

**Minutes of the Spring Meeting, May 1, 2020**  
Online Business Meeting

**The meeting is officially called to order at 2:10 pm by President Becca Mashak.**

**Executive Committee/Treasurer and Membership Report (Jason Bogstie):**

- As of April 30, 2020, the balance of the WAPA checking account is \$6,161.95 (which does not include \$60 in pending checks) and the balance of the Putnam account is \$16,356.20 for a TOTAL of \$22,578.15.
- Expenditures since the Fall 2019 meeting consist of:
  - \$600.00 to Danny Walker for the second set of radio carbon dates on the sheep net.
  - \$599.70 for WAPA's half of web hosting costs (per five years).
  - \$100.00 for Wyoming History Day.
- As of April 30, 2020, WAPA has a total of 123 members (pending applications = 1).
  - The Membership and Ethics Committee will review new applications after the meeting. (Note that the application was reviewed and approved after the meeting.)
    - Larry Todd
    - Nick Freeland
    - Kelly Pool
- A total of 47 members are currently unpaid. Second notices will be emailed out after the spring meeting. Unpaid members will be dropped at the conclusion of the fall meeting.
- **RESOLUTION:** On Marcia Peterson's motion (seconded by Naomi Ollie) the Spring 2020 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in Favor.

**OLD BUSINESS (UPDATES)**

- **Listserve/Website (Becca Mashak):** At the Fall 2019 meeting, the members voted to include the listserve/website duties under the secretary position of the executive committee. Though John Laughlin and Leanna Flaherty (WAPA Secretary) have been in contact about turning over those duties, it has not officially happened just yet. COVID19 will affect when the transfer can happen.
- **Wyotrack (Becca Mashak):** At the Fall 2019 meeting, the members voted to start a committee to deal with the Wyotrack issues/solutions with Michael Page as the chair of the committee. Michael is still taking suggestions but many of the issues have been worked out.
  - Becca Mashak – I see isolated resources in the system now which is great.
  - Nick Freeland – BLM does have a team that is working with SHPO to resolve mainly BLM issues with the system.
  - Shane McCreary – We continue to work through some of the issues we have had. We are doing a push right now since field season is coming up. The system is updated every two weeks. We just recently simplified eligibility and Sam has been doing a ton of work on the GIS as well as a lot of quality control, so our data should be looking a lot better every day. If you have any comments or concerns please let us know (email or phone is fine); it is always helpful for us to know if something is broken.
  - Mary Hopkins – We extended the contract and we are trying to make sure our process is really clear for everyone. For example, we are creating a user manual.

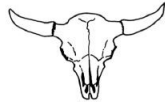


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If you find an error please do send it to us as we want to make sure we are getting things corrected as soon as possible. Also, we are accepting reports for submission right now.

- **Fall 2020 Meeting Location (Becca Mashak):** At the Fall 2019 meeting, the members voted to make the spring WAPA meeting the deadline for alternative fall meeting location suggestions so that members could vote on any ideas put forth. Given our current situation, I think we should address this again. We sent out a notice through the listserve to try and get everyone's opinion on where it should be this year. We have gotten feedback suggesting that most people would prefer to do this year's Fall meeting with the Sheridan WAS meeting.
  - Judy Wolf – Something everyone should know is that SHPO is doing a virtual Archaeology Fair this year, just to be safe.
  - Spencer Pelton – There is nothing binding the meeting to Laramie this year as a result.
  - Becca Mashak – The folks in Sheridan worked really hard to get the spring meeting set up so I am in support of having the fall meeting in Sheridan.
  - **RESOLUTION:** On Rachael Shimek's motion (seconded by Marcia Peterson) the suggestion to hold the Fall 2020 WAPA Meeting in Sheridan with the WAS Meeting (in October) was approved. All in Favor.
  
- **State Archaeologist Position Update:**
  - Congratulations to Spencer Pelton, the new Wyoming State Archaeologist!
  
- **Spring Meeting 2021 Location (Becca Mashak):** Does anyone know where the Spring 2021 meeting is supposed to be held?
  - Judy Wolf: I believe it is supposed to be in Gillette (Pumpkin Buttes Chapter).
  - Mavis Greer – Yes, it is going to be in Gillette but we haven't heard from them yet.
  
