

Secretary's Report for WAPA Spring Meeting, April 3, 2009, Cody, Wyoming

Jana called meeting to order.

New WAPA board welcomed all attending.

New officers introduced themselves.

Jana summarized the schedule for meeting.

Secretary's Report:

Adam Graves mentioned that last meeting's minutes are on-line and that this meeting's minutes will also be posted.

Treasurer's Report:

John Laughlin: checking account has \$6,745.81 of which \$1,144.00 belongs to project archaeology that WAPA holds for BLM, \$500.00 belongs to site stewardship program agreed upon at fall meeting for Tim Novak. That leaves \$5101.81. The Putnam account as of Dec. 31st had a balance of \$11,244.79 and lost approximately \$2000.00 in 2008. Expenditures incurred since the last meeting total \$1144.58 and include costs for website updates and domain registration, a post office box, WAM, dues mailing, the Brad Humphrey Travel Award, and food and drinks for the previous night's WAS reception.

Committee Reports:

Joe Daniele: There are 8 new members and mild student interest from universities. One new member of WAPA was in attendance and introduced herself.

Everyone at meeting introduced themselves.

Agency and Contractors Reports:

SHPO-Richard Currit, Judy Wolf, Ashley Rooney, Steve Sutter, Joe Daniele

1. Highlight of projects-pipelines, pathfinder, power line projects, BLM has lots of large projects
2. Historic Context contracts will be in soon: school, military, homesteaders
3. Historical Society Liaison position described.
4. Partnership with several BLM offices, with funding from BLM from Energy Policy Act, to update and digitize site forms and sites.
5. Stewardship program with advocational archaeologists, SHPO archaeologists, and BLM archaeologists.

BLM-Judyth Reed

1. 1000's of undertakings a year.
2. Several RMP's in the works.
3. BLM field office archaeologists
 - a. Patrick Walker at Rawlins – tons of wind projects, data recovery reports will be coming available soon.
 - b. BJ Earle at Buffalo – business as usual in Buffalo.
 - c. Dave Vlcek at Pinedale - 1,200 projects this year so far, Anticline EIS, EA for South Jonah is done, and RMP is complete, data recovery reports will be coming available soon, and discussed the Wardell site.

- d. Kierson Crume at Cody – Revising RMP in conjunction with Worland office, received funding for recording nine historic cabins that may become “rural arch district”, seasonal position open, and discussed the Take it Outside Program.

SHPO-Mark Miller

1. Current Legislation and Bills
2. WAPA, WAS, and WAF each kicked in money for doctoral candidates travel grants. Requested further discussion on this as a new business topic.

State Archaeologist-Danny Walker

1. Received materials don't meet standards. Contractors are not training their people to curate correctly. There are 700 requests for catalog numbers they have never received. Stuff is falling through the cracks. CRM Tracker not updated either.

Archeological Survey-Paul Sanders

1. National Guard surface surveys. Nez Perce Trail Survey.

WDOT-Julie Francis

1. Budget cuts
2. Projects Review

NPS-Elaine Skinner Hale

1. Projects update: Yellowstone Park Projects, Boundary Land Survey to source chert to chert quarries in Yellowstone Park, and Nez Perce Trail projects.

University of Wyoming-Mary Lou Larson

1. April 17th, Linguistic Talk for Department of Anthropology Lecture Series.
2. Museum may open in fall.
3. Hell Gap Monograph will be out this spring.
4. Hell Gap and Big Horns Mountains Field Schools.
5. There will be Frison Institute lecturer this fall.

Shoshone National Forest-Molly Karnopp

1. Introduced herself

NRCS-Rory Becker

1. Job opening, GS-9
2. New Chief of NRCS
3. GIS-LYDAR

South Dakota State Archaeologist - Danny Walker for Mike Fosha

1. Budget crisis-South Dakota State Archaeologist office only gets remainder of soft money after two other departments take their cut. That money that might keep them in business for two more years. Will get finds from ½% tax initiative that might help keep that office open.

CAR-Bill Current

1. Ongoing projects

ARCADIS-Adam Graves

1. Powder River Basin finds

Greer Services

1. Casper WAS Chapter

Old Business:

1. Voting via email.
Board has already discussed this issue twice and they checked the by-laws that say WAPA members can vote via mail and since they consider email to be mail it was decided that voting via email was fine.

