

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society
Thursday, April 8, 2010, 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Lowell 118, Pyle Conference Center, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI

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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Kathleen Adams, Myrdene Anderson, Margie Buckner, Nancy Eberhardt, Richard Feinberg, Bill Guinee, Claude Jacobs, Nick Kardulias, Alice Kehoe, Harriet Ottenheimer, Audrey Ricke, Alan Sandstrom, Pamela Sandstrom.

Not present: Ray Bucko, Amber Clifford-Napoleone, Evelyn Dean-Olmstead, Angela Glaros, Cindy Hull, Homayun Sidky, Robert Ulin.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)

President Buckner welcomed officers and guests.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The minutes of the December 2009 Board meeting - distributed electronically - were approved (Feinberg/A. Sandstrom).

The current officer contact list has been distributed (and corrected) electronically and is on the web.

The March 20 list provided by AAA showed 217 members; the list received on April 8 showed 207 members. AAA continues to electronically drop members at the end of each month if they have not renewed sufficiently early in the month. Re-establishing membership appears to take at least two weeks for accounting to process and release the funds to membership. For example, a member who renewed by phone and paid by credit card on March 23 was not yet on the membership list by April 8.

The FaceBook group had 230 members as of this morning. About half are CSAS/AAA members.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The financial report - distributed electronically -- was accepted (Adams/Feinberg).

Ottenheimer presented an update on the jewelry modification initiative. Cordwell had posts raised on one pair of earrings. Ottenheimer had posts replaced by shepherd's hooks but found that the earrings are now prone to loss. Both conversions improve the way the earrings hang. Cordwell has offered to subsidize the conversion of 6 pairs with higher posts. M/S/P Ottenheimer/Eberhardt to accept Cordwell's offer. Cordwell should be thanked formally.

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

Robert Ulin is unable to be present until Saturday. Buckner assisted this year with program preparation and handled some of the local arrangements as well. There were 25 organized sessions and 53 volunteered sessions. She printed 272 name badges for those who had preregistered. Eight to ten more individuals registered onsite and two joined CSAS. She printed 300 programs this year. These numbers are up from last year. The costs are higher but we are still ahead a bit.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Homayun Sidky)

There was no report. Buckner reported that she had emailed Sidky about a month ago and that he had indicated he would be attending. No further word has been heard from him. In Sidky's absence Buckner reported that she had contacted several universities regarding possible sites for the 2011 conference. The University of Iowa (Iowa City) has agreed to host the 2011 conference. They have a local organizer and a committee and are excited about the conference. Several from Grinnell are also interested in helping. Conference rooms have been reserved at the Union and there is a hotel in the Union as well. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh has agreed to be the distinguished speaker. The dates will be April 7-10. It is unclear whether Sidky will be able to continue as program chair.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT (Nick Kardulias)

Kardulias is gearing up for the student paper competition. He asked for volunteers from the board to assist with reading and judging. Alan Sandstrom offered assistance. M/S/P (Feinberg/A. Sandstrom) to accept the Second Vice-President's report.

No place has yet been chosen for the 2012 conference (but Willie McKether is interested in hosting in Toledo).

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Claude Jacobs)

Jacobs indicated that there was nothing to report at present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATION COMMITTEE (Alan Sandstrom and Alice Kehoe): The slate of candidates for the 2010 election is as follows: 2nd vice president: Bill Guinee; executive board position #1: Doug Kline and Willie McKether; executive board position #2: Nobuko Adachi and Angela Glaros; nominations committee: MaryCarol Hopkins and Claude Jacobs. Kehoe mentioned that it is difficult to find people who are not already committed to other things. M/S/P Kehoe/Feinberg to accept this slate.

CSAS BULLETIN (Amber Clifford-Napoleone and Alice Kehoe): Clifford-Napoleone is at a funeral so Kehoe reported. The Bulletin went out as scheduled. Regarding AnthroSource, they will not update or add to our online materials unless we pay them but there is no indication of what this might cost so there is nothing for the board to decide on this point. Clifford-Napoleone suggests publishing conference proceedings (as a pdf on our website), conference papers, keynote addresses, and/or award winning papers. Kehoe, as senior co-editor is grateful to Clifford-Napoleone for her competence, ideas, and commitment. M/S/P (Feinberg, A. Sandstrom) to accept Kehoe's report.

The board noted that "archival access to our past publications is satisfactory" and that it is not worth our time to host back copies on our own. P. Sandstrom will print copies and put them into the National Anthropological Archives. If anyone needs a copy of an older Bulletin we can just give them one. It was also noted that the CSAS president should be kept apprised of all communications between the Bulletin editors and AAA.

M/S/P (P. Sandstrom/Feinberg) "Keynote lectures can continue to go into the Bulletin as appropriate, as well as occasional student papers if of sufficient quality. However the board does not want to formalize the publishing of conference proceedings. The board is satisfied that archival access to past publications is satisfactory." Amended as follows (Feinberg) "The editors should use editorial judgment in deciding whether to accept a student award paper for publication and should note that significant copyediting effort is generally required in such cases."

Further discussion focused on the need for an informal editorial board to assist Clifford-Napoleone. Eberhardt suggested asking Wagner to join such a board. Kehoe will give feedback to Clifford-Napoleone.

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

Buckner suggested abolishing this committee. It was ad hoc and does not need to be a standing committee.

AN EDITOR(S) (Evie Dean-Olmstead, Angela Glaros) - not present; no report.

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT (Pamela Sandstrom): Everything is safe in P. Sandstrom's hands and all will go to the NAA. All past presidents are reminded to turn over their papers to her if possible. She has worked with Ray Bucko to place two documents on the CSAS website: one is hers and one is Jill Fry's. She noted that we need to commend Bucko for his hard work on the website.

WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Ray Bucko) - not present, no report. Buckner noted that we need to offer official thanks to Bucko for his hard work on the website. She asked Adams to contact Bucko to discuss how he sees the future and the possible eventual transition to a new webmaster.

SECTION ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Rick Feinberg): Mary Gray will not be attending the conference after all. There has not been much activity since the AAA meeting in Philadelphia. At that meeting the Section Assembly met one morning, met key people in AAA including the staff, and passed resolutions (all of this is included in the report that Feinberg sent electronically). Section Assembly activity seems to pick up in lead-in to the AAA meetings. One item was a discussion about membership and our problem with the 225 minimum. Mary has expressed support, has joined CSAS, and has been working with us to try to find ways to increase our membership. AAA is getting new software which should eliminate some of the problems of keeping track of membership. Some AAA initiatives to note from the Fall meeting include a one-day registration for students and registration waivers for associate members to participate in sessions. The Section Assembly is the sections' means of communicating with the Executive Board of the AAA. If we give our concerns to Feinberg then he will convey them to the Section Assembly for us.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Audrey Ricke): There was a limited response to her email query but there were some issues raised. Desire was expressed for professional development roundtables at conferences, focusing on how to publish your first article, for example. Buckner asked Ricke to organize a

roundtable at next year's conference and she agreed. If the focus is on publishing one's first article then she should consider drawing on CSAS members who are or have been journal editors to participate. Eberhardt suggested a roundtable on job interviews might also be of interest. Considerable discussion followed.

OLD BUSINESS

Ideas for using some of our surplus funds (Harriet Ottenheimer electronically): Ottenheimer suggested using some of our surplus funds for hosting receptions at AAA meetings and/or assisting board members (and especially students on the board) with travel to board meetings (e.g., \$100 per year for officers to travel to meetings). Discussion focused on the idea that funds should be used as necessary to assist officers, conference organizers, student reps, to "help" depending on availability of funds. M/S/P (Feinberg/Jacobs) that the board agrees in principle and will work out the details via email. Proposals should be sent to Buckner. Buckner has asked for rooms in the conference hotel in New Orleans for the Fall board meeting and for a cash-bar reception. Jacobs will continue searching for locations for one or both of these that are off-site but close enough to walk to.

Meeting locations beyond 2011: Buckner reported that Toledo would like to host the 2010 conference. Willie McKether is there and has talked to his dean and provost and they are interested. She also noted that Nabuko Adachi says Illinois State would like to host a future conference in Normal, IL and that this is a possibility for later. Finally, Cincinnati is also still interested in hosting a future conference.

NEW BUSINESS

April membership initiative: Ottenheimer proposed offering free or reduced registration to all those who join in April. The idea was rejected.

Relations between CSAS and AAA regarding checks and registration [see appendix 1]: Buckner indicated that online registration this year was through Missouri State again. It cost \$100 to revise the website. We can probably do this again next year. She indicated that Suzanne Mattingly says we can't legally process checks and that AAA will charge us \$30 per hour to receive and process checks for registration. This could be billed in quarter-hour increments. Ottenheimer indicated that we had only received a dozen or so checks, and that they generally came in one at a time. This might mean a cost of \$7 for each check opened and processed by AAA. Buckner will speak with Dominguez. We are not technically processing checks. We are just receiving them, logging them, and passing them on to AAA for processing.

Duties and tasks for pulling off conferences [see appendix 1]: Discussion postponed to later in the meeting.

Durrenberger resolution [see appendix 2]: M/S/P (Eberhardt/Adams) To bring Durrenberger's resolution to the floor of the general business meeting on Saturday. Eberhardt with present it there.

Approval of 2010 occasional awards (Alice Kehoe): A certificate was mailed to John Messenger in honor of his 90th birthday (on April 2) for 50 years of faithful membership and meritorious service. M/S/P (A Sandstrom/Feinberg) To approve the certificate. Kehoe will provide a copy for the files.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

Officer membership issue: AAA confirmed this morning that 2nd vp H. Sidky has not been a member of either CSAS or AAA since his membership expired in 2006. As the bylaws require membership of all officers and board members this presents us with a serious problem. M/S/P (Feinberg/Anderson): 1. That the Secretary be instructed to write to Sidky and inform him that as he is not a member he is therefore not eligible to be an officer and that we have found it necessary to replace him. 2. We appoint Margie Buckner to take over as program chair and 1st vp for next year and as president for the following year.

Suggested wording for letter to Sidky: "It has come to our attention that you have not maintained your membership in CSAS/AAA since 2006. CSAS bylaws require membership in CSAS/AAA of all board members and officers. We therefore have found it necessary to replace you on the CSAS Board of Directors and as 1st vice president/program chair for the 2011 meeting."

2011 conference: Buckner asked for help with organizing the 2011 conference. Eberhardt offered to help with local arrangements. Ottenheimer agreed to help organize the press tables. Other tasks that need doing include nametags, programs, room signs, and catering. Several suggested hiring a conference planning professional to assist with local arrangements and noted that many universities have conference professionals on staff in their extension departments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Feinberg announced that he and Alex Mawyer are organizing a double session on spatial orientation, representastion and circulation, as the CSAS invited session, to include Doug Caulkins, Margie Buckner, Rick Feinberg, one of Durrenberger's graduate students, and others.

Jacobs announced that he and Steve Glazier, from the Anthropology of Consciousness section, are organizing a tour to Spritual churches in the countryside outside of New Orleans which will be listed as part of the AAA program. They are not sure yet what tickets will cost.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11 p.m.