

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of the
Central States Anthropological Society
Saturday, April 9, 2011 12:15-1:15 p.m.
Iowa Memorial Union, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA**

Approved March 24, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President Ulin called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Robert Ulin

President Ulin welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new officers who were present, including Bill Guinee (2nd vp), MaryCarol Hopkins (nominations), and (newly elected to the board) Angela Glaros and Willie McKether.

He thanked board members who were completing elected terms as board members, Bill Guinee (who is beginning a term as 2nd vp) and Rick Feinberg (who continues to serve as appointed Section Representative).

He announced the 2010 CSAS Award recipients as follows:

White Award: Chelsea Chapman, U Wisconsin-Madison

Dillingham Award: Laura Macia-Vergara, U Pittsburgh

Graduate Student Paper Award: Erin Moore (U Chicago) *Ugandan Girls into Global Feminists? Cultural Brokers, Feminist Empowerment, and the Reproduction of a Social Elite*

Undergraduate Student Paper Award: Katharine Singleton (Beloit C) *Investigating the Link between Spinal Column Morphology and Locomotion Pattern in Primates*

Report of Board decisions from Thursday evening:

Dr. Ulin turned the podium over to Dr. Alice Kehoe, who described the special testimonial award that the board had approved for presentation to Dr. Willis Sibley in recognition of 50 years of membership and service to the association. Kehoe presented the certificate to Sibley, who was in attendance.

President Ulin then reported that the board is considering reorganization of the Presidential track and welcomes feedback from the membership regarding this possibility. He also indicated that the board had approved a position statement on the Cronon case (see attached).

President Ulin reported on actions taken by the Board of Directors at its December, 2010 meeting including the approval of an allocation of up to \$2000 per year to reimburse officers for travel to conferences.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT -- Harriet Ottenheimer

M/S/P (Hopkins/Eberhardt) to waive the reading of the minutes of the April 2010 business meeting.

M/S/P (Guinee/Fogelson) to accept the treasurer's report: At the end of 2010 CSAS had 32,477.33 (vs \$25,370.10 at end of 2009); the White award fund was up to \$18,535.33 (vs end of 2009: \$17,920.71); the Dillingham award fund was up to \$17,977.63 (vs end of 2009: \$17,235.91). Membership was 226 (vs 208 at end of 2009. February membership numbers were 224. AAA's new software gives us neither expiration nor join dates.

Recognition was given to members with 50+ years of membership, as follows (members present were asked to stand, and are noted in bold):

60+: Justine Cordwell, Bernice Kaplan

50+: Erika Bourguignon, **Ray Fogelson**, Nancy Oestrich Lurie, Cara Richards, Sarah Robinson, **Will Sibley**, Peter Suzuki, (Ernie Schusky), (Betty Messenger)

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Margaret Buckner

Dr. Buckner reported that 250 people had preregistered for the 2011 conference and 20 had registered onsite. There were 163 papers organized into 44 sessions. She thanked Dr. Virginia Dominguez for support and assistance.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT – P. Nick Kardulias (report given by Willie McKether)

Dr. McKether announced that the 2012 meeting will be held in Toledo, OH, March 22-24 at the Park Inn by Radisson (a union-owned hotel) and hosted by the Department of Anthropology at the University of Toledo. Dr. McKether will serve as local arrangements chair.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – Alice Kehoe, MaryCarol Hopkins

Dr. Hopkins reported on the results of the 2010 elections (2nd vp-elect: Bill Guinee; Nominations: MaryCarol Hopkins; Board: Willie McKether and Angela Glaros

She presented the 2011 slate:

2nd vp-elect: Jim Stanlaw

Nominations: R. Lee McNair

Board (vote for 2): Nobuko Adachi, Brigittine French, Julie Hollowell, John Hoopes

The slate was accepted.

Hopkins indicated that the board was considering a proposal to amend the bylaws to divide the offices, separating the program chair from the presidential track, and shortening the overall commitment involved. She invited feedback as discussions are still preliminary.

CSAS BULLETIN EDITORS– Amber Clifford-Napoleone, Alice Kehoe

Dr. Kehoe reported that the Bulletin is up to date technically thanks to Dr. Clifford-Napoleone, with essays, photos, and more.