New Business:

1. Representative to National Review Board
Russ Tanner offered to fill this position again. Jana asked if anyone else is interested in that position. None were interested. Several board members, John and Mary Lou, supported Russ as the best man for the job. Members voted to re-appoint Russ as WAPA's Representative to National Review Board. Majority of members voted yes. So it shall be.
2. WAPA/WAS web-site
Treasurer discussed that WAPA should consider upgrading their website to make it more user friendly and combine WAPA and WAS websites. WAPA can afford this endeavor since they spend about \$2,000 a year and the costs of upgrading the website would be about \$500.00 a year. Is there support from members to spend money on this? WAS agreed they are very amendable to do this. Everyone agreed this was a good thing to do but members want the list serve component to remain part of website. The motion was made and seconded to move forward and create a committee to discuss the organization and set-up of a new WAPA/WAS website. Majority of members voted yes. So it shall be.
3. Brad Humphrey Scholarship
Jana asked that recipients of this scholarship should be required to attend WAPA meeting. Danny mentioned four of the recipients were in attendance. Jana offered that they should discuss broadening this scholarship opportunity to other Wyoming colleges if they are interested. Will be discussed later.
4. Henry Jensen Doctoral Travel Grant
Archaeological Foundation, WAS, and WAPA, all contribute to \$250.00 to benefit doctoral students travel to conferences. If they want to continue doing this there should be a standard cost--if there is a recipient. WAPA wants to foster support for budding archaeologists and will continue to contribute \$250.00 each year, to be voted on during the Spring Meeting, if there is a candidate.

Break -----

5. Shorter Business Meetings

The board wants to abbreviate the business part of the WAPA meetings. They want to make the meeting more interesting and pertinent to all archaeologists, young and old. Board has kicked around ideas such as getting rid of agency and contractor reports since many folks don't care about this information. Adam Graves agreed that if agencies and contractors wanted to send him a summary of their projects or anything other pertinent business, he would compile all his info and then put it on list serve or he could give a brief report of agency and contractor projects at the WAPA meetings.

6. Have a topic of discussion.
7. Following the business part of each WAPA meeting, the board has discussed having a set discussion topic prior to the meeting. This topic could be anything such as a thesis question discussion or regional topic in hopes that they can bring the interesting after hours bar conversations to the meeting.

Member suggestions:

- Agency and contractor updates could be a series of bullets on list serve.
- Folks agree agency and contractor reports takes up too much time.
- Maybe a formal symposium at each meeting. Forum concept was what board had in mind.
- Keep informal, but announce topic prior to meeting, then keep presentations short so is informal and members can discuss as opposed hearing long prepared papers.
- Have a moderator to keep everyone on task.
- Want to change dynamic of meeting and get more participation of younger archaeologists in WAPA.
- Informal discussions.
- Members decided to pick a topic and a moderator for fall meeting.

Suggested Fall Meeting Topic: Projectile point classification and ramifications of typologies?
Show and Tell.

Moderator: Kierson Crume

8. Lander was decided as Fall 2009 Meeting location. Date will be decided later.
9. Casper was decided as Spring 2010 Meeting location. Date will be decided later.

Meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Caroline V. Ketron

Dan Eakin

Kayla M. Bradshaw

Kele Johnson

Gina Clingerman

Russell Kaldenberg

Judyth Reed

Judy Wolf

Richard Curritt

Dan Bach

Ashley Rooney

Danny Walker

Mary Lou Larson

Ashley Howder

David Vlcek

BJ Earle

John Greer

Mavis Greer

Molly Karnopp

Bryon Schroeder

Rory Becker

Bill Current

Kierson Crume

John Albanese

Evelyn Albanese

Elaine Skinner Hale

Paul Sanders

Rick Bryant

Carolyn Buff

Mark E. Miller

Dale Wedel

Julie Francis

Mike Bies

Eva Pedan

Barb Nahas

Adam Graves

John Laughlin

Jana Pastor

Joe Daniele

Steve Sutter

Jim Keyser

Judy Cooper

Norma Crumbley

Patrick Walker

Wil Husted