

**Minutes of the Business Meeting of the
Central States Anthropological Society
Saturday, March 30, 2008 Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis, IN
Approved April 4, 2009**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hamill called the meeting to order at 12:45 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT -- James Hamill

President Hamill welcomed members of the association introduced current officers and board members: Claude Jacobs 1st vp, Margie Buckner 2nd vp, Harriet Ottenheimer sec/treas, Jim Dow nominations committee, Nancy Eberhardt, MaryCarol Hopkins, and Cindy Hull board members. New officers and board members were introduced and welcomed: Robert Ulin 2nd vp-elect, Bill Guinee and Rick Feinberg new board members, Paul Durrenberger nominations committee, Evelyn Dean AN column editor. President Hamill announced the election of new board members Bill Guinee, Rick Feinberg, Paul Durrenberger

President Hamill reported on the annual CSAS report to AAA. CSAS has approximately 200 members. Membership is unstable and a concern, particularly regarding the AAA rule that sections must have at least 250 members. CSAS sponsored three sessions at the AAA meetings in November 2007. Individuals and panels are encouraged to ask CSAS for sponsorship at the meetings. CSAS has developed a new web site, thanks to Dr. Raymond Bucko.

President Hamill recognized the 2007 CSAS Award Recipients

White award: Bronwyn Nicole Fullard (U of Notre Dame in Indiana)

Dillingham award: Anna J. Willow (U of Wisconsin – Madison)

Graduate Student Paper award: no award given out

Undergraduate Student Paper award: Katherine Erdman (Grand Valley State University)

Migration, Diffusion, Emulation: Petrographic Analysis of Transcaucasian Pottery from Malayta, Turkey

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Ottenheimer summarized the minutes of the April 2007 business meeting in Minneapolis. M/S/P Fogelson/Hull to approve the minutes as summarized.

Dr. Ottenheimer reported the results of the CSAS winter membership drive. CSAS membership was offered to all AAA members who registered for the CSAS conference. Twenty-one new members joined as a result of this initiative. Their names are listed in the conference program.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Dr. Ottenheimer summarized the financial status of the organization. According to the draft financial report from AAA, as of December 31, 2007, CSAS had net assets of \$9,268.70 (up from \$7,587.30 in December 2006). We can attribute this to our withdrawal from AnthroSource, in particular from the UCP publishing portion of the arrangement: 2007 section allocation dues were \$880.91 as compared with \$5,508 in 2006. The White award fund has \$17,061 and the Dillingham award fund has \$15,793.12. M/S/P Hopkins/Guinee to accept the treasurer's report.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Jacobs summarized highlights of the 2008 conference and thanked all of the paper writers and presenters. He offered special thanks to Dr. Shahrani for his distinguished lecture and noted that Dr. Shahrani had accepted a one year's complimentary membership in CSAS.

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Buckner announced that the 2009 conference would be held April 2-4 at the Illini Union on the campus of University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign April 2-4, 2009. The Department of Anthropology at UIUC, celebrating its 50th anniversary, will host the conference; Virginia Dominguez and Angela Glaros will assist with local arrangements. The Illini Union is a union venue, and does not serve CocaCola products, thus satisfying both of CSAS' requirements for a conference location. She also announced that the White and Dillingham awards would be \$500 each this year, rather than the \$400 printed in the conference program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

Dr. Dow announced the 2008 ballot candidates and reminded people to vote on the bylaws change. Candidates are: 2nd vp-elect: Homayun Sidky; Secretary/Treasurer: Harriet Ottenheimer; Nominations: (vote for one) Lawrence Breitborde, Alan Sandstrom; Board: (vote for two): Deborah Akers, Myrdene Anderson, Nancy Eberhardt, Phyllis Passariello, Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi. The bylaws changes, approved at last Spring's Board meeting are: to create the position of Section Assembly Representative (appointed); to extend honorary board membership to all past presidents of CSAS; and to change the title of Past President to Immediate Past President. M/S/P Eberhardt/Buckner to accept the Nomination Committee's report and slate of candidates.

CSAS BULLETIN

Still no editor, although we are in discussions with someone about the editorship. A Fall mini-Bulletin was produced and distributed by the Secretary/Treasurer. There was no Winter/Spring Bulletin but conference information was emailed to the membership and the preliminary program was posted on the association's website.

AN COLUMN - Evelyn Dean was appointed co-editor at the Fall Board meeting. Angela Glaros continues as co-editor.

OLD BUSINESS

Dr. Buckner provided a brief update on the AnthroSource issue. We withdrew in July 2007. We published and distributed a Fall Bulletin on our own in September 2007. In November 2007 AAA announced a new publishing arrangement with Wiley-Blackwell whereby there would be no further charges to print section publications. Instead there would be potential income to the AS publishing sections. Because the agreement with Wiley-Blackwell was being reviewed by AAA at the same time we were asking to leave AS, we have requested reinstatement into AS.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Hopkins commented that AAA's rolling 12-month renewal process messes up our membership numbers and urged everyone to renew their membership on time. To date the Section Assembly has only been advisory to the AAA Board, but there is talk of reorganizing

so that the SA has more power within AAA. With a minimum membership requirement of 250 for a section to be represented in the SA, numbers really do matter. Dr. Ottenheimer explained that AAA sends renewal reminders for the three months leading up to an expiration date and then drops non-renewing individuals from its (and its sections') membership rolls. Dr. Hopkins and Dr. Ottenheimer urged members to renew on time. Individuals who would like additional renewal reminders should contact Ottenheimer.

NECROLOGY

There was a moment of silence for Jauvanta Walker, 1926-2007, a CSAS member since 1985.

MEETING THANK YOUS

Dr. Hamill thanked the following individuals for their contributions to the 2008 conference:

Freddie Klagstad and staff of Adam's Mark Hotel - Indianapolis
2008 Host Universities: Butler, IUPUI, and U of Indianapolis
Local Arrangements Committee: (named in the conference program)
James Dow (Oakland U), 2008 Conference Outreach
Margie Buckner, (Southwest Missouri State U) 2008 Conference Coordinator
Claude Jacobs, (U of Michigan - Dearborn) 2008 Program Chair
Harriet Ottenheimer (Kansas State U) Registration
Dr. M. Nazif Shahrani (Indiana U, 2008 Distinguished Lecturer

CHANGE OF PRESIDENCY

Dr. Hamill handed the gavel to Dr. Jacobs and welcomed him to the position of President of CSAS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Jacobs thanked Dr. Hamill for his leadership during the past year.

MOVE TO ADJOURN

President Jacobs adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.