ANTHROPOLOGY NEWS COLUMN EDITORS – Angela Glaros, Evie Dean-Olmstead

Dean Olmsted and Glaros asked members to please submit items for the AN column, including photos, publication announcements, information about field schools, and so on. They would like to broaden the kind of material that appears in the column.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Ottenheimer reported that thanks to a generous subsidy from Dr. Justine Cordwell, the earring modification has been completed. The posts have been moved up and the earrings hang as originally intended. There are twelve pairs of earrings remaining in inventory.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

NECROLOGY – moment of silence (note: brief obits on tables and below)

There was a moment of silence in recognition of the passing of John Messenger (June 2010), Lowell Holmes (August 2010), and Tim Murphy (2011). Dr. Anderson mentioned the passing of Dr. Jack Wadell in 2009.

MEETING THANK YOU

Thanks were extended to Margie Buckner, 2011 Program Chair; Michael Chibnik, Chair of Anthropology Department, University of Iowa, assisting with local arrangements; the Anthropology

Department, University of Iowa; theLinguistics Department, University of Iowa; thePsychology Department (Delta Center), University of Iowa (these three for co-sponsorship of the Distinguished Speaker Reception); Distinguished speaker E. Sue Savage-Rumbaugh; Alan and Aleta Murphy, musicians at the reception; the Iowa Memorial Union staff; the Iowa House hotel staff, all of the past presidents and other officers who came to join in celebrating our 90th anniversary and to participate in our historical reminiscences session; and everyone else who came and participated in the 2011 meeting.

CHANGE OF PRESIDENCY

Dr. Ulin handed the gavel to Dr. Buckner

ANNOUNCEMENTS – Buckner

Dr. Buckner thanked Dr. Ulin for his service as President of CSAS. She also thanked Paul Durrenberger and Suzan Erem for having hosted the Board members on Thursday evening.

Dr. Buckner announced that the 2011 Student Paper Competition is accepting submissions. The deadline is May 2, and papers should be sent to Dr. Bill Guinee.

Dr. Buckner announced that the 2011 White & Dillingham awards are accepting applications. The deadline is April 22 and applications should be sent to Dr. Robert Ulin.

Addresses for submissions are in the program and on the CSAS website.

Dr. Buckner reminded everyone that the 2012 conference will be held March 22-24, in Toledo, OH. Information will be on the CSAS website in the Fall.

Dr. Dominguez announced that she is subsidizing an initiative to recruit 400 new undergraduate student members at a membership rate of \$35. She has initiated a Presidential Challenge to help undergraduate members join additional sections (they are automatically enrolled in the student section of AAA). Details were announced in the December issue of the AN and are also online.

M/S/P (Hopkins/Wagner) to change the name of the “Business Meeting” to the “Annual Meeting.”

Dr. Buckner invited everyone to share a birthday cake in honor of CSAS’ 90th anniversary.

MOVE TO ADJOURN

M/S/P (Fogelson/Wagner) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

CSAS POSITION STATEMENT ON CRONON CASE

The officers and Board of the Central States Anthropological Society are appalled and concerned by the effort of a Wisconsin Republican Party officer, Stephan Thompson, to obtain “copies of all emails into and out of Prof. William Cronon’s state email account from January 1, 2011 to present” (<http://scholarcitizen.williamcronon.net/2011/03/24/open-records-attach-on-academic-freedom/>, posted March 24, 2011).

Professor Cronon’s university e-mail account contains his correspondence with students as well as with colleagues. Confidentiality between professors and their students must be honored and maintained, or there can be no honest mutual search for truth and understanding. Colleagues too should be assured that opinions may be expressed privately without fear of recriminations. Free and open discussion is the essence of academic freedom. Mr. Thompson’s request to see Professor Cronon’s e-mails is probably illegal under students’ right to privacy. More significant is his clearly political maneuver to frighten into silence one of America’s most eminent historians, a scholar who used the New York Times’ Op-ed page to gently remind his beloved home state’s leadership that in Wisconsin, “Republican” once meant “Progressive.”

We share Professor Cronon’s outrage at this political maneuver and support his efforts to preserve the confidentiality of his university e-mail.

IN MEMORIAM
CSAS
2010-2011

Dr. Lowell D. Holmes

Holmes, Dr. Lowell D., 85, died August 31, 2010. He is survived by his wife, Ellen; children, Loreen Maxfield (Peter) of Chicago, IL, Jonathan Holmes (Martha) of Los Altos, CA, Jill Vita (Rick) of New Orleans, LA, Traci Adams (Sam) of Haysville, Chellie Mazzullo (Sal) of Wichita; grandchildren, Madeline and Jonathan Barbour, Malcolm Maxfield, Connor Holmes, Erika Lair, Tiffany Adams, Jeremiah Teal; great-grandchildren, Caleb and Ellen Lair. Lowell was born in Sioux City, Iowa and grew up in Minneapolis. Upon graduation from high school, he joined the Coast Guard and served during [WWII](#) from 1943-1946. Upon his return, he attended [Northwestern University](#) where he received a BA in English and then continued on to earn a PhD in Anthropology. He started his teaching career at Missouri Valley College and then came to WSU where he was a member of the faculty from 1959 until 1990 when he retired as Distinguished Professor Emeritus. During his tenure at WSU, he established the Anthropology department as well as the Anthropology Museum that was later named in his honor. He was well loved by his students and won multiple teaching awards during his career. He was the author of numerous books on Anthropology, specifically the Samoan Islands where he did research and field work for many years. Lowell was a lifelong jazz enthusiast and played saxophone professionally in his younger years (with guest appearances at each of his children's wedding receptions). His other passion was for sailing and all things nautical including building several boats over the years.

