

**Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society**  
**Saturday November 23, 2013, 12:15 pm - 2:15 pm**  
**Pullman Boardroom, Chicago Hilton, Chicago, IL**

Approved April 10, 2014

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Board Members present: Nobuko Adachi, Lauren Anaya, myrdene anderson, Bill Beeman, Margie Buckner, Matt Buttacavoli, Bill Guinee, Angela Glaros, Julie Hollowell, Nick Kardulias, Alice Kehoe, Heather O'Leary, Nina Ortiz, Harriet Ottenheimer, , Jim Stanlaw.

**Guests:** Jennifer Esperanza (incoming board member 2014), Kate Gillogly (incoming second vice president 2014), Dimitri Glaros, Linda Giles, Oguz Alyanak (grad student paper award winner)

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

President Guinee called the meeting to order at 12:20 p.m and welcomed officers and guests.

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT** (myrdene anderson and Margie Buckner)

Anderson noted that there is one interested person so far. Several names have been suggested and she and Buckner will approach those people to ascertain interest and to prepare a slate. For the 2014 election, positions open include the presidential track, secretary/treasurer, and two board positions.

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

M/S/P (Stanlaw/Beeman) to approve the Board meeting minutes of April 2013. Ottenheimer reported that as of September 2013 CSAS had 237 members (136 regular, 73 student, 2 joint, and 26 retired). She recommended we continue the policy of providing free membership to student members of AAA, and indicated that she had been discussing the establishment of a similar policy, mutually applied, with the Association of Senior Anthropologists. She also reminded board members to send updates on contact information to her anytime there were changes.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Jim Stanlaw)

First Vice President Stanlaw gave an update on plans for the 2014 conference in Normal, IL The website is up and running and all are encouraged to register and submit abstracts, and to distribute information about the conference widely among their colleagues and students. Stanlaw discussed planned activities and asked for help in setting priorities and schedules. Ideas include a film festival with prizes and a reception to meet film directors, an astronomy show on Polynesian navigation with assistance/input from Rick Feinberg, and more. Potential sponsorships were discussed; one possibility is State Farm; a State Farm Ethnographic Film Festival? Plans appear to be going well.

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT** (Willie McKether) Bill Beeman

Beeman gave an update on plans for the 2015 conference. This will be at the St. Paul (MN) Crowne Plaza and all arrangements are confirmed. St. Paul is building a lightrail which, when completed, will be blocks from the hotel so it will be very convenient.

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

Ottenheimer reported that as of September 30, 2013, CSAS had \$45,895.06 in is operating fund, \$19,967.70 in the White Award fund, and \$19,606.96 in the Dillingham Award fund. The White award fund had earned \$610.51 and the Dillingham Award fund had earned \$628.99. In accordance with the vote at the November 2012 Board meeting both awards are now being paid out of the CSAS general funds; this arrangement will continue until each fund reaches \$20,000.

Printing costs so far for the *CSAS Bulletin* were \$148.28. Ottenheimer also reported that our method for reimbursing board members for travel is finally working smoothly. Ten percent (\$4100) of the December 2012 general funds were allocated for 2013 board member travel ; to date \$999.80 has been claimed. Another \$1000 is anticipated to be claimed following the Fall meeting so we will probably remain well within our budget for 2013. The board discussed whether to keep the amounts for various awards the same or to increase them. General sentiment was to keep the amounts the same, but to commit to letting students know that we intend to provide mentoring to student paper prize winners to assist them in developing winning papers into publishable papers (i.e., provide help in identifying journals, guidance in approaching publishers, and ideas for revisions).

M/S/P (Kardulias/Beeman) to accept the Treasurer's report.

#### **IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (P. Nick Kardulias)**

Kardulias reported that there were few applications for the White award and no applications for the Dillingham. Britteny Howell, U of Kentucky was selected as the White award winner. There was discussion about how to publicize the awards more. One suggestion was to create flyers about the awards and send them to regional department chairs and administrative assistants.

Ortiz volunteered to create flyers.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Buckner attended the Section Assembly meeting as Feinberg was unable to attend this year. She mentioned that there were changes made by the Executive Program Committee for future AAA meetings. For example: chairing a session no longer counts against your overall conference participation. Also, no more back to back or long double sessions will be allowed to occupy long blocks of time; instead they will be cut in half and the parts will be scheduled further apart in the program. Also, every section gets a waiver to invite a non-anthropologist to come to the meeting, which waives membership and pays for registration; not all sections are making use of these waivers. Mary Gray will be the program chair for the Washington, DC meeting and is planning lots of outreach. In other section matters, Carol Ember was elected the representative for small sections, the Publishing Committee is working on digitalizing, and Ed Liebow listed a number of ways AAA is considering releasing excess funds. Also, there is now a moratorium on new sections while the SA decides how to proceed with large interest groups and small sections.

