

**Wisconsin Archaeological Society**  
Fall 2018 Board Meeting  
November 10<sup>th</sup> 2018, 10:00 am  
Conference Room, Kenosha Civil War Museum

Total board members present: 7  
Quorum Met

Meeting called to order at 10:08am by President Seth Schneider

Attendance:

George Christianson  
Bill Green  
Rob Ahlrichs/Kat Sterner – Secretary  
Ryan Howell – visiting program chair, non-voting attendee  
Dan Joyce  
Tom Loebel  
Kurt Sampson  
Seth Schneider  
Jake Rieb - Treasurer

#### 2018 Budget Report

#### 2. Acceptance of the September Board Meeting Minutes

- Discussion of meeting minutes, Seth didn't send them out before the meeting, they are being passed around the table
- G. Christiansen motions to accept the Sept. meeting minutes – vote passes unanimously

#### 3. Secretary's Report

- Seth been sending out secretary's report

#### 4. Treasurer's Report – Jake Rieb

- a. 2018 Budget, so far and projection to the end of the year
  - \$66,382 total
  - \$510 total in donations this year

See Treasurer's Report for details.

- 243 paid memberships for the year this year – this is up from earlier reports
- Discussion of the merits of using interest from CDs and donations for site preservation and editorial funds rather than just lumping them into the general income for the year.
- Jake suggests designating the money this year, or possibly starting next year.
- Discussion of possibly taking the "endowment" out of CDs and into a very slightly more aggressive investment vehicle, which would help society income.
- *Vote: Approved a motion to take money from CD interest and general donations to add to Site Preservation and Editorial funds for 2019 and not the 2018 budget.*

#### b. 2019 Budget discussion

- Preservation of sites and editorial budget lines will go down, but will be replenished in 2019 by the above mechanisms
- Seth would like to put together a WAS winter dinner in MKE
  - We discussed some of the background drama surrounding the MKE and the Winter Dinner issues
  - *George Christiansen motions that Dr. Schneider plans the winter dinner with date to be determined later, for the 2019 Winter Dinner on either the 19<sup>th</sup>.*
- *Kurt motions that we increase the merchandise budget to \$200 for 2019 and the income estimate to \$150. – motion passes*
  - Suggestion by Dan Joyce that we might whole sale some merchandise in places like the Kenosha Public Museum, and other places
  - We should have some membership flyers in places like the Public Museum with 160k people coming in the doors.
  - Kurt has a strong connection to the Aztalan printing company who does a lot of the work for his Effigy Mounds Initiative group
    - Ex. Sell shirts for \$25 – makes \$10 for the organization
- There is some concern about the \$2078 deficit for the year.
  - Due to more expense for meetings and lower than estimated membership
  - Could put together an event or two specifically oriented to fund raising
  - *Tabling the 2019 budget for finalization, vote on the Budget will come by email, after committees submit desired budgets*
  - Education & Events budget reduced to \$0
  - Elections budget reduced to \$0
- Kletzch Park, Glendale, WI
  - Putting up new signage about Indian Prairie Mound Group and a recorded Menomonee Indian Village site.
  - Signs have been approved by the State
  - Does the board have interest in helping with financial support to pay for the signs
  - Tabling the discussion for a donation

#### 5. Committee Chair Reports

- Journal Business – Connie Arzigian
  - Plan is to have all the articles in by Thanksgiving
  - Have the journal printed and out before Christmas
  - Connie Arzigian is willing to work on the Wisconsin Archaeologist as editor (has been the editor for 10 years) until 2025
    - Some discussion of Norm Meinholz as the Newsletter Editor.
    - Needs content

Ritzenthaler and Lapham Awards – Seth suggested Dr. John Richards would be a good candidate WASRA award – Megan Thornton’s award has not been sent out. She is working on getting some Middle Woodland pottery thin sectioned.

- Seth suggests it may be best to have the WASRA be run through the UWM Anthropology department.

Ryan Howell – Program Committee Chair

- Kenosha – used the service to get a speaker for their December program
- Has gotten several sets of schedules from
  - Kenosha
  - Two Rivers
  - Madison?
- Two school lecture requests. – Seth Taft did those talks
- Kurt Sampson suggestion on programs
  - Mound site centennial coming up in 2021 for Silver Lake mound site on the boy scout camp.
  - Might be good use as an outreach/programming event
  - Could use connection to the boy scouts and their new Archaeology Merit Badge
  - Could contact local historical society in conjunction with the event
- Going to do a series of County Road Show events again
  - Events in libraries, collection ID events,
- Wisconsin version of Time Team show for You Tube
- We need someone who can do the IG, Facebook, Twitter
- Does WAS want to be involved in these activities or not?

Kurt Sampson – membership/merchandise – waiting till later to discuss branding

Some discussion of decreasing memberships in societies/cultural groups across cultural divides.  
Dan Joyce mentions that younger generations need/want experiences rather than events.

Options for Outreach and Education Committee

- Talk to teachers across the state and let them know what we're up to
  - O'Connor model of outreach about Native Americans in the state – look for Kurt's email.
- Tables at state conference, Wisconsin Historical Society annual meeting – Last weekend in Oct.

## Old Business

6. Results of the 2018 Fall Election

- George Christiansen – President
- Rob Nurre – Vice President
- Report percentages to general membership – not raw numbers.

7. The Society 2018 Fall Meeting in Baraboo, WI

A. Recap – (George Christiansen)

- Jeff Behm, Ray Reser and Ryan Howell flintknapping
- Connie Arzigian digging with a scapula hoe
- Seth Schneider and Joan Slack working with pottery
- 50 people there at any given time

B. Any comments from participants

- We should post some photos on social media from the meeting.

C. Next Meeting/Assembly

- Make sure to schedule not in competition with other archaeology events.
- Advertise well in advance.
- Schedule out a year's worth of events in January.

## 8. Society Logo

- Keep the centennial bird effigy logo.
- Put it on the back cover of the journal.
- *Dan Joyce motioned to keep the 2003 bird effigy logo, seconded by Bill Green, approved by the board.*

## New Business

- Seth will put together a letter to Toby Morrow's family from the Society

## 9. Man Mound: Society Support for care of the mound

- Estimated \$3000 a year currently.
- Put together a support group (similar to the Friends of Aztalan) for a better long term approach to the care?
- Examine the original deed and following correspondence.
- Consider how to put together a master plan for care of the mound and grounds.
- Create a special membership category for mound preservation – change the “Donor” category to a different name and direct that money straight into the sites preservation fund?
  - *Dan Joyce motioned that we create an Archaeological Site Preservation Fund donation category, seconded by Tom Loebel, approved by the board.*
  - A statement will be put in the next newsletter advertising the opportunity.

## 10. Edgewood College Marker: Moving marker.

- A Wisconsin Archeological Society marker is currently in one of the mounds. It would be best to remove the marker.
- Table further discussion until a later meeting.

## 11. Donation of Journal Archive to WHS Library

- *George Christiansen moved to give them a free digital copy of our archives to provide access to students and members of WHS, seconded by Bill Green, approved by the board.*

## 12. Wisconsin Archaeology 2019 Yearly Calendar

- Tabled until January 2019.

## 13. Next Board Meeting

- Board meeting on January 19, 2019 2:30-4:30 pm before the Winter Dinner.

## 14. Adjournment at 2:04 pm.