--From the obituary notice in the September 5, 2010 Wichita Eagle.

Dr. John C. Messenger

John C. Messenger, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at the Ohio State University, died peacefully in Columbus on June 15. Born in Green Bay, Wisconsin in 1920, he began college at Lawrence University, but left school for service in World War II, ending up in the Army Medical Corps. John completed his undergraduate degree in geology at Lawrence after the war. In 1949 he began his anthropological studies at Washington University of St. Louis. He then continued to Northwestern University for graduate work with Melville Herskovits. With his wife, the folklorist Betty Messenger, he undertook research among the Anang Ibibio of Southeastern Nigeria in 1951, and received his Ph.D. in 1957. He wrote extensively on the Anang, producing publications on religious acculturation, folklore and art, including riddles, proverbs, drama and carving, and religion and ancestor worship. John also did research in Ireland, Montserrat and New Zealand, examining folklore and performance, humor, acculturation, and culture and personality. Besides his many articles, reviews, and commentaries, John was the author of *Inis Beag: Isle of Ireland*; *Inis Beag: the Anthropologist as Observer Participant*; *An Anthropologist at Play: Baladmongering in Ireland and Its Consequences for Research*. He held teaching positions at Carleton, Michigan State, Indiana, Notre Dame, and Ohio State. Of John's many professional affiliations, he held a special affection for the Central States Anthropological Society, which he joined in 1958 and which he served as president in 1981. He valued both the small scale of the meetings and the opportunity for participation afforded anthropology students, both undergraduates and graduates. He helped to insure that students would experience the professional and scholarly side of their field in a supportive atmosphere. He was awarded a special certificate of appreciation during the 2010 CSAS conference, in honor of his 90th birthday. John is survived by his wife and soul mate, Betty, and a bereft circle of friends.

---Extracted from the obituary notice written by Jack Glazier for the AAA Anthropology News.

Dr. Timothy D. Murphy

Timothy D. Murphy, 74, died January 24, 2011, following a stroke in August. He taught anthropology at Northern Kentucky University since 1987. He was born in Cincinnati to a struggling artist; several years later the family moved to a rural area where they lived without electricity, indoor plumbing, or telephone. Life was difficult there and Tim eventually “ran away” (as he put it) to join the U.S. Navy, after which he enrolled in classes at the Art Institute of Cincinnati.

Tim’s love of art was eclipsed by another passion: cultural anthropology. His navy travel experiences had ignited an interest in other cultures, so he enrolled in anthropology at the University of Cincinnati. That eventually led to doctoral work at the University of Pittsburgh, where he worked with Hugo Nutini and did fieldwork in San Miguel Canoa, Puebla, focusing on marriage, family, and kinship (PhD 1984). Thus began his long love affair with the Tlaxcala-Puebla region of the Mexican central highlands and the Nahuatl.

Tim continued his fieldwork in Canoa, broadening his research to include economics, labor migration, land tenure, myth, legend, ritual, witchcraft, and ceremony. He also did documentary filmmaking with his son, Patrick, and became one of 12 majordomos in the community, a position he still held at the time of his death. One of his recent projects was as consultant and advisor on a project funded by the state of Tlaxcala to develop “native ethnography,” which resulted in booklets and videos on such topics as charcoal-making, folk medicine, fiestas, mythology, and pulque-making.

Tim taught at a variety of institutions including Bradford, Virginia, Indiana U of Pennsylvania, Cincinnati, Thomas More, and Northern Kentucky. He was active in Central States and local anthropology organizations. NKU students held him in high regard and found him enthusiastic and engaging, especially in leading them into the thickets of theory and its application.

The Murphy family has established a scholarship fund in his name to support student field research at NKU. Tim is sincerely missed by family, friends, students, and colleagues.

--Excerpted by MaryCarol Hopkins from the full obituary by Jim Hopgood which will appear in the AAA Anthropology News