



Minutes of the Fall Meeting, September 9, 2022

The meeting is officially called to order at 1:13 pm by President John Laughlin.

Roll Call (Leanna): The majority of the Executive Committee is present. We have quorum.

RESOLUTION: On Paul Burnett's motion (seconded by Bonnie Lawrence-Smith) the Fall 2022 Agenda was approved. All in favor.

RESOLUTION: On Mavis Greer's motion (seconded by Paul Sanders) the Spring 2022 Meeting Minutes were approved. All in Favor.

Executive Committee/Treasurer and Membership Report (Michael Page):

- As of September 9, 2022, the balance of the WAPA checking account is \$7,775.02 and the balance of the Putnam account is \$23,598.19 for a TOTAL of \$31,373.21.
- Expenditures since the Spring 2022 meeting consist of:
 - \$200.00 to Phil Kearney (Historic Firearms Workshop)
 - \$480.00 to Frison Institute for 16 copies of Medicine Lodge Creek Vol 1
 - \$1,000.00 to Donation to the Office of Wyoming State Archaeologist to assist in the cost of shipping the Patten Creek artifact collection.
 - \$20 cash for change
- **RESOLUTION:** On Bonnie Lawrence Smith's motion (seconded by Marcia Peterson) the Fall 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in Favor.

Membership & Ethics Committee Report

As of September 9, 2022, WAPA has a total of 78 members that have paid in full and 9 lifetime members (pending applications = 0).

- Paul Burnett: Suggests WAPA have a moderator for the listserve.
 - Rachael Shimek: when the new EC starts we need to reform the Ethics Committee with the new EC VP (as chair) - moderator can be discussed.

RESOLUTION: On Mavis Greer's motion (seconded by Member) the Fall 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in Favor.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

- **Listserve/Website (John Laughlin):** John will update everything with the new EC members. There is nothing new to discuss on the listserve, otherwise; both John and Leanna have been monitoring it.



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- **WAPA Partnership with WAS Chapters on Zoom Pro (John Laughlin):** The plan is to let this lapse, since we are meeting in person these days, unless folks feel differently.
 - Rachael Shimek: A couple WAS chapters still want to use it. And what about the Speaker Series? Either WAS or WAPA should keep it going.
 - Paul Burnett: I suggest companies donate their Zoom licenses to WAPA, especially if they wouldn't have additional cost associated with it. It would be nice for companies to give back to the archaeological community.
 - Member: If it's not much and we have the money why not keep it?
- **WAPA Speaker Series (John):** It will be up to the new EC to carry on the speaker series, should they choose to do so.
- **T-shirts, hats, and stickers (Shirts are \$17 each, hats \$20, and stickers are \$2 each). (John)** We have schwag for sale here today and they will be available at the archaeology fair. If anyone has any ideas for other items let the new EC know.
 - Paul Burnett: Do we have Venmo?
 - John Laughlin: No. That is something to consider though.
 - Amanda Castañeda: There might be a way to avoid the square thing.
 - Michael Page: Yeah, good idea because we lose money on PayPal and we have service charges for USBank even though we hardly have any transactions.
 - Member: What about switching to UniWyo or another credit union?
 - Michael Page: There are lots of issues with USBank so that could be a good idea.
- **Renaming the WAPA Student Book Award to 'The Mary Lou Larson Student Book Award' (John):** This award was renamed in the Spring to honor Mary Lou.
- **Training Opportunities for WAPA members (John):** Inland Oil Spill Response - The Dept of Interior is doing an inland oil spill response training in Torrington. I just sent out the announcement to the listserve. Sign up if you are interested. October 18-20th, 2022.
 - Mary Hopkins: It would be nice if WAPA could send a letter to the State Director of BLM about lack of participation because it IS in their State Protocol to do so.
- **WAPA Officer Elections Fall 2022 (John):**
 - Please see Leanna after the meeting if you have not voted yet and still want to.
- **Wyoming Archaeologist (Danny):** We need to produce five more issues. Send us articles to include, doesn't have to be long.
 - Paul: Maybe we include this in mitigation requirements.
 - Richard: Include that when you are writing the treatment plans. We don't write many MOAs anymore because of the protocol and the standard data recovery plan in it, which is why we aren't receiving as many articles as mitigation these days.



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NEW BUSINESS

Spring Meeting in Worland (John): The museum offered to host this year. I will find out for sure soon. No date has been set yet but it is typically at the end of April or beginning of May.

WYDOT/SHPO PA (John): There is going to be a new Programmatic Agreement between WYDOT and SHPO. WAPA will be a consulting party on that PA. There will likely be a public meeting sometime in the next couple of months.

