

Wisconsin Archeological Society
March 2019 Board Meeting
March 30, 2019, 10:00 am
University of Wisconsin-Baraboo Sauk County

Total board members present: 9

Quorum Met

Meeting called to order at 10:15 am by President George Christiansen

Attendance:

- Jake Rieb
- George Christiansen
- Kat Sterner
- Amy Rosebrough
- Rob Nurre
- Cindi Styles (conference call)
- Seth Schneider
- Heather Walder (conference call)
- Tom Loebel (conference call)

6c. Awards and Grants Committee

- Board voted unanimously to grant Bill Green the Lapham Award
 - o Award this to him at the May 18 Spring Meeting
- There were no applications for the WASRA this year
 - o We could advertise the award in the fall and spring?
 - o Make the award \$1000 instead of \$500?
 - o Make the award available to everyone (e.g., professional archaeologists, historical societies, etc.)
- Seth motioned that we raise the WASRA award amount from \$500 to \$1000 for future award; amended by Rob to state that \$1000 will be available to be divided into one or multiple awards as determined by the Awards Committee; seconded by Tom; approved by the Board.
- We will determine the current location of the bronze medals given out for the Lapham Award and identify a tenable location for long term storage.

6e.ii. Wisconsin Archaeology Synthesis

- Heather is working on coordinating a special volume of the Wisconsin Archeologist to have an overview of Wisconsin Historical Archaeology
- Heather will provide George with the author guidelines prepared for this Historical volume for potential adaptation for other time period volumes

2. February Board Meeting Minutes

- Rob motioned to accept the February board meeting minutes; seconded by Seth; approved by the Board

3. President's Report

- George has prepared the letter with details about WAS's action plan and will send it out soon
- He has found a chair for the Education and Outreach Committee (Luke Matthews at MATC)

- Dan Joyce was not able to make today's meeting due to his workload and he will only be able to make one meeting out of the next four.
 - o In accordance with the Board's discussion, George will encourage him to stay on the Board until the end of his term (January 2020).

4. Secretary's Report

- There was a Board email vote to award the Lapham Award to Bill Green.

5. Treasurer's Report

- We will need to update the Awards line item from \$550 to \$1050 due to the increase associated with the WASRA
- Jake found 300 members from previous years who had not renewed for this year
 - o He has sent this list to Kurt for a mailing
 - George prepared a postcard for this
- Jake would like to have enamel pins to give to members – he will get quotes for this
- We had a deficit of \$1118 which largely resulted from \$2000 excess for printing of the journal
 - o We may be able to cut some of these costs by offering an electronic option for members
 - We need to check with Connie about the minimum threshold required for printing the journal
 - Jake will do this
 - o There is often a back stock journals printed – as many as 100

6a. Education/Events/Programs Committee

- A chair has been appointed (as noted earlier)
- George will send the Board the draft of committee goals
- May 18th Satterlee Clark Excavations
 - o Advertising
 - Email to WAS membership
 - Email to Badger State and Affiliated Societies membership
 - Email to Satterlee Clark membership
 - Email Joe DeRose at WHS
 - Email to Survey membership
 - o Include an RSVP (May 4 deadline) in advertisements for people who want to actively participate in the excavations
 - o Kat will make the flier and run it by Kurt
 - We need to include a provision that only members can participate and provide an option for people to become members on site
 - Satterlee Clark House open for tours
 - Excavations
 - Artifact processing
 - GPR demonstrations
 - o Kat will talk to Kurt and determine how to proceed with regard to a curation contract and stipulations on what the finished products will be.
 - o Kat and George will find UW examples of liability waivers for fieldwork and model a WAS one on these.
 - o We need a list of committed field supervisors
 - Kat
 - Seth

- George
 - Rob Ahlrichs
 - Cindi
 - Kat can email Dan to see if he can do the GPR before the 18th and then have the data and the machine both available on site that day.
- Fall Meeting
 - Silver Mound
 - Flintknapping, pottery-making, and tour
 - Indigenous food items (Wild Bearries) – Rob
 - Get in touch with Kathy, Ernie and Connie about how they organized the Silver Mound Days through MVAC (Cindi)
 - See if we can get the Ho-Chunk involved
 - Get in touch with the KOA about scheduling (Rob)
 - Get in touch with the Archaeological Conservancy (Rob)
 - October 19 if possible
 - See if Jeff Behm and Ernie Boszhardt will do tours (George)
 - See if Geri Schraub can talk about the rock art there (George)
- Local History and Historic Preservation Conference
 - George will reconnect with Amy Norland
- Archaeology Month Events
 - Rob Nurre would like to schedule tours of the Merrimac Bird Mound
 - May 11th
 - George Christiansen would like to schedule a tour of Aztalan
 - May 4th

6b. Preservation of Sites

- Potential to break this into two sub-committees
 - One for Heim Mound and one for more general sites preservation
- Man Mound
 - There is a Man Mound Planning Committee made up of individuals associated with each of the four entities with an interest
 - WAS
 - Sauk County Historical Society
 - Sauk County Parks
 - Sauk County Board
 - Rob is encouraging the group to use the Serpent Mound Master Plan as a model
 - There is some concern that there is no involvement by the WHS or the Ho-Chunk Nation writ-large
 - Rob would like George to sign a letter from the Society requesting that the Planning Committee be a joint Sauk County, Wisconsin Archeological Society Committee
 - Seth motioned that Rob draft a letter indicating the Society would like to have a joint committee with the Sauk County Historical Society to scope a Master Plan for the Man Mound; seconded by Kat; approved by the Board.

6d. Elections Committee

- Kat will stay on one more year as Secretary
- Jake will step down as Treasurer
- Tom and Dan's terms are up this year

- Tom will stay on the slate
- Rob motioned that the Secretary's term extend until 2020 and the Treasurer's term end as planned in 2019; seconded by Seth; approved by the Board.
- Seth will put out a call to the membership to solicit nominations

6f. Membership Committee

- Update membership renewal postcard and mail it
- Membership brochure will be ready to go by mid-April

6g. Affiliated Organizations Council

- Rob and Amy need to contact all of the existing Affiliated Organizations to try to set up a meeting
- Amy has a survey to send to the Affiliated Organizations about:
 - Outreach and cross-promotion
 - Challenges they're facing
 - Opinions on the Society's goals

7. Administrative Positions Update

- Nothing new.

8. Wisconsin Archeological Society Calendar

- Add Spring and Fall Meetings to Newsletter
- Add projected publication dates

Meeting adjourned by President George Christiansen at 1:24 pm.