

Spring 2014 WAPA Meeting Minutes

Pinedale, WY, May 2, 2014, 1:00 pm

WAPA Treasurer's Report – Spring 2014

John Laughlin

Checking: As of 5/2/2014 the WAPA checking account had \$3597.04 in funds. Our PayPal account has \$296.21, giving us \$3893.25.

Putnam: As of 5/2/2014 the Putnam account had a total of \$12280.42, an increase of \$1039.56 since the Fall meeting.

WAPA funds grand total = \$15877.46

Expenditures since the fall meeting total \$1084.54 and consist of:

\$388.74 – GoDaddy Web Hosting (we will get half of this back from WAS)

\$144.91 – 2014 Dues Mailing

\$200 – Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month Support

\$250 – ARARA 2014 Meeting Support

\$49 – By-Laws Vote Mailing

\$51.89 – Star Awards (2014 Distinguished Service Award)

WAPA will be awarding the 2014 Brad Humphrey Travel Award this weekend. Students receiving the award are:

Jordan Stapley – Central Wyoming College

Bryon Schroeder – University of Montana

Katie Johnson – Central Wyoming College

Nico Holt – Central Wyoming College

Allyson Grunwald – University of Wyoming

WAPA filed their 1090N with the Internal Revenue Service on April 1, 2014

Approved the minutes from the Fall 2013 meeting.

Old Business:

1. Memorial Plaque: in Fall 2013 Memorial Plaque committee came up with a list of people. The intent and purpose was discussed: should WAPA recognize everyone who has passed away or specific people for their contributions/distinction?
 - Some questions about the memorial's size and color.
 - Open discussion about what the membership wants. Mark Miller (Memorial Plaque committee) asked about recognition for service similar to what WAS does. A lifetime achievement/distinguished service award already exists.

- Russ Tanner pointed out that they are two different things: a distinguished service award and a memorial plaque for members who have passed away. A list of all members could be maintained on the website.
- Paul Sanders—someone could be nominated with a paragraph of achievements, voted on at the meeting, and the paragraph could then be posted on the website.
- Mike Bies asked that people doing the nomination include a photo when available.
- Richard Currit—start with putting the names of people who have received the lifetime/distinguished achievement award and have passed on to the plaque to begin with.
- **Motion to nominate individuals to be on the Memorial Plaque with a summary paragraph and a vote of simple majority at time of next meeting; keep a list of the deceased members on the website; put recipients of previous awards (if have passed away) on the initial Memorial Plaque. Motion seconded; passed.**

2. Ethics Amendment Vote—Michael Page

- Between members present and ballots mailed in we received 64 out of the 130 members, not enough to change the bylaws (we need a 60% of membership vote so we are 13 votes short).
- An additional amendment has come up to Section 15(5), the curation clause, with some wording clarification. The new amendment will need to be addressed by another vote.
- Mike Bies—we need to change the bylaws to read 60% of those voting at a meeting, not 60% of entire membership.
- Paul—we need to send out a re-notification to those who haven't voted
- Karina—Is it specific to mail or could we email votes? M. Page read the bylaws which state “by mail”, was written before email existed.
- Russ Tanner suggested that if we do another vote we address the issue of 60 percent and change to a simple majority.
- **Motion was put forward that “mail” in the 21st century is equal to email. Motion seconded; passed.**
- A special meeting was called by ten members present to address the bylaws, beginning with the 60 percent vote:
 1. Carmen Clayton
 2. Nick Freeland
 3. Russ Tanner
 4. Patrick Walker
 5. Judy Wolf
 6. Jeremy Omvig
 7. Jody Clauter
 8. Karina Bryan
 9. Dave Vlcek
 10. Mavis Greer