- **Student Representative for WAPA (Becca Mashak):** At the Fall 2019 meeting, the members discussed the idea of WAPA having a Student Representative on the executive committee. Richard had suggested that if we did have a student liaison to represent student interests then WAPA could pay their way to the meetings and that it can be done without a vote because the president has the power to appoint a position. I appointed Morgan Robins. We did pay her dues and she was able to attend the state archaeologist position interviews back in the fall and report back to us. I asked her if she wanted to do it again or if we should have it turn over annually. I personally think it should be up to the next WAPA board. Anyone have any thoughts on that? (None put forward.)
  
- **Fee/Fee/Fed Issues (Becca Mashak):** At the Fall 2019 meeting, the members discussed the issues with Fee/Fee/Fed. Do we have anyone from the BLM who can update us about what is going on with the Fee/Fee/Fed issues?
  - Patrick Walker – I don't think anything has changed since last Fall. We are just doing the best we can with it.
  - Naomi Ollie – I am still finding that different field offices are dealing with it differently.



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- Becca Mashak – It is challenging because it feels like every situation is different but I have found that a lot of communication with the BLM works the best.

**WAPA Advocacy, MOAs and PAs:**

- *Coal Draw MOA* (Becca Mashak): The project remains on hold indefinitely.
- *Moneta Divide PA* (Becca Mashak): Moneta Divide is out for review and is in its final form. WAPA has been invited to be a signatory on that.
  - Mary Hopkins – Yes, it is done and out for signature. The comment period is over. There is a tribal participation plan in that agreement that many of you might want to take a look at.
- *Memorandum Of Agreement Among The National Guard Bureau, The Wyoming Military Department And Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer To Resolve Adverse Effects To 48pl2126 From Upgrades To The .50 Caliber Machine Gun Range* (Becca Mashak):
  - John Laughlin: This is the one where data recovery will be involved.
  - Mary Hopkins: They are putting a radio tower near some TCPs.
- *Pinedale Field Office, BLM, WY – Green River Drift PA Review* (Becca Mashak):
  - Mary Hopkins – We have a stipulation that we will review the agreement every five years so that is why we are having a meeting in May. I don't anticipate any issues with that.
- *Rail Tie Wind Farm* (Mary Hopkins): There is a wind farm project coming up which will be located between I80 at Vedauwoo to Tie Siding. WAPA might want to be involved with that. Also, we (SHPO) did have our annual meeting with the Forest Service (where we made progress on the appendices for recreation residences and vegetation management) and with BLM.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Requests for Funding (Becca Mashak):** We did approve \$600 for Danny Walker to date the sheep net at the last meeting. Does anyone have updates or other requests before we move on? (None put forward at this time.)

**Contractor/Agency Reports (Becca Mashak):** Because we are having this meeting on Zoom it would be better for folks to send their updates to us via email but does anyone want to bring anything up now?

- Michael Page – So far for OSWA our spring is looking to be really busy but there is a lot of uncertainty given what is going on so it is hard to know where the survey division stands right now. It might be better to talk about this in the fall so we can talk about how everything went.
- Mavis Greer - We wish something was happening to talk about!! Until O&G picks up, I don't see much happening.
- Becca Mashak – I agree that this discussion should be tabled until the fall meeting.

**Executive Committee Elections (Becca Mashak):** For the previous election we used an email ballot which may have to be provided again this year. Dave Vlcek suggested that we hold off on elections for one more year. We assume this is not feasible based on the bylaws as well as some board members may not want to run again. As such, now is the time to start putting



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names together for board elections. How do we want to manage that given COVID19? Should it be done by mail or email?

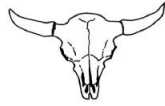
- Kelly Pool – Where should we have people send election nominations?
- Becca Mashak – We will make this an action item and communicate that to everyone once we figure it out.
- Michael Page – I volunteered to be the treasurer.
- Becca – I won't be running again.

