

Wisconsin Archaeological Society
2017 Board Meeting
June 3, 2017, 10:00 am
Murphy Board Room, Wisconsin Historical Society

Total board members present: 9

Quorum Met

Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by President Seth Schneider
Secretary Kat Sterner arrived at 10:15 am; Jake Rieb took notes until she arrived

Attendance:

- Rob Nurre – Board Member, Committee Chair
- George Christianson – At Large Board Member
- Kurt Sampson – Board Member, Committee Chair
- Sara Pfannkuche – Board Member, Three Rivers Archaeological Society President
- Kat Sterner – Secretary
- Seth Schneider – President
- Andrew Saleh – Committee Chair
- Joe Monarski – Board Member, Charles E. Brown Chapter President
- Jake Rieb – Treasurer

1. 2017 Society Budget:

- Jake Rieb presented the treasury report
- *Kurt Sampson motioned that \$200 should be earmarked specifically for programs and not for outreach or other expenses; seconded by Rob Nurre.*
 - o *Seth proposes an amendment of the motion to hold the line item in the budget and a decision about the use of the funds will be made when committees are discussed later in the meeting; approved by the board.*

2. 2017 Society Calendar sent out by snail mail

- The board discussed having an internal board-only calendar.
 - o Seth Schneider will set this up via Google.
- The board can discuss sending out a paper calendar later via email.

3. Michael Duff Image Request

- The board suggested that we develop a policy for determining what types of publications are acceptable
- Seth will contact the author of the article, Kelvin Sampson, and let him know that Duff will contact him with a formal request for use of the illustration.

4. Committees

- a. Editorial – Seth will email out Connie's update
 - The editorial committee will move forward with the culturally modified trees project
- b. Elections – Seth Schneider and Sara Pfannkuche
 - There are four board member positions that are coming open
 - Seth will email the membership requesting nominations

- A slate of candidates will be circulated to the membership via email in early fall
 - c. Awards – Seth Schneider
 - WASRA awarded to Jeff Painter
 - Seth will send the proposed changes to the WASRA website wording out to the board to vote on via email
 - d. Preservation of Sites Committee – Rob Nurre
 - Continuing work on putting together a handbook on the care of mounds
 - e. Outreach – Seth Schneider
 - Man Mound on July 29
 - MPM Archaeology Day on November 4
 - Possible Illinois event
 - f. Handbook – Seth Schneider
 - There was some discussion about what format the volume will be published in: e.g., a volume in the journal or a separate publication
 - Will the handbook be directed toward the general public or professional archaeologists?
 - There needs to be a separate meeting to elucidate what the purpose of the society is going forward: a professional/vocational organization or an avocational/public entity.
 - g. Logo – George Christianson
 - Some suggestions were made for future designs
 - When the mission statement is determined that will guide our designs also
 - The board particularly liked the idea of putting the images in the shape of the state of Wisconsin
 - h. Programs Committee – Seth Schneider
 - *George Christianson made a motion that a program committee be put together and headed with a chair. Sara Pfannkuche made an amendment that the programs committee organize with groups having programs throughout Wisconsin (e.g., “chapters” or “affiliated groups”) and to organize the Winter Dinner. Seconded by Joe Monarski; approved by the board.*
 - Seth will talk to Rob Ahlrichs, the current program chair to work on this.
 - *George Christianson made motion that we include the \$200 line item in the 2017 budget for the programs committee; seconded by Jake Rieb; approved by the board.*
5. Heim Mound – **TABLED**
6. Affiliation with National Organizations - **TABLED**
 - a. Society for American Archaeology
 - b. Register of Professional Archaeologist
7. Spring Meetings - **TABLED**
 - a. Set as an Archaeology Month Event in May
8. Wyalusing Signage Replacement Event
 - The DNR wants the plaque replaced exactly as it is, with no changes to the wording

- Rob Nurre and Seth Schneider will meet with Mark Dudzik and Chadwick Breuer to discuss the options for replacing the sign
9. WAS Chapter Relations
- Seth proposed the development of a President's Council so that the presidents of the affiliated groups could come together to meet once or twice a year and then they could elect one representative to the board
 - Current "Chapters" could be incorporated as "Affiliated Societies" that may or may not have to pay to be affiliated. The relationship would be about providing an avenue for finding speakers and events for chapters and a venue for acquiring new members for the Society.
 - o There would have to be a yearly review and a memorandum of understanding
 - Seth will approach members in Milwaukee to see if they are willing to put together a structured system of governance and become and affiliated societies.
10. New By-Laws – **TABLED**
11. The Society Fall General Meeting
- a. Beloit College, September 30, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
12. Next Board Meeting
- Mid-July
13. Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.