

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2009 – 12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**  
**Room 401, Fourth Floor, Downtown Marriott Hotel, Philadelphia, PA**  
Approved April 8, 2010

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

President Buckner called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

Kathleen Adams was designated note-taker for the meeting.

Present: Kathleen Adams, Myrdene Anderson, Katherine Bowie (U. Wisconsin rep), Margie Buckner, Paul Durrenburger, Rick Feinberg, Bill Guinee, Claude Jacobs, Bunny Kaplan, Alice Kehoe, Azizur Molla, Jon Wagner.

Not present: Fr. Ray Bucko, Amber Clifford-Napoleone, Evie Dean-Olmstead, Nancy Eberhardt, Angela Glaros, Cindy Hull, Harriet Ottenheimer, Audrey Ricke, Alan Sandstrom, Pamela Sandstrom, Homayun Sidky, Robert Ulin.

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

President Buckner welcomed officers and guests

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** (Presented by Buckner in Ottenheimer's absence)

The current officer contact list has been distributed electronically and is on the web. The most recent membership numbers from AAA show us at 185 members.

The minutes of the April 2009 Board meeting were **approved** unanimously.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** (Presented by Buckner in Ottenheimer's absence)

Net assets as of October 2009 are approximately \$26,000. The financial report was **accepted** unanimously. Committee wished to record extreme gratitude for the treasurer's most meritorious work!!

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Presented by Buckner in Ulin's absence)

Robert Ulin is handling the program for the Madison conference. Thus far, we have 206 paid registrants with submission. We are expecting about 225 submissions, close to what we had last year at Illinois. Wisconsin participation has been great. Neil Whitehead is the distinguished lecturer. There has been discussion about the possibility of a film workshop at the conference. Wisconsin's student organization has been very active. Robert will be putting together the conference schedule. Katherine Bowie at U Wisconsin-Madison will help with local organization. Harriet is handling registration. Book exhibits still need to be taken care of, and local events need to be organized. Margie requests that board members volunteer to help with these aspects of the conference.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Presented by Buckner in Sidky's absence)

**Mary Benedetto** (Akron undergrad, paper title "Como Caracoles: Barcelona Street Artists Leave Their Trail") & **Joseph Weiss** (grad student at U of Chicago, paper title: "Landscapes of Interconnection on the Northwest Coast First Nations Emplaced Experience and Urban Migration in British Columbia") are winners of student paper competition. Plans for next conference remain sketchy. There has been some discussion of Cincinnati as a possible location, but UC department chair said not this year. (Their Chair is stepping down this year & doesn't want to commit to anything for beyond his tenure as Chair). Iowa is a possibility: we have connections in Iowa City, but most of our former ties there are no longer there. Russ Ciochom (current chair) said that he knew people were interested, especially Ellen Lewin, Scott Schnell and Michael Chibnik. Their faculty is meeting Friday, Dec 11, & they will discuss it there. If the university were to host our conference, we should be aware that they cannot contribute any funds. Illinois gave about \$1000 last year, but that was a special situation because they were celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Anytime we have a meeting at a university, we are automatically saving \$, so renting screens, rooms, etc., is cheaper. The possibility was also raised of running our meeting with the Society for Economic Anthro. (Mike Chibnik, Scott Schnell, and Laura Graham have expressed a willingness to explore the possibility of running these conferences collaboratively.)

Alice Kehoe will contact Mike Chibnik. A possible keynote lecturer if we meet in Iowa is Sue Savage Rumbaugh. Jon Wagner volunteered to help with organizing.

#### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT** (Presented by Buckner in Kardulias' absence)

Meeting locations beyond 2011: Nick Kardulias will be 2<sup>nd</sup> VP after that. He is excited for 2012. Thinking of Lewis Binford or Patty Jo Watson (archaeology). No place yet, but Cincinnati is a possibility. Wooster is also a possibility (1 hour south of Akron).

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Claude Jacobs)

Our sponsored panel this morning on Detroit was well attended and went very well. Yesterday, we co-sponsored a session on Class and Identity. CSAS also co-sponsored, a number of other sessions.

Winner of the 2009 **White Award** was **Sarah Trabert** (graduate student at U of Iowa, research project: research on El Cuartelejo site). There was no winner for **Dillingham Award**, as those proposals submitted did not meet the stated criteria.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE** (Alan Sandstrom and Alice Kehoe)

Kehoe reported that there are no nominations yet for the 2010 election.

##### **CSAS BULLETIN** (Amber Clifford-Napoleone and Alice Kehoe)

Clifford-Napoleone couldn't be here today. Kehoe reported. She praised Clifford-Napoleone's. Only 17 of our members now receive hard copy of *Bulletin*. The cyber version has become more picture-filled. The *Bulletin* is largely forms (registration forms, etc) and a preview of the conference program. We could append to this papers or possibly include links to papers on the website. Feinberg suggested publishing the distinguished lecture. Once it becomes old it can be placed on website with links in *Bulletin* to it.

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

No special report needed now.