**Memorial Fund (Becca Mashak):** Another thing that has come up recently is the idea of memorials for members who have passed. We were asked if we wanted to make a donation to the Sam Drucker Gofundme. However, if we donate to one fund it might set a precedent so one of the ideas that was put forward was to just establish a memorial scholarship fund. There were strong opinions on this topic so we decided we should talk with the members.

- Marcia Peterson – We've been talking about this issue for ten years and have never resolved it.
- Richard Currit – I like the idea of a fund set up that would pay the same amount for each person which would then be donated to a charity.
- Mary Hopkins – Could we just make a donation to something in the name of someone who passed to something like the Frison Institute?
- Becca Mashak – Donating directly to the Gofundme was what we were asked before but many of us felt uncomfortable.
- Mary Hopkins – I think donating towards something related more directly to archaeology is best.
- Rachael Shimek – We still have to decide if we are going to do it for everyone or not.
- Becca Mashak – Can we take everyone who has passed in the year and make one donation a year in honor of all of them? I think we should make a decision now so we can take this off the table.
- Rachel Shimek – Maybe we (the Executive Committee) should come up with a game plan for this and then vote on it fall (for example, how it would work and how much we would give and how would we decide what entity to give to). Unless we want to assign to a committee?
- Becca Mashak – I think the board should just come up with a plan and then have the vote in the fall.
- Nick Freeland – Maybe we can just rotate which fund we donate to each year.

**COVID19 Updates (Becca Mashak):** I thought about reaching out to the agencies and contractors for a report or an official update of any shutdowns. I am wondering if there will there be limited staff available at SHPO to access paper resources, or will Dave Rapson still be able to provide file search shapefiles to contractors. Also, Rachael mentioned the Cheyenne office may have a forced close soon, whereas the Laramie office may have some staff available. How is everyone doing given what has been going on? How are agencies dealing with these strange times?

- Naomi Ollie – Are there any field schools happening this year?
- Rachael Shimek – None of the UW ones are happening.
- Naomi Ollie – I know the Central Wyoming field school is off.
- Madeline Mackie – It looks there won't be any university affiliated fieldwork this summer.



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- Spencer Pelton – We got permission to do some small fieldwork projects as long as we maintain rules like no more than 10 people etc. but I am wondering how contractors are dealing with this all?
- Michael Page – All work on the Wind River Reservation has stopped.
- Becca Mashak – We have been reduced to day trips only and two people or less for crews which poses some other safety issues. I have heard that other larger crews are having to do things like color code tools, etc.
- Naomi Ollie – We have had project cancellations and delays but we are still doing fieldwork though we have a protocol for keeping things safer. We are working with some tribes but others are unable to participate right now. Larger projects are definitely a challenge.
- Kelly Pool – We are mostly doing day jobs but starting today we are going to be doing some overnight jobs as well, but again, we are limited to one person to truck, everyone having their own gear, etc. Clients have been really understanding so far.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- Judy Wolf – I did send out some funding requests in January to Jason but I haven't heard back.
- Becca Mashak – I haven't seen them. I will get a hold of Jason (who had to leave the meeting early) about that.
- Mary Hopkins – The Dinwoody context was approved and should be on the park service website by now and we will get it on the SHPO website as well.
- Becca Mashak: Is there anything else we need to discuss?

**RESOLUTION:** On Rachael Shimek's motion (seconded by John Laughlin), the Spring 2020 WAPA Meeting is adjourned at 3:25pm. All in favor.

**Meeting Attendees:**

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| 1. Matt Landt      | 13. Naomi Ollie      |
| 2. Shane McCreary  | 14. Jason Bogstie    |
| 3. Marcia Peterson | 15. Leanna Flaherty  |
| 4. Patrick Walker  | 16. Rachael Shimek   |
| 5. Nick Freeland   | 17. Richard Currit   |
| 6. Judy Wolf       | 18. Mavis Greer      |
| 7. John Laughlin   | 19. Lawrence Todd    |
| 8. Steve Sutter    | 20. Madeline Mackie  |
| 9. Spencer Pelton  | 21. Heather Rockwell |
| 10. Mary Hopkins   | 22. Amanda Castaneda |
| 11. Michael Page   | 23. Kierson Crume    |
| 12. Becca Mashak   | 24. Sam Levin        |