



Minutes of the Spring Meeting, October 16, 2020
Online Business Meeting

The meeting is officially called to order at 2:05 pm by President Becca Mashak.

Approval of Spring 2020 Minutes:

RESOLUTION: On Mary Hopkins motion (seconded by Richard Currit) the Spring 2020 Meeting Minutes was approved. All in Favor.

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

- As of October 15, 2020, the balance of the WAPA checking account is \$6,239.08 and the balance of the Putnam account is \$17,973.14 for a TOTAL of \$24,212.22.
- Expenditures since the Spring 2020 meeting consist of:
 - \$100 Shanti Junker – WY History Day
- As of October 15, 2020 WAPA has a total of 125 members (pending applications = 1).
- The Membership and Ethics Committee will review new applications after the meeting. The committee formed includes the following members:
 - Naomi Ollie
 - Julie Francis
 - Mike Bies
 - *Note that the application (for Michael Stites) was reviewed and approved after the meeting.*
- A total of 40 members are currently unpaid. The next treasurer will send out a reminder email later on.
 - Mike Bies: Are we checking that only members who have paid are voting?
 - Jason Bogstie: Yes. The ballot was sent out only to paid members.
- **RESOLUTION:** On Rachael Shimek's motion (seconded by member) the Fall 2020 Treasurer's Report was approved. All in Favor.

Committee Reports: None

Old Business (Summary + Additional Info):

- **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. However, the pandemic has delayed that transfer a bit.



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- **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. Mary has encouraged us to call anytime we have an issue.
- **Spring 2021 Meeting Location** (Becca Mashak): Does anyone know if the Spring Meeting will still be held in Sheridan or will it be at the Pumpkin Buttes chapter?
 - Mavis Greer – It is still going to be in Sheridan.
- **Student Representative for WAPA** (Becca Mashak): Currently, the Student Representative is Morgan Robbins. There hasn't been a lot going on so she hasn't had much to report back to me. It will be up to the new Executive Committee members to take that on if they choose.
- **Fee/Fee/Fed Issues** (Becca Mashak): A lot of industry has slowed down. Do we have any updates us about what is going on with the Fee/Fee/Fed issues?
 - Naomi Ollie – The fee/fee/fed issue is still very location dependent and sometimes we do survey and sometimes we don't. In my experience it just really depends on the BLM office you are working with.
 - Paul Burnett – Yes, I agree. I think they (BLM) have just agreed to disagree and so they just won't have one approach across field offices.
 - Naomi Ollie – This is off the subject of fee/fee/fed but we have had some recent feedback from the Office of State Lands and Investments asking to do survey which is highly unusual and I am just curious if anyone else has had that?
 - Mary Hopkins – There have been staff changes at their office and a couple of the individuals that we used to work with more in the leasing side have been promoted; maybe it is because they are more attuned to what the statutes are and the changes dues to the human remains bill. It would be good for us to know who it is making the requests.
 - Spencer Pelton – They have reached out to me as well.
 - Mary Hopkins – They were very proactive about dealing with some vandalism that occurred on a site on State Land recently and were interested in seeing the perpetrators prosecuted.
 - Steve Sutter – Naomi, was that a land exchange or just a lease?
 - Naomi Ollie – This particular project was related to oil & gas development and, in the past, if it was purely on state land with state minerals, the state has not asked us to do survey.



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- Mary Hopkins – We do consult with them regularly on all lease activity but there are certain parameters we have to follow.
- Steve Sutter - Basically all the stuff we get from OSLI that is going to be leased or exchanged they send to our office first and we do a check to see what is in the database, but we have different standards than we would for a Section 106 project. We are mainly looking for things that really stand out. If anything comes up then we make a recommendation of avoidance or consultation, depending on what it is, and then Spencer reviews it and signs the letter.

