

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society**  
**Saturday November 19, 2011, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**Room 515A, Palais des Congrès, Montreal, Canada**

Approved March 22, 2012

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Present: Adachi, Anderson, Buckner, Clifford-Napoleone, Dean-Olmsted, Eberhardt, Feinberg, Glaros, Guinee, Hollowell, Hopkins, Jacobs, Kardulias, Kehoe, McKether, Ottenheimer, P. Sandstrom, Stanlaw, Ulin, Wagner.  
Ex-Officio: Durrenberger, Passariello

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

President Buckner called the meeting to order at 11:05 a.m. and welcomed officers, board members, and guests. She noted the presence of several past presidents. We should encourage past presidents to continue to attend board meetings.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (P. Nick Kardulias)

First Vice President Kardulias presented an update on the 2012 (91st anniversary) conference to be held March 22-24 in Toledo, OH. A page has been set up on the new CSAS website and messages have been sent to universities and associations in the region to encourage participation. Kehoe is developing a session about Boas. Anna Willow is developing a session on anthropology and environmentalism. Anderson suggested that there be a session on curiosity.

Kardulias noted that the conference program can be printed at the College of Wooster for \$340.50 for 300 copies. He will work with them for printing and will bring the copies to the meeting.

Ottenheimer confirmed that McKether will make the badges. She will send him the registration list.

Stanlaw noted that students prefer to submit abstracts first and pay after acceptance. Buckner and Ottenheimer indicated that refunds can be granted to individuals whose papers are not accepted. Kardulias suggested helping groups of students go through the process. Ottenheimer noted that it is possible to use one credit card for a group of students.

McKether wondered whether registration can be waived for student volunteers. Typically we refund registration fees to about fifteen student volunteers. Buckner said yes, if you trust them to show up. Ottenheimer asked that volunteer names be given to her so she can put them on the badge list.

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

M/S/P (Clifford-Napoleone/Glaros) to approve the minutes of the April 2011 Board meetings as distributed.

Ottenheimer presented a membership report. We have 211 members as of October 31, including 123 regular members, 72 student members, 15 retired members, and 1 joint member. Joint memberships must be processed by phone with AAA. It is impossible to do them online. There seems to be a break for joining as a retired member, rather than as a joint member. We had 226 members at the end of September. Numbers still bounce up and down. It is unclear how much this is related to how AAA processes renewals.

Ottenheimer reported that the CSAS listserves and website have been transferred to AAA for hosting. She is serving as listserve manager. Buckner is serving as web manager. Sandstrom and Clifford-Napoleone offered to assist with web content and Buckner said she would send them the passwords.

Ottenheimer asked members to continue sending her updates and changes for the officer/board contact sheet.

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

M/S/P (Anderson/Feinberg) to accept the financial report. As of October 31, 2011 CSAS has \$40,156.03 in its general fund. The White award fund has \$18,785.01 and the Dillingham award fund has \$18,290.48. The line regarding publishing costs reflects the actual printing costs of the Bulletin.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Bill Guinee)

Second Vice President Guinee presented an update on planning for the 2013 conference. He continues working on the venue and is trying for St. Louis. Pamela Ashmore, anthropology chair at UMSL has been doing site visits. Both UMSL and Washington U will probably help sponsor the conference. A decision has been made to choose a hotel downtown near the arch. Negotiations have been ongoing with two hotels: the Millenium and the Crowne Plaza Downtown. Sleeping rooms at the Crowne Plaza are higher but they can give a student rate. Millenium claims to be partially unionized. The Crowne Plaza is fully unionized. The Millenium is enormous. The Crowne Plaza is smaller scale. It comes down to a choice between elegant vs cozy. Clifford noted that Crowne Plaza parking lot is not secure and that the hotel is not welcoming to same-sex couples. The dates would be the weekend of March 21 or April 11. Both hotels are holding space for both dates. A straw poll resulted in five votes for the Millenium and seven for the Crowne Plaza. Guinee will explore further and will make a decision.

Dean-Olmsted offered her services as local arrangements chair and to work towards getting SIU involved. Guinee was agreeable.

### **SECOND VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REPORT (James Stanlaw)**

Second Vice-President-Elect Stanlaw indicated that ideas for the 2104 conference were welcome. Suggestions included contacting Bill Beeman about possibly meeting in Minnesota. Clifford-Napoleone also mentioned Kansas City; perhaps for 2015.

### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Robert Ulin)**

Immediate Past President Ulin indicated there was nothing to report.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **SECTION ASSEMBLY REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT (Rick Feinberg)**

SA Representative Feinberg reported that both he and Buckner had attended the Section Assembly meeting, which lasted three hours. They learned that there are 6300 attendees at the Montreal conference and that financially, sections are doing better now. AAA is continuing the digitization of print materials to its website. The AN will be different on the website than in print, with more interactive content. The Council on World Anthropology has been awarded a small budget (\$4000) for international collaborations and is receiving ideas. Incoming AAA president Leith Mullings discussed a new initiative on outreach. AAA is working to develop a new program to follow its race project. Ideas include: immigration/migration, the people we count on (community, kinship, relations), and health. The Executive Committee will move forward on all three of these for the time being. CSAS board members are encouraged to give ideas to Feinberg for transmittal to the SA.

Regarding sections and section status: The Section Assembly has a task force to reevaluate the whole system of sections and interest groups. They wonder whether the current arrangement is the best. Buckner is on the task force. Regarding the Protocol on demoting sections to interest groups: Feinberg noted that the ambiguity that had been in the first sentence has been rewritten to clarify that a section only needs to be 225 for one month within any three year period to remain a section. A move to drop the number to 175 failed. The number will remain at 225 for a while. The new protocol makes the timing flexible. Also there is the possibility of making an appeal and getting a one year extension. Demotion is not automatic.

Feinberg reported that he had discussed grandfathering with Kim Baker. Her feeling was that there are other issues we need to deal with first but in the long run there needs to be a mechanism by which sections can apply for that status. Perhaps the task force will deal with creating this mechanism.

Overall, Feinberg noted that the Section Assembly recognizes the vibrancy and history of CSAS and is working with us. Buckner encouraged all board members to recruit members to CSAS. Ottenheimer mentioned that it is now possible to pay for introductory memberships using funds from our general operating budget. This was discussed at the Section Treasurers' meeting on Thursday morning and AAA Controller Suzanne Mattingly explained the procedure. Several other sections do this already.

### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE (MaryCarol Hopkins and R. Lee McNair)**

MaryCarol Hopkins presented a short list of candidates for the 2012 election. She has put out a call for nominations and would like to do this again. She asked for ideas for president and several people suggested McKether. She noted that the Secretary/Treasurer should have been re-elected last year but was not, and was reappointed instead for the interim. The position needs to be on the ballot this year.

With McKether agreed to run for 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president-elect, Ottenheimer agreed to run for Secretary/Treasurer, and Anderson agreed to run for Nominations Committee. The rest of the draft slate includes Randy Davis (Jefferson CC); Andrea Abrams (Centre); and Briggittine French (Grinnell) as candidates for the Board. Hopkins will also ask Bill Beeman to run for Board, and would like additional suggestions for the other positions as well.

Hopkins will send another call to the listserv for nominations and will send a final slate to the Board listserv for approval.

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

Clifford-Napoleone indicated that the deadline for the February Bulletin will be February 1. She will need material on the awards and on the slate of candidates for the 2012 election. The deadline for the September issue is generally September 1. She generally prints 20 paper copies of each issue to send to those who have declared a preference for print copies. Printing costs were \$80 for the September 2011 issue, about \$90 or \$100 for the February 2011 issue. She would like to have a discussion of possible ways to expand the Bulletin on the agenda for the April meeting.

### **AN EDITOR(S) (Evelyn Dean-Olmsted and Angela Glaros)**

Dean-Olmsted and Glaros indicated that the system is routine but a lot is going on with AN. We can now have an online presence of up to 1000 words and 5 photos, parallel to our print content. They would like to see us do something each month like showcase a young upcoming newly-minted member Ph.D.'s research. We need to package ourselves differently so that we can appeal more to young scholars. Perhaps we could begin a dialog about research, posting brief precis on research to date so that people can cooperate and communicate. Could be like a blog. People could send in field photos, filmed interviews, youtube videos, and so on. They would like to receive ideas for people to profile.

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

Sandstrom asked to defer her report to Old Business

### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Ray Bucko and Margaret Buckner):

Buckner is the new interim web manager, having taken over from Bucko when the site was moved to the AAA server. She would like to add people who can help. Clifford-Napoleone and Sandstrom volunteered to assist with adding content. Buckner will send them the information and passwords.

### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT** (Audrey Ricke)

See attached report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **EBSCO discussion** (Pamela Sandstrom and Margaret Buckner)

Sandstrom noted that the Archivist's report was transmitted electronically as "EBSCO Proposal – CSAS Archivist Report 2011-10-31.pdf" She and Alan have moved to Massachusetts. She has 12 boxes of CSAS materials to take to Washington, DC. The boxes include everything that the past presidents have sent to her. CSAS is the section that contributes the most to the Smithsonian. They are very underfunded so she has had to do a lot of preparation of the documents. She has a lot of duplicates and she has a lot of ideas for putting materials onto the CSAS website so she would like to help with website. CSAS Bulletin from 1954 to 1967 was not digitized, for example, so we can digitize it and put it onto our new website. She will work with Clifford-Napoleone to get pdfs of these Bulletins onto the website, as well as make sure that current and recent Bulletins are also on the website.

Regarding EBSCO, they have just purchased HW Wilson which puts them in charge of nearly the whole universe of indexing. Under the arrangement they are offering we would freely contribute our free content to EBSCO. We would give them pdf copies of our Bulletins from 2007 to the present and would then continue to provide them with pdf copies of the Bulletin twice a year. They will negotiate separately with Wiley-Blackwell to get access to our materials that are on AnthroSource. EBSCO would key each Bulletin and put it into their data base.

Sandstrom recommends that we sign the agreement with EBSCO. We could put either Clifford-Napoleone (as editor) or P. Sandstrom (as archivist) onto the contract as contact person. Sandstrom asked that Buckner be instructed to talk to the relevant person in AAA to get them to sign the contract for us.

M/S (Sandstrom/Durrenberger) To instruct Buckner to talk to Oona, or the relevant person in AAA, to get them to sign the contract for us. Discussion noted that Dow's 2010 statement was not discussed by CFPEP. Motion withdrawn

M/S/P (Feinberg/Hopkins) To approve the contract with EBSCO contingent on approval from AAA that we can legally do so. Motion carried unanimously.

Sandstrom reminded all past presidents to send her a folder of all important papers. She also reminded everyone that she is not printing discussions. Rather, each past president needs to make a hard copy of all important papers for the Archivist to process.

### **Update on presidential track revision idea** (MaryCarol Hopkins)

Hopkins presented a newly revised proposal. All agreed that they needed time to review the revision. Buckner suggested scheduling a three-hour board meeting in March, with food halfway through. She also suggested scheduling the issue first under Old Business. Three hour board meeting in April. With food halfway thru. Put this first on old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Proposal regarding local arrangements for 2013 conference** (Evelyn Dean-Olmsted) – See **Second Vice President's Report**, above.

**Proposal regarding CSAS website** (Margaret Buckner): deferred

**Proposal regarding travel funds** (Margaret Buckner): deferred

**Proposal regarding certificate of appreciation for Bucko** (Harriet Ottenheimer)

M/S/P (Feinberg/Clifford-Napoleone) to approve certificate of appreciation for Fr. Bucko in recognition of his work as CSAS web manager since 2004, and his membership on the board during that time. It was suggested that "listserv" be changed to "listserv"

**Consideration of ideas for budget going forward** (Margaret Buckner):

M/S/P (Feinberg/Guinee) that requests for travel funds in 2012 (for student board members and for officers) be considered by the Immediate Past President and two other board members. Motion passed unanimously.

**Consideration of CSAS reception for 2012 AAA conference, Chicago** (Margaret Buckner): deferred

**Meeting locations beyond 2013:** See Second Vice President-Elect's Report, above.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

There was no other new business.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:00

Attachments:

**1. STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVE REPORT** (submitted by A. Ricke)

An email was sent to the CSAS listserv asking for suggestions for a professional development panel(s) at the 2012 CSAS Meetings in Toledo, OH. Initial feedback revealed an interest in a panel on teaching. Increasing student interest in the material and fostering cultural relativism are two specific areas suggested by the feedback.

I would like to ask the board if they have any suggestions of who I should approach about being part of the panel or if anyone would like to volunteer to speak about a pedagogical issue that they or others in their departments have or are facing. Other topics related to teaching are welcome. Some examples include but are not limited to adjusting techniques to different student demographics, planning a syllabus, designing and grading assignments and exams, or engaging large classes in active learning exercises.