

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society
Saturday November 20, 2010, 12:15-1:30 pm
Jackson Room, Fifth Floor, Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, LA

Approved, April 7, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

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

Present: Myrdene Anderson, Margaret Buckner, Nancy Eberhardt, Richard Feinberg, Bill Guinee, Alice Kehoe, Willie McKether, Harriet Ottenheimer, Robert Ulin, Jon Wagner.

Not present: Ray Bucko, Amber Clifford-Napoleone, Evelyn Dean-Olmstead, Angela Glaros, MaryCarol Hopkins, Nick Kardulias, Azizur Molla, Alan Sandstrom, Audrey Ricke.

Ex-officio: Phyllis Passariello, Past President.

Guests: Michael Chibnik (U Iowa, Local Arrangements 2011 conference,)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Robert Ulin)

President Ulin welcomed officers and guests. The order of agenda items was rearranged to accommodate special needs.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner stated that plans for the April 7-9, 2011 conference in Iowa City, IA are well underway. This will be our 90th anniversary conference. We will be using Web Registration for the first time. AAA is managing the process. We have blocked 40 rooms at the Iowa House Hotel and there are other hotels nearby. We plan to have a book exhibit room again. Buckner introduced Dr. Michael Chibnik, chair of Anthropology at U of Iowa, who will be working on local arrangements.

Chibnik reported that there will be no charge to us for the meeting rooms at the Iowa Union. We will have access to computers and the Web but will need to have someone from U of Iowa to run the equipment. The distinguished lecture is scheduled for Friday, April 8, from 4:30-6 p.m., uphill from the Union, and will be followed by a reception in the Museum of Natural History, from 6:30-9 p.m., with entertainment by local musicians. U of Iowa faculty expect to participate. Besides the Iowa House the Sheraton is also recommended. Some may find it cheaper to fly into Moline than Cedar Rapids.

Buckner is encouraging sessions and participation. There is the possibility of coordinating with an Archaeology conference which will be meeting at the same time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - PARTIAL

CSAS BULLETIN (Amber Clifford-Napoleone and Alice Kehoe)

See written report, attached.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE (Alice Kehoe and MaryCarol Hopkins)

The committee plans to start working on this soon and would appreciate receiving ideas for candidates.

SECRETARY'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The minutes of the April 2010 Board meeting, distributed electronically, were approved (Wagner/Feinberg)

The current Officer Contact List has been distributed electronically and is on the Web

Membership numbers have been distributed electronically. We still have problems with how AAA manages numbers but anticipate that the new membership management software will resolve these issues.

TREASURER'S REPORT (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The financial report, distributed electronically, was accepted (Feinberg/Buckner)

The discussion of reimbursement limits for 2011 was put off for later in the meeting

The remaining stock of 12 earrings has been modified at a cost of approximately \$200. Posts have been raised for better hanging angle. Justine Cordwell subsidized half of the expense (as had been agreed) and the remainder was absorbed by CSAS.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Presented by McKether in Kardulias' absence)

The 2012 conference will be held in Toledo, OH, March 22-24. McKether is handling local arrangements. Because the hotel near the University is isolated the Park Inn, downtown, has been chosen. It is closer to restaurants in a generally better location. McKether has reserved a block of 200 rooms (50 on Thursday, 100 on Friday and 50 on Saturday) at a rate of \$111; we will need to fill 85% or else we will pay for

meeting rooms at a cost of \$20 per meeting room. For every 40 room-nights sold we will get one complimentary room night. There will be A/V charges but we can bring our own equipment in at no cost. We will try to borrow from the University at no cost. The Dean's Office has agreed to allocate up to \$3500 toward our conference expenses (which will need to be reimbursed??), and has pledged \$1500 toward a reception. Toledo has a small airport which is 20 miles out. The Detroit airport is 40 miles out.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT (Bill Guinee)

Guinee is beginning to make preliminary plans for the 2013 conference. He would like to have suggestions for where to meet. Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Bloomington were suggested. He is also requesting readers for the student paper competition, especially in the non-cultural area. Wagner volunteered to assist with biological papers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

SECTION ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Rick Feinberg)

AAA considered the INMEX proposal for conference planning after the resolution that CSAS and other sections presented but went with current provider again. The Executive Board recommended that sections consider using INMEX for conference planning. INMEX feels it did not get a fair hearing.

Section Assembly convener Mary Gray reported that sections are in good financial health but this is variable. Committee heads were introduced. Leith Mullings was introduced; she is looking for ideas for a new public education initiative for AAA, to follow the race project. Send ideas to Rick and he will forward them.

There was a report from Sarah Green regarding the Montreal meeting. Two registration waivers will be made available for each section to assign/request for individuals to come and contribute.

Elaine Lynch, the new Executive Director of AAA indicated that new membership software will launch soon. She indicated that the future of publishing committee is considering alternatives to WileyBlackwell. There was a decision to continue the public advisory group.

Resolutions were: 1. create a task force to develop a policy on environmental and climate change. 2. Anthropology of work: AAA should organize free non-hotel events in association with its meetings (a non-binding resolution).

AAA's Executive Board is concerned about the reactions of administrators to the recent National Research Council ranking of anthropology departments and is considering a response.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner indicated that there was nothing to report at present

COMMITTEE REPORTS - CONTINUED

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

See written report, attached

ARCHIVIST'S REPORT (Pamela Sandstrom) - No report

WEBMASTER'S REPORT (Ray Bucko) - No report

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Audrey Ricke)

See written report, attached.

