

**Wisconsin Archeological Society**

April 2020 Board Meeting

April 18, 2020, 10:00 am

Zoom

Total board members present: 8

*Quorum Met*

- I. Called to order by President George Christiansen at 10:08 am
  - a. Attendance:
    - i. George Christiansen
    - ii. Kat Sterner
    - iii. Rob Nurre
    - iv. Warren Mohar
    - v. Seth Schneider
    - vi. Jennifer Edginton
    - vii. Heather Walder
    - viii. Connie Arzigian
    - ix. Kent Dickerson
    - x. Cindi Stiles
    - xi. Amy Rosebrough
  - b. *Rob motioned to accept the February 15 Board Meeting minutes, Seth seconded the motion, approved by the Board*
- II. President's Report – George Christiansen
  - a. George suggested Jean Dowiasch for the empty Director position
  - b. Jennifer mentioned that she can work with someone on the Social Media position
  - c. Rob suggested doing quarterly in-person meetings and monthly Zoom meetings (on the months that we don't have an in-person meeting)
    - i. *Seth motioned to approve having quarterly in-person meetings with audio/virtual meetings in the other months, seconded by Rob, approved by the Board.*
- III. Treasurer's Report – Seth Schneider
  - a. We currently have 208 paid members
  - b. Seth would like us to pay \$10 a month to upgrade MailChimp so that we can have up to three audiences that we can send emails to instead of the current one audience included in the free version
    - i. This was approved by the Board
  - c. It would be helpful to switch from the Bank of Prairie du Sac to a larger regional bank
    - i. For now, the Board agreed to leave our two CDs and checking account where they are
    - ii. 2020 Budget
      1. \$0 for Wisconsin Archaeology Month this year
      2. Increase for multimedia spending (Zoom, MailChimp, etc.)
      3. Moved funds from "Program Coordinator" position to "Education & Events" line item
      4. Preservation of Sites \$500 rolled over from last year

5. Seth would like \$200 reimbursement from the Editorial funds for mailing paper copies of WisArch News
  - a. *Warren motioned to reimburse Seth, seconded by Amy, approved by the Board.*
6. *Rob moved to approve the budget, seconded by Warren, approved by the Board*

#### IV. Committee Reports

##### a. Publications – Kent Dickerson

- i. The Spring 2020 issue may be delayed due to restrictions placed on access to labs to do research
  1. Maybe we can note this in the newsletter
- ii. We are not able to mail back issues because of inability to access campus. We are currently sending a download link to digital copies until hard copies can be sent.
- iii. George will email the membership to address both of these issues

##### b. Awards – Heather Walder

- i. There was one applicant – Ashley Brennaman at UWM
  1. *Rob motioned to award the WASRA to Ashley Brennaman, seconded by Seth, approved by the Board*
- ii. We need to improve advertising
- iii. Maybe we should change the award date to fall instead of spring
- iv. Next meeting we will discuss funding opportunities focused less on students

##### c. Membership – Kurt Sampson

- i. Membership is down this year
- ii. We will send a renewal reminder

##### d. Preservation of Sites – Rob Nurre

- i. Working on a site plan for the Heim Mound
- ii. Sauk County Historical Society and Parks Department are working on a master plan for the Man Mound
- iii. We are still working on the lease of the Man Mound feet

##### e. Education Committee – Jennifer Edginton

- i. Online lectures
- ii. Lesson plans
- iii. Online book club/book recommendations
- iv. Need to reach out to younger generations

#### V. Lizard Mound County Park – Rob Nurre

- a. Washington County wants to divest itself of this responsibility
- b. The Wisconsin DNR also does not want to manage it
- c. The Milwaukee Audubon Society has put together a proposal to assume responsibility for the mound
  - i. They manage the River's Edge Park in the area
- d. Rob suggested that the Society host a meeting with all involved parties to discuss
- e. A written site management plan should be composed

#### VI. Spring Field Assembly

- a. Not possible to hold in person due to COVID-19
- b. We will try to do some distance/web events maintaining the High Cliff focus
- c. Kent suggested that we make the membership aware of the situation with Lizard Mound
- d. Jennifer will put together a proposal

- VII. Fall Field Assembly
  - a. Still plan on an in-person event with the possibility of having to do something distance
    - i. More on that at the next meeting
- VIII. Officer positions available in the fall
  - a. President
  - b. Vice-President
  - c. Secretary
  - d. At Large Director
- IX. Next meeting will be via Zoom on May 2 at 10:00 am
  - a. Topics will include:
    - i. Archaeology month/Spring field assembly
    - ii. Expanding the awards offerings
      - 1. Cindi will send these proposals out
- X. Meeting adjourned at 12:25 pm.