##### **CSAS BULLETIN EDITORS' REPORT (Alice Kehoe)**

Kehoe reported that the person who had volunteered to edit the Bulletin had encountered medical, as well as technical, problems and was unable to complete the production of the Bulletin. Buckner was able to use his files to finish the editing and to post the September Bulletin online. Ottenheimer posted the link to FaceBook, and Kehoe printed the paper copies (there were ten this time) and mailed them to individuals who still require the Bulletin on paper. The cost of printing and mailing ten paper copies came to \$58 (more when you count the \$25 coupon that she was able to use at Office Depot ). She suggested we reconceptualize the Bulletin. Perhaps award announcements could be sent to departments and member news, conference news, and announcements could be posted on our website, on our FaceBook page, and through our AN column. She also mentioned resuscitating the old CIA instead as an online journal. It seems that for archival purposes we probably should still publish at least one Bulletin per year, but in general it was felt that we should continue the conversation regarding the Bulletin at the April board meeting. The February Bulletin usually has information about the conference, including the preliminary program and the calls for applications for the student paper awards and the research awards. The preliminary program should also be posted on the web, and the application notifications, which are already on the web, should also be printed in the conference program.

#### **AN EDITORS' REPORT** (Lauren Anaya and Cristina Ortiz)

Anaya and Ortiz issued a call for news for the AN. There is a 1000-word limit for the print edition of the AN but long articles can be "chunked." They suggest placing the most important information in the print edition, but note that they need to send information for the print edition two months in advance. The deadline for the March/April AN is January 1. There is no limit on web material, and web material appears within a week. We need to try to increase the traffic for our web material, and to get more page views of our web material. Everyone is encouraged to submit material to them and to view the AN, and in particular the CSAS pages, as often as possible.

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

Ottenheimer read portions of Sandstrom's email, detailing her progress with archiving the CSAS materials, and encouraging all past presidents to print key files and mail them to her for archiving once they have completed their term in the presidential track.

#### **WEBMASTER'S REPORT** (Margaret Buckner)

Buckner asked for someone to assist her as webmaster. Buttacavoli and Gillogly volunteered to work with her to maintain the CSAS website.

#### **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT** (Matt Buttacavoli and Heather O'Leary)

Nothing to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The idea of establishing a "site committee" for early identification of future meeting locations was dropped pending further interest. The current procedure seems to be working well enough.

Gillogly indicated that she is exploring Chicago as a location for the 2016 meeting. DePaul University is enthusiastic about helping us. The meeting hotel would probably be near Lincoln Park. It was suggested she also reach out to Northwestern U and to Loyola.

M/S/P (Ottenheimer/Beeman) To establish a policy on CSAS conference registration refunds to wit: "All registration refunds must be requested at least two months prior to the conference".

#### **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

M/S/P (Buckner/Beeman) to support the Archivist's expenses (travel, printing, etc.) on behalf of CSAS archiving.

M/S/P (Beeman/Stanlaw) To offer reciprocal membership to members of ASA (Association for Senior Anthropologists), with CSAS covering the cost of CSAS membership to members of ASA who request such membership. Ottenheimer will confer with the president of ASA to work out details. (Buckner suggested that a special reduced registration rate should be established for CSAS meetings. Ottenheimer agreed to work on this for the 2015 conference but noted it would be difficult to put in place for the 2014 conference.)

Kehoe initiated a discussion of the future of the Bulletin. She noted that much that is in the Bulletin is now also posted on the website (meeting information, awards information, e.g.). Others noted that we lose the idea of having the Bulletin as an archive if we do away with it entirely. Perhaps one annual Bulletin would be sufficient for this purpose. It was clear that we need a larger discussion and it was resolved to continue the discussion at the Spring meeting. Buckner, Kehoe and

Hollowell offered to form a committee to review the future of the Bulletin and report at the Spring meeting. In the meantime, Buckner will work with Kehoe to produce the February Bulletin.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**O'Leary announced she would lead people to a pizza place for a post-meeting lunch.**

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**The meeting adjourned at 2:18 pm**