GBD Centinel PA (Richard): Updating all the nukes - 6 states are involved. The logistics are complicated. Requiring 100% inventory.

Trapper's Point Comments from Dave Vlcek: This is an issue that will have to be dealt with by the next EC and the new Ethics Committee. (John has to recuse himself because he was the SHPO reviewer.) At the time, everyone was very happy with the results. It was a spectacular example of cooperation among different agencies.

- Richard Currit: As a SHPO employee I re-read the reports and would have made the exact same call as John did. Impacts to the site were all in previously disturbed areas.
- Paul Burnett: The map was challenging to determine the limits of construction in relation to the shovel tests.
- Mary Hopkins: There were many many conversations with WYDOT about the placement of that overpass (because they were originally going to place it right in the middle of the site).
- Michael Page: I had checked it out after the overpass was built and I didn't see ANY intact deposits. No staining.
- Mary Hopkins: This was all dealt with a decade ago and all of it is done and there is nothing else that we can do.
- Brian Waitkus: The testing was done in those areas because there was a possibility that some of the construction access might possibly disturb the area. If he found something then it is something new - things get uncovered after this many years have gone by, there will be erosion etc. It is a massive site with numerous localities. We were limited in what we could do out there as far as testing goes due to its NRHP status. There are some sites that you have to keep looking at.
- Paul Burnett: The issue in this case is understanding the limits of disturbance and we need to make sure that agencies require that to be disclosed (in agreement documents) so that we have a clear understanding of those limits.
- John Laughlin: The problem at the end of the day is how the "issue" was presented, as if it was some kind of conspiracy, or there was incompetence.
- Richard Currit: We need a real ethics committee.
- Rachael Shimek: We also need some kind mechanism in place in order to deal with these types of issues.



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Mummy Cave Repatriation (Larry Todd): In 2019 we were working with Mummy Cave. One of the levels at that site, Level 3, has discrete human burial off to the side of the rock shelter and the only radiocarbon date is from the clothing 1230 +/- 100. Level 3 is over 30 cm thick, clearly multiple types of cultural and natural deposition events. Initially, only one funerary object. Federal Register was updated, and suddenly 44 objects described and identified/defined as funerary objects due to NAGPRA. The entire cultural level identified as funerary. However, there was animal bones, coprolites etc. so I am FOIA'ing the Forest to find out how that was determined. I received the response and all the info requested was provided. We are lucky that only that level has been determined as such because they wanted to do the entire site that way. We all have ARPA permits that say what we are supposed to do when it comes to funerary objects but apparently there is no concrete definition - anyone can just say it is funerary. So, this is concerning. The Shoshone-Bannock wanted the entire site to be a funerary object. This is potentially precedent setting, and we are losing a portion of the Wyoming archaeological record.

Introduction of New Executive Committee (John):

- **President:** Mavis Greer
- **Vice President:** Jenny Aiello
- **Secretary:** Amanda Castañeda
- **Treasurer:** Gwendolyn Kristy
- **At-Large:** Kate Birmingham and Rachael Shimek

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Archaeology Fair Tomorrow (September 10, 2022)
- Archaeology Awareness Month Poster is available

CONTRACTOR/AGENCY REPORTS (amended to the meeting minutes)

BLM-Rock Springs Field Office (via Gene Smith)

- Gateway West segment D3 from Bridger Power Plant to Idaho getting ready to start cultural inventories.
- Jackalope Wind Project near the Eversole Ranch and Fort LaClede getting ready to start cultural inventories.
- Independent research project – Gene Smith has visited all of the known bow stave tree sites in Wyoming and is working site form updates (and the initial recording for the Rabou Tree). A call for information should be published in the next issue of the Wyoming Archaeologist. An SAA/Plains style poster is in the early stages of planning and it is possible that a tree may be featured in a future Wyoming Archaeology Poster.



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RESOLUTION: On Member's motion (seconded by Member), the Fall 2022 WAPA Meeting is adjourned at 2:55 pm. All in favor.

Meeting Attendees – 24 attendees:

1. Paul Burnett
2. Molly Herron
3. Adam Guinard
4. Judy Wolf
5. Anne-Marie Card
6. Robert Kelly
7. Danny Walker
8. Mary Hopkins
9. Christy Smith
10. Brian Waitkus
11. Spencer Pelton
12. Larry Todd
13. Marcia Peterson
14. Richard Currit
15. John Laughlin
16. Leanna Flaherty
17. Rachael Shimek
18. Paul Sanders
19. Nathan Fleming
20. Michael Page
21. Mavis Greer
22. Amanda Castañeda
23. Gwendolyn Kristy
24. Bonnie Lawrence-Smith