



**Minutes of the Spring Meeting
April 29, 2022 - Sheridan, Wyoming**

The meeting is officially called to order at 2:09 pm by President John Laughlin.

Roll Call. Present and sufficient for a quorum: John Laughlin, Michael Page, Rachael Shimek, Richard Currit, Becca Mashak (Board Members not in attendance: Leanna Flaherty, Ken Cannon)

RESOLUTION: On Christine Varah's motion (seconded by Bonnie Lawrence-Smith) the Spring 2022 Agenda was approved. All in favor.

RESOLUTION: On Christine Varah's motion (seconded by member) the Fall 2021 Meeting Minutes were approved. All in Favor.

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

- As of April 29, 2022 the balance of the WAPA checking account is \$8698.69 and the balance of the Putnam account is \$24,876.00 for a TOTAL of \$33,574.69.
- Taken in \$2000 in dues; dues renewal reminder mailings sent.
- Bad market so not much growth; increased 4k since last report.
- Expenditures since the Fall 2021 meeting consist of:
 - \$262.88 to Rocky Mountain Shirtworks for WAPA hats
 - \$1500 to Michael Page for radiocarbon dates for Medicine Lodge Creek

RESOLUTION: On Bonnie Lawrence-Smith's motion (seconded by Paul Sanders) the Spring 2022 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in Favor.

Auditing Committee Report (Marcia Peterson & Megan Reel)

An audit of the WAPA books found that everything is in order.

RESOLUTION: On Paul Burnett's motion (seconded by Bonnie Lawrence-Smith) the Audit Report presented by Marcia Peterson and Megan Reel was approved. All in Favor.

Membership & Ethics Committee Report (Rachael Shimek)

We have 8 new members for 2022 so far; 2 CRM, 3 Agency, 2 UW Anth, and 1 OWSA. New members include Paul Buckner of PaleoWest, Kristi Sebastian of Search Inc., Mark Cervantes of UW Anthropology, Elizabeth Lynch of USFS, Megan Reel of OWSA, Tracy Hall of WY Military Department, Bree Doering of UW Anthropology, and Katie Goidich of BLM.

OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)

Listserve/Website (John Laughlin):

- Talk to John if not receiving listserv emails to get added.



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- Facebook & Instagram accounts performing well; check them out.
- Website licensing is good for another 2 years; currently with godaddy.com; possible interest in moving to a different platform?
- Getting onto a host with integrated online payment is a priority, including being able to order our WAPA merchandise.
- As always John could use some help with updating and upkeep of the website; please volunteer yourself if you have any aptitude at this!

WAPA Speaker Series (John Laughlin)

- Guests since the fall meeting were David Meltzer in October, Yufna Soldier Wolf in February, Todd Surovell in March, and Maddie Mackie in April.
- Speaker Series has been very successful with upwards of 75 attendees at some speaker series events.
- The speaker series will be resuming in October of 2022.

Purchase of MLC Vol. I for Student Paper Awards (Michael Page)

- Bought 2 boxes of MLC Volume I; \$429 for 16 copies
- This year's student book award will be WAPA's last signed copy of Survival by Hunting

Honorary Lifetime Voting Membership Award for Charles A. Reher (Michael Page)

- This was passed & then presented (with a plaque) to Chuck during the Fall 2021 meeting; Chuck was pleased as punch to receive this as a founding member of WAPA.

WAPA Shwag (John Laughlin)

- T-shirts, hats, and stickers are available at the meeting (Shirts are \$17 each, hats \$20, and stickers are \$2 each)
- Buy them to support WAPA!

OWSA 14C donation update-Medicine Lodge Creek excavations (Michael Page)

- Page will be discussing the results of this dating that WAPA supported during the paper presentations on Saturday the 30th; tune in then for results.

PA/MOA items (Richard Currit)

- Rail Tie Programmatic Agreement is complete and in implementation.
- Ground Based Strategic Determent MOA is in the works; ideally signed by December 2022 but this may be optimistic.
- Smaller MOAs like Alkali Creek etc. have had good implementation/ compliance so far.

Student Awards: Talk to Richard Currit (chair of committee) if interested in joining the 2022 student book award committee.



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NEW BUSINESS

Proposal to rename the WAPA Student Book Award to 'The Mary Lou Larson Student Book Award' (John Laughlin)

RESOLUTION: On Naomi Ollie's motion (seconded by Kate Birmingham) the proposal to rename the WAPA Student Book Award to 'The Mary Lou Larson Student Book Award' was approved. All in Favor.

Proposal to donate to Fort Phil Kearney for firearms demo on Sunday May 1 (Spencer Pelton)

- Spencer Pelton asked for a \$200 donation to help cover the demonstration.
- Jenny Aiello noted individual donations are appreciated, too.

RESOLUTION: On Bonnie Lawrence-Smith's motion (seconded by Paul Sanders) the proposal to donate \$200 to Fort Phil Kearney for firearms demo was approved. All in Favor.

Proposal to hold the Fall 2022 Meeting in Laramie in conjunction with the Archaeology Fair weekend, so that would be on Friday, September 9th (John Laughlin)

- A few members asked about having a Zoom option for this meeting.

RESOLUTION: On Spencer Pelton's motion (seconded by Bonnie Lawrence-Smith) the proposal to hold the Fall 2022 Meeting in Laramie in conjunction with the Archaeology Fair weekend was approved. All in Favor.

WAPA Officer Elections Fall 2022 (John Laughlin)

- Rachael Shimek will head the nominating committee.
- The entire WAPA board is up for election.
- Please talk to Rachael about this if you are interested in running or in being on the nominating committee.

No other new business from the floor.

