safe under her desk. She has now opened Barry Isaac's two sealed boxes. Ten more boxes have accumulated. She needs to have each immediate past president's papers as they leave that position. She will transport the files to DC in May. She also pointed out that the ISSN issue needs to be taken care of for the Bulletin and that a statement of ownership needs to be included on each Bulletin. Additionally, we need to work on getting missing Bulletin issues into AnthroSource; we paid for the older materials to be there so they should stay there.

##### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Ray Bucko) [see Appendix 1]**

Bucko was unable to attend but sent word that all is going well and that he plans to work with a student on a much-needed re-design for the site to make it more user-friendly. He also sent the request that board members should ask at their institutions if they have someone (students, faculty) who offer pro bono web design for non-profits. Names of volunteers to assist in this way should be forwarded to Bucko.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **OPEN POSITIONS ON BOARD**

Student Representative: Jacobs will make an announcement at the business lunch to see if interest can be generated in this position

Section Assembly Representative: Feinberg would be willing to do this. Jacobs appointed Feinberg to the position. Buckner expressed interest in continuing to attend SA meetings; she will go this year as CSAS President.

**....HONORARY MEMBERSHIP in CSAS**

The motion that was postponed from Fall 2008 was dropped

**NEW BUSINESS**

**JOINT MEMBERSHIP for AAA JOINT MEMBERS:** (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner presented a member request for "A Joint CSAS membership for members of CSAS and their partner or spouse, at an additional cost of \$10 (or whatever the membership wants)"

M/S/P Buckner/Feinberg to establish a joint CSAS membership for members of CSAS and their partner or spouse at a cost of 50% of regular CSAS membership (e.g, \$10 for regular joint members, \$5 for student joint members)

**CSAS SERVICE/LONGEVITY TESTIMONIALS:** (Alice Kehoe)

Kehoe suggested that CSAS could, whenever the board decided appropriate, present a particular member with a testimonial for whatever that person has done for CSAS. Generally this would be for extraordinary contributions. She wishes to propose testimonials this year for Bernice (Bunny) Kaplan Lasker and Justine Cordwell. Future testimonial suggestions could be initiated and voted on via the electronic board discussion listserve.

M/S/P Buckner/Hull to present testimonial certificates to Kaplan-Lasker and Cordwell at Saturday's business lunch and to allow future ad hoc awards/testimonials to be acted on as described above. Eberhardt suggested there should be a text for each award/testimonial and P. Sandstrom suggested that each award/testimonial proposal should be accompanied by a brief paragraph describing the reason for the award/testimonial. The paragraph could then be used for certificate presentations, for minutes, for the Bulletin, for the AN, etc.

**2011 MEETING LOCATION POSSIBILITIES:** (H. Sidky)

Sidky was not present to present ideas. Feinberg suggested Kent State as a possibility.

**CONFERENCE (RE)NUMBERING:** (H. Ottenheimer)

Ottenheimer referenced the chart of meetings she and Sandstrom had compiled and suggested that numbering of meetings be corrected to reflect the actual age of the association [see addendum]. The 2010 should be our 89<sup>th</sup>, the 2011 meeting should be our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting. Currently the meetings are incorrectly numbered, reflecting nothing historical at all. Meetings had briefly been renumbered to honor the fact that there were no meetings for three years during WWII but this has mostly led to confusion. P. Sandstrom indicated that there could be an archival solution to this and that she and Ottenheimer could work it out via email. All agreed this would be best.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Buckner and Jacobs announced that the Fall board meeting will be listed in the AAA program this year as they submitted the request to AAA in time.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 7 pm.