3. Jonah Update

- Sam Drucker, BLM Pinedale FO updated as follows: an amendment to the Jonah PA extended it until work can be done (it did not expire as was thought at the Fall 2013 meeting). One of the major proponents has had a name change so a second amendment will be needed to change the name “EnCana” to “Jonah Energy”. This second amendment is for the name change only. Overall the PA process will be inviting interested groups by mid-summer 2014. WAPA received a letter and has agreed to be a consulting party. The Green River Drift PA is close to done and WAPA is a consulting party on this as well. Russ Tanner pointed out that the Green River Drift has been listed on the NRHP as a TCP.
4. Special Committee on Public Awareness and Education
- Mike Bies described this as a group that will help with participation on Pas with an educational goal. The group would review Pas and see if opportunities to involve the public are there and if mitigation leading towards Education Opportunities exists.
 - Discussion: the WAPA President is responsible for interagency interactions and the President would need to chair this committee until such time as the bylaws could be addressed to allow the President to delegate this responsibility to the committee. It should be clear that members with a conflict of interest could step aside if necessary. There could be Regional Representatives for the committee. The older “Government Affairs” committee criticized the agencies and this shouldn’t do that. This would be a rotating, not permanent, committee with 2 year staggered terms. Could be a check box on the dues forms to identify people who are interested and thus could be maintained with the membership records not as a committee.
 - **Motion: Change Renewal Form to include checkboxes for regions with interest to work on Public Awareness and Education Committee; report on membership should include an update on the number of people in the regions. Motion seconded; passed.**
5. Webpage Update—John Laughlin
- The new website is up with the addition of all issues of Wyoming Archaeologist except the last 10 years. The new host is “Go Daddy”. There is more content than on the old site. John noted that he enjoys doing the WAPA website and will continue to do so in the future.
 - Discussion: We should look at a multi-media page and get people to submit posters or presentations as a pdf to John or Dan Bach to have it posed on the website. No sensitive information or copyright issues please.
 - **Motion—the webmaster for WAPA is John Laughlin. Motion seconded; passed.**
6. Resolution of Archives Issue
- UWAR will take all of our paper records. The list of individuals who have received the Distinguished Service Award needs more work so please share any information you know. Mark Miller noted that Margaret Powers received the first award and also that he has some papers to put in the WAPA archives. Russ suggested we check old newsletters for information as well.

New Business:

1. Raise Membership Dues—John Laughlin

- We need money to use as gifts. The Treasurer can spend \$200 without a vote. Many times we support research or travel with a \$200 gift. If we collected just \$10 more per year from members it would generate \$1,300 to \$1,500 more for these awards. The Putnam account currently as \$15k and should be allowed to build up. We use our dues for expenses and small awards.
 - Mike Bies would like to see us expand the amount of money being given to Community Colleges with field schools in Wyoming.
 - Patrick Walker suggested we look at other ways to raise money such as raffles. A Fundraising Committee to include Patrick Walker, Russ Tanner, and Kierson Crume will bring suggestions to the next meeting on fundraising ideas that do not compete with the WAS efforts at the spring WAS meeting.
 - **Motion: Individual dues will increase to \$30/year, Family/Voting dues will increase to \$40, Lifetime dues will increase to \$600, Student dues will remain the same at \$10. Motion seconded; passed.**
2. Fall Elections at September 2014 meeting
 - Election Committee: John Laughlin, Lynn Harrell, Mavis Greer
 - It was suggested that we stagger elections so that the entire Executive Board doesn't leave at once, but the bylaws don't allow us to do that at this time.
 3. Book Award—John Laughlin
 - WAPA has been giving out copies of Dr. Frison's *Survival by Hunting*, as an award for the best student paper at WAS. A committee to decide for the 2014 award will include Richard Currit, Danny Walker, Mark Miller, and Naomi Ollie
 4. 2014 SAA Poster Contest was won by Wyoming for the 2013 Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month Poster. Congratulations to Judy Wolf, Richard Collier, and Elizabeth Rahel .
 5. Fall 2014 Meeting will be held during the Preserve Wyoming Conference in Powell, Wyoming, around September 11, 2014. Date will be announced depending on the Linear Workshop. Kierson Crume will work on arranging a tour of Polecat Bench.
 6. Contractor/Agency Reports—please send to Ardy Hahn if you want a report to be posted to the website.

Open Floor

1. Dave Vlcek is a member of the SAA Repatriation Committee and at the Fall WAPA meeting will report on this, and will report on the website.
2. Mavis Greer reported that ARARA members wish to thank WAPA for the donation for the meeting to be held the weekend of July 4th in Rocksprings.
3. Dave Vlcek thanked WAPA on behalf of the Upper Green River Chapter of the WAS for the money to help with the state meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Ardy Hahn, Secretary

Attending:

Mike Bies
Michael Page
John Laughlin
Paul Burnet
Kierson Crume
Ardy Hahn
Dennis Kuhnel
Kathleen Hanson
Mike Chodoronek
Brian Waitkus
Russ Tanner
Paul Sanders
Lynn Harrell
Scott McKern
Tami Sorenson
Ken Humphrey
Dave Vlcek
Richard Currit
John Scott
Kelly Pool
Mark Miller
Bill Eckerle
Mavis Greer
John Greer
Judyth Reed
? Kaledenburg
Danny Walker
Natasha Keierleber
Sara Needles
Marcia Peterson
Jody Clauter
Carolyn Buff
Cher Burgess
Judy Wolf
Patrick Walker
Jeremy Omgig
Nathan Fleming
Nick Freeland
Jason Bogstie
Naomi Ollie
Sam Drucker
Carmen Clayton
William Scoggin
Craig Bromley
Karina Bryan
Gina Clingerman