WAPA Advocacy, MOAs and PAs:

- ***Coal Draw MOA*** (Becca Mashak): Wyo-Ben is expressing interest in getting the process going again and the first meeting is coming up October.
 - Mary Hopkins – Yes, they are picking it back up and Richard and I will be on the call. It would be great if someone from WAPA could attend (especially someone who knows rock art well). It is a difficult one and we are getting a lot of pushback.
 - Mike Bies – I will be attending as a representative for ARARA.
 - Julie Francis – Should I attend on behalf of WAPA?
 - Becca Mashak – I mainly have just heard from the Worland BLM, at this point.
 - Mary Hopkins – Maybe you could tell BLM that Julie and Mike would like to attend for WAPA?
 - Naomi Ollie – Initially, we were doing monthly meetings and they used to have to send a letter to WAPA.
 - Mike Bies – For the past year they have been working with the Washington Office to come up with a way to NOT have to do most of what has been proposed as mitigation.
 - Becca Maskak – Yes, they are very resistant to having anyone from the tribes out there monitoring and they haven't been receptive to anything I have suggested.
 - Julie Francis – If BLM is receptive to me attending they can send me the call in information.
 - Becca Mashak – I will pass that on to Stacy.
 - Mary Hopkins – Wyo-Ben is looking for a political solution through this administration and are working hard to change some of the 106 requirements.



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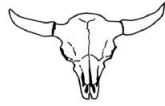
- ***Pinedale Field Office, BLM, WY – Green River Drift PA Review*** (Becca Mashak): They are just re-evaluating the sunset terms and it sounds like they agreed on them and will re-evaluate again in 5 years.
 - Dave Vlcek – I am on the Historical Preservation Board and the PA seems to be functioning just fine.

- ***Rail Tie Wind Farm*** (Mary Hopkins): We are in consultation with Western Area Power right now and it is not going well. The proposed wind farm is located between I80 at Vedauwoo and Tie Siding. If someone from WAPA would like to jump in on that it would be great. We are meeting next week about this project. WAP are reluctant to define any up front mitigation in the Programmatic Agreement and we know the project will likely have an adverse effect on the Ames Monument. The NEPA document is not due to be signed until November 2021. If WAPA would like to participate it would be appreciated. We want to make sure we have up front requirements in place.

- ***Jonah Oil & Gas PA Re-initiation Section 106*** – Brigid sent another invitation and I did say that we would like to be a participant. I don't know when the next meeting is. The next step is to achieve Section 106 compliance with new mitigation stipulations. Does anyone want to chime in on that?
 - Richard – We had a pre-meeting and talked about it and they sent out announcements but we haven't heard anything since.

New Business

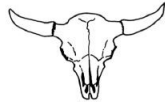
- **Memorial Fund** (Becca Mashak): We never have found a resolution for this. I know some folks would like to start a memorial fund for George Frison. Does anyone want to talk about that?
 - Spencer Pelton: They've set up two through his estate including one through the non-profit related to the Sunrise/Powars II site and one through the Alzheimer's Association in Cheyenne. I've been leaning towards the Alzheimer's Association and have been trying to organize through the department to make a decision. The Frison Institute is also setting up a memorial fund. I think if we want to do something through WAPA we should just donate to one that is already set up.



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- Julie – I agree with Spencer and think the Alzheimer’s one would be best because that was really important to him and it also honors June Frison.
 - Mary Hopkins – We had a call with Todd Surovell and he is also doing some research into something like a fund or endowment or some sort of scholarship in Doc’s name and hopefully the university is doing something too.
 - Spencer – The Frison Institute fund may have been a culmination of that but I will check with Todd.
 - Paul – If there was one that in some way gives back and helps different people, like a scholarship, that would be best.
 - Spencer – That is what the Frison Institute one will do.
 - Mary – I like the idea that we contribute to student research and education in some way.
 - John – We can always donate to two separate things as well. And as a reminder, when June passed we did donate to the Alzheimer’s Association.
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- **WAPA Executive Committee Election Results:** (Becca Mashak): I will be announcing the results officially on Monday because we had a few last minute votes come in just before the meeting. (*Note: Results have been added at the end of the minutes.*)

 - **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? Any COVID19 related updates?
 - **Mary Hopkins (SHPO)** – We got our 5 contract people back to work last week. If you need something, don’t hesitate to call and ask. We all are working remotely, except Richard and Shane. Our state budget woes are not over. We all took a 10% cut in the first round of budget. There will likely be a second round which will include more staff reduction. Our agency has done a good job at preserving people so far but we will have less funds to travel.
 - **Spencer Pelton (OWSA)** – We have a new curation manager in place. We are all working partly on campus and partly at home.
 - Dave Vlcek – Who do we contact when we need something curated?
 - Marcia Peterson – You can contact me for now and I will pass things on to our new Collections Manager, Megan Reel. She’s still getting up and running.