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

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

##### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Ray Bucko)

No **AN Editors**, **archivist** or **web master** reports were available, as none of the key people were present.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

##### **CONFERENCE (RE)NUMBERING:** (Pamela Sandstrom)

The society was founded in 1921. We missed 3 meetings during WWII, so anniversary numbering and annual meeting numbers differ. Kehoe moved that 2011 be the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting but that we primarily recognize that it is the 90<sup>th</sup> year. She proposed that every meeting be the meeting of the year since the founding. Thus, rather than counting how many meetings took place, we will delete the word, "annual" and replace it with "anniversary" or some equivalent. Adams seconded. **Motion carried**, with all in favor and one abstention.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

##### **Coordinating CSAS responsibilities with AAA calendar:** (Margaret Buckner)

CSAS is the only AAA section in which newly elected leaders do not take office in December. This sometimes causes problems. For example, emails to section presidents do not reach the new CSAS president, who takes office after the society's spring meeting, with the result that our president may not know what is going on in the national association. After some discussion, the board decided that the costs of reorganizing the CSAS calendar would outweigh the benefits, and we decided to keep it as is.

### **Revisiting the AnthroSource question** (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner spoke last December with Oona Schmid about AnthroSource finances and other arrangements. UC Press was paid by all sections (including CSAS) to digitize our *Bulletin* and other materials. About 2 years ago AnthroSource was taken over by Wiley-Blackwell. About \$2000 was removed from our budget with AnthroSource listed as the reason. To avoid continuing to deplete our bank account, we decided to drop out of AnthroSource. At the same time, in order to switch to Wiley-Blackwell, we had to sign a contract with them. At the time we didn't have a *Bulletin* editor, so we didn't join with Wiley-Blackwell and are not receiving revenues from them. As a result, we paid for our materials to be on AnthroSource but are not getting that revenue back. If we feel that the *Bulletin* is something we want to publish through Wiley-Blackwell, we will need to sign with their contract. That would all depend on what we decide to make of the *Bulletin* and whether the editors feel comfortable with Wiley-Blackwell. Two other alternatives are: 1) we can publish directly on AnthroSource. However, this way we would receive no revenue from it. Or 2) we could sign a Wiley-Blackwell service agreement. In that case, we would be eligible for revenue sharing. When all this was discussed last year, Oona was overwhelmed, trying to figure out how to deal with sections that had pulled out. Perhaps now she has a better sense of how to proceed. We need more info to know how to proceed. Feinberg suggests that, if all factors align properly, we might want to get back in with Wiley-Blackwell. To make such a decision at this time, however, would be premature. Lastly, we can't sign a contract with Wiley-Blackwell until we had an editor (Kehoe is doing this as co-editor with Clifford-Napoleone on a temp basis).

### **Lapsed long-term members** (Rick Feinberg)

Ottenheimer's list of lapsed long-term members revealed that a number of retired former presidents are no longer members. Feinberg proposed that some of these people be given honorary memberships in CSAS, letting them know that they are appreciated and helping them to stay involved. Buckner suggests that we add a retired membership for \$10. This would apply only to those who are already members of AAA—for those who are not, they can simply be honorary members of CSAS; but they will not count towards the AAA's calculation of CSAS size. Feinberg will draft wording and send it out. Buckner wants to add that this also comes out of the section assembly yesterday. They will now allow multi-section memberships special prices. Buckner moved that we also offer student and retired members a \$10 membership. Moved and unanimously **approved**.

**Bill Guinee** wants to create a **Central States Group** on the **Open Anthropology** network. Will send out an email to board as reminder to do so

### **Feinberg's report on Section Assembly**

AAA recently passed an amendment to its bylaws, stipulating that if a section's membership dropped below 225 it would lose voting rights in the Section Assembly. Our numbers for past years have been slightly below 225, and we lost our voting rights this fall. Ottenheimer and Buckner have determined that the AAA's membership list is not consistent with ours. Many people have become members of CSAS but are not appearing on AAA list for various reasons. Feinberg discussed this problem with Section Assembly Convener Mary Gray, who agreed there are indeed problems. Ottenheimer and Buckner believe there are at least 34 missing members. Mary attributed the problem to AAA software, which is being updated. However, it may take up to three years for the new software to become effective.

Feinberg reported the SA's request to sections to allocate a small percentage of its cash balance to contribute toward a cost-of-living wage increase to AAA staff members. Kehoe moved that 1% of CSAS's funds (about \$170) be allocated for that purpose. The motion was seconded by Paul Durrenberger and **approved** unanimously.

### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

a) Buckner wants us to think about volunteering to read paper submissions for competitions.

b) New Orleans meeting: Jacobs has ties with labor-oriented groups there, with whom we might co-organize sessions. He has also worked with New Orleans churches and suggests that we think about how to engage and organize with them. Kehoe suggested waiver of registration for non-anthropologists to be on one of our panels at our next meeting. Buckner suggested having our business meeting not at the hotel but elsewhere.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**ADJOURNMENT**