INVITED GUESTS

- **Sam Levin WyoTrack Update:** WYCRO has been updating servers; streamlining things; new webmap version; data sharing with the Forest Service; developing a cultural resource risk layer; continuing to work on project backlog; 100% of on-file resources now available in SHPO GIS by either a data point or a polygon.
 - Paul Burnett asked about the development of tablet-to-WyoTrack communication.



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- Announcement of WYCRO Office Manager Shane McCreary leaving SHPO in May.
- **Jean Garrison (UW Political Science and International Studies)**, who is the director of the Malcolm Wallop Civic Engagement Program, gave a Powerpoint presentation on the Profiles in UW Resilience Project to solicit engagement and participation in the project.
 - Asked for submission of photos for a photovoice project; passed out information on postcards for submission to the project; described incentives for participation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OWSA Update (Spencer Pelton)

- New joint-funded (UW and OWSA) position approved by legislature for human remains recovery and management of the Human Remains Repository and NAGPRA management.
- Willow Springs site summer project looking for participants and volunteers; site is just south of Laramie; project is June 13-26.

BLM testing guidelines (Patrick Walker)

- (Buck Damone was supposed to speak to this but was unable to make it)
- BLM has met and discussed the guidelines and drafted updated ones; Ardeth Hahn has sent revised guidelines out for comment internally within the BLM field offices.

Inland Oil Spill Response training for WAPA members (John Laughlin)

- There will be a DOI training program offered for free, in-person at Ft. Laramie in the fall- John read the webinar description; more info coming on the listserv as WAPA receives it.

History Day Wyoming Archaeology Award (Rachael Shimek)

- 2022 was the first year of WAPA and WAS individual awards being combined into a single Wyoming Archaeology Award, which is a \$200 cash prize.
- Winner was Aly Morrow from Powell Middle School, with a display in the Junior Individual category called "The Hanging Gardens of Babylon."
- There were not very many archaeology-based projects at this year's competition, so hopefully the \$200 prize is incentive for more student to choose such projects in the future.

The 2022 Archaeology Fair will be September 10, 2022 in Laramie Wyoming at the Territorial Prison

- This year the organizer is Molly Herron; please contact her about getting a booth, volunteering, etc.

The 2021 Archaeology Awareness Month Poster

- Theme: Dr. George Frison, Rancher Archaeologist



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- Designed by SHPOs Judy Wolf and won 1st Place in this year's Society for American Archaeology State Archaeology Poster Contest

There are 5 Brad Humphrey travel award winners for this meeting: Kathryn Anderson, Chase Mahan, McKenna Litynski, Haley Purifoy, and Molly Herron

Contractor & Agency Reports (amended to the meeting minutes) - Please send to Leanna Flaherty if you would like them included in the 2022 Spring Meeting minutes!

RESOLUTION: On Marcia Peterson's motion (seconded by Paul Sanders), the Spring 2022 WAPA Meeting is adjourned by President John Laughlin at 3:05pm. All in favor.



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CONTRACTOR/AGENCY REPORTS

Spring 2022 State Parks, Historic Sites, and Trails Update (Dan Bach):

State Parks, Historic Sites & Trails (SPHST) has been busy over the last year. SPHST works with state and federal agencies and the public to continue to improve our facilities and to add more campsites at our State Parks to keep up with the demand for camping. We are also expanding our trail systems for the outdoor recreationalists. SPHST is committed to protecting natural and cultural resources and wrote over 40 Cultural Compliance Letter Requests to the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office and the Bureau of Reclamation. This ensures that we are adequately avoiding resources or mitigating any effects.

The Monuments and Markers Program is moving forward by reconvening the Monuments and Markers Advisory Committee. The committee has made recommendations to replace the four Gold Flakes to Yellowcake signs. Several of the Sewah aluminum signs have been taken down and are being repainted by the Central Construction Office CCO and should be replaced this summer. House Bill 018 was passed and signed into law in 2021 to create new signage for military training memorials. The first sign is planned for installation at the Shirley Basin Rest Stop later this summer. The committee is working in cooperation with the Chief of the Joint Staff of the Joint forces, the Wyoming Legislature, Wyoming Department of Transportation and the friends of the Wyoming Veterans Museum.

The Monuments and Markers program is in the initial stages to hire a stone conservator to help address some of our dilapidated monuments. SPHST has also partnered with the Wyoming State Historical Society (WSHS). This partnership will provide both entities with new grant opportunities. The M&M program continues to build strong partnerships with the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Reclamation, the National Park Service, the United States Forest Service, Department of Defense, Wyoming Archaeological Society, Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, and the Wyoming State Historical Society and with the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes.



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Meeting Attendees – 39 attendees:

1. Jenny Aiello
2. Dan Bach
3. Brian Beadles
4. Melissa Benner
5. Michael Bies
6. Katie Birmingham
7. Cheryl Burgess
8. Paul Burnett
9. Kristin Campbell
10. Anne-Marie Card
11. Amanda Castaneda
12. Richard Currit
13. Mavis Greer
14. John Greer
15. Mary Hopkins
16. Natasha Keierleber
17. Bob Kelly
18. Charles Koenig
19. John Laughlin
20. Ricky Laurent
21. Bonnie Lawrence-Smith
22. Sam Levin
23. Stephanie Lowe
24. Chase Mahan
25. Becca Mashak
26. Bill Matthews
27. Cody Newton
28. Naomi Ollie
29. Michael Page
30. Spencer Pelton
31. Marcia Peterson
32. Megan Reel
33. Paul Sanders
34. John (JP) Schubert
35. Rachael Shimek
36. Christine Varah
37. David Vlcek
38. Patrick Walker
39. Judy Wolf