Regarding the queries in the report: Nancy Eberhardt will participate in the panel.

OLD BUSINESS

Meeting locations beyond 2012: Send location ideas to Guinee.

NEW BUSINESS

Buckner moved that we set aside \$1000 per year to help exec officers and student board members to go to CSAS board meetings. Individuals requesting assistance should contact the President and the President will be responsible for dividing the \$1000 judiciously. Ottenheimer indicated that the budget would allow for as much as \$2000. Buckner accepted this as a friendly amendment. Proposals would need to have a rationale spelled out. The President would need to send out a request for proposals and establish a deadline. (Buckner/????/) Passed with one abstention)

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

There was no other new business.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

November 2010 CSAS Board of Directors Meeting

Bulletin Co-Editors Report

Prepared by Amber R. Clifford-Napoleone

Presented by Alice Kehoe

I. September 2010 Bulletin

- a. Bulletin was distributed via email link and posted on the CSAS website in early October. 14 paper copies were printed and distributed to those members who have requested paper copies.
- b. Thanks to the generosity of the 2010 Annual Meeting keynote speaker, Dr. Neil Whitehead, the keynote address was published in the September 2010 Bulletin. This required full color printing of a document over 30 pages long. Up until this point, Amber Clifford-Napoleone was absorbing the cost of the CSAS printed copies in her personal copy budget at her institution, but given the length and number of images in the September 2010 Bulletin, it was agreed that the paper copies would be printed by the Printing Services office at University of Central Missouri (institution of Amber R. Clifford-Napoleone). 20 copies were requested: 14 for our members, 1 for the CSAS Archives, and 5 for display and/or distribution at the AAA Annual Meeting in New Orleans. Total cost for the printing was \$147.00. Amber plans to continue having our printed copies done through Printing Services, because the quality of the finished document is very high and the cost relatively low. Printing Services estimates that the cost each semester will be approximately \$125.00, or \$300.00 per academic year.

II. February 2011 Bulletin

- a. Due date for all submissions to the February 2011 CSAS Bulletin in February 1. Estimated distribution date is February 18.
- b. February Bulletin to include all information on the CSAS Annual Meeting in Iowa City in April. In order to accommodate the entire program for the Annual Meeting in the Bulletin, distribution of the Bulletin might be delayed.
- c. Board members are asked to make sure the Bulletin sections for which they hold responsibility make every effort to meet the February 1 deadline for submissions. Delays in submission result in delays in distribution.

III. PROPOSAL: Revive Central Issues in Anthropology

- a. The editors suggest the Board consider reviving the publication of Central Issues in Anthropology, a publication of papers that CSAS produced until the 1980s. Traditionally, the CIA was a publication of exceptional papers presented at the CSAS Annual Meeting each April.
- b. The editors propose a publication that would be published primarily online, with paper copies only to those who request them (as of today, 14 members).
- c. Papers included would be the keynote address from the Annual Meeting of the same calendar year, a commentary on the keynote address written by a CSAS member, the winning graduate and undergraduate student papers from the **previous** year's Annual Meeting, and one or two additional, exceptional papers delivered by CSAS members at the CSAS Annual Meeting.

- d. Other material- announcements, member news, CSAS business- would be reserved for the September and February Bulletins only.
- e. Papers would be volunteered, and the editors would require that submitted papers be fully edited and camera ready- we will not engage in standard editing of works submitted other than the necessary formatting and style alterations required for publication.
- f. Editors propose that the CIA publication be distributed each June as a summer publication for CSAS.
- g. Given our current publication strategy, this additional publication can be achieved at no cost, other than the cost of printing the required mail-only copies. Since these papers will be largely text and not images, the editors expect that the cost of publishing the CIA will be less than \$100 per summer.

AN CO-EDITORS' REPORT (submitted by Evie Dean-Olmstead)

At the Anthropology News Contributing Editors breakfast on Friday morning (11/19/10), managing editor Amy Goldenberg presented plans to publish some AN content online. In addition to alleviating the financial burden of producing a lengthy print version each month, the online content would be more interactive and frequently updated. There was some discussion about whether to restrict access to AAA members, or to make it open to all. Some argued that keeping it open would facilitate engagement between the AAA and the media and general public. One drawback of open access is that AN is currently one of the main member benefits of belonging to the AAA; if content were available free online, there is less incentive to join the AAA.

None of these changes is imminent. They likely won't begin for at least a year (from the time of the meeting). Amy Goldenberg emphasized that the print version would not be discontinued; only reduced.

STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT (submitted by Audrey Ricke)

Following the interest expressed by student members that was presented at the last board meeting and the board's suggestion, two professional development panels on publishing and the job application process are currently being organized for the CSAS April 2011 meetings.

The host institution for the 2011 meetings, University of Iowa, was contacted to see if any professors and staff would be able to participate in the professional development panels and the inquiry was well received. In addition, pending the approval of the board, a call for participants will be sent to the CSAS listserv. Granted that no scheduling conflicts develop, the professional development panel has already been formed. However, additional participants are needed for the panel on the job application process.

An undergraduate student who was in attendance at the Madison meetings has offered to design a poster that advertises CSAS and could be sent to anthropology departments for posting. She suggested that the design could include the scholarship opportunities offered by CSAS and other benefits associated with participating at CSAS Meetings. Cost, in terms of printing and postage, could be prohibitive, but an electronic version circulated through email may be one option to avoid these costs.