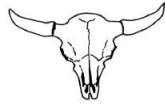


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- **Archaeology Awareness Posters** (Judy Wolf): They have mostly been delivered around the state, except maybe Kemmerer, at this point. If you are missing a poster just contact me and I will try to send one to you.
 - Dave Vlcek – We still don't have any in Pinedale but I will contact our people and double check.

Announcements/Other Updates

- Paul Burnett – Did we get a date back on Danny's sheep net?
 - Madeline Mackie – He sent me the four dates: 1300(2), 1200, 1190. So, maybe the original date was just some old wood?
- Mary Hopkins – I am retiring at the end of December. (Congrats!!!)
- Naomi Ollie – What was said earlier about the possibility of WAPA hosting Zoom meeting with speakers/presentations?
 - Mary Hopkins - Aaron Brien, a tribal member, has done a lot of research on the Apsaalooke War Shields that are in the Chicago Field Museum and has a great presentation. I would really like to hear his presentation and it would be wonderful if we could do it on Zoom some Friday afternoon. He is interested and we would just need to pick a day and time. Maybe we can even do this sort of thing more often as professional development.
 - RESOLUTION: On Rachael Shimek's motion (seconded by Julie Francis), WAPA members voted to host Zoom presentation with Aaron Bran. All in favor.
- Mike Bies – There are a lot of new people with the various agencies and they seem not to be aware of us (WAPA); is there a chance we can do some outreach to encourage them to join?
 - Richard – We always encourage them to get involved and I don't know if they just aren't interested or just don't have management support but it wouldn't hurt to try to get them involved.
 - Mike Bies – Maybe we can send an intro email from the WAPA Executive Committee.
 - Richard – That's a good idea.
- Paul Burnett – Jody Clauter is now working for us at SWCA now.
- Dave Vlcek – FYI, Kevin Thompson is supposed to be in Pinedale doing some work for BLM and also the Bureau of Reclamation is doing a project out at the Big Sandy Reservoir and Zach indicated that he was going to do some testing at a really great site sometime in October. I will keep you all updated.



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- Mary Hopkins – Should Shane go over the WyoTrack updates?
 - Shane McCreary: Hopefully everyone is getting the WyoTrack updates. We did a revision to the generated PDF site forms. We also put out some new GIS layers. That brings our GIS stuff to 99.9% of all resources in Wyoming that can now be plotted. We've had some discussions with our developer to add some other types of functionality but budget cuts are affecting that a bit so we are mostly focusing on maintenance right now.
 - Mary Hopkins – We have been working on a tool to push data from the forest service for fixes. If you have something that needs to be fixed don't hesitate to bring them in.

Adjournment

RESOLUTION: On Julie Francis's motion (seconded by John Laughlin), the Spring 2020 WAPA Meeting is adjourned at 3:11pm. All in favor.

Meeting Attendees:

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| 1. Shane McCreary | 17. Lawrence Todd |
| 2. Marcia Peterson | 18. Madeline Mackie |
| 3. Patrick Walker | 19. Amanda Castaneda |
| 4. Judy Wolf | 20. Christine Varah |
| 5. John Laughlin | 21. Bonnie Lawrence-Smith |
| 6. Steve Sutter | 22. Julie Francis |
| 7. Spencer Pelton | 23. Beth Porter |
| 8. Mary Hopkins | 24. Carolyn Buff |
| 9. Michael Page | 25. Michael Stites |
| 10. Becca Mashak | 26. Paul Burnett |
| 11. Naomi Ollie | 27. Scott Phillips |
| 12. Jason Bogstie | 28. Mike Bies |
| 13. Leanna Flaherty | 29. Ken Humphrey |
| 14. Rachael Shimek | 30. Dave Vlcek |
| 15. Richard Currit | 31. Kelly Pool |
| 16. Mavis Greer | |



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WAPA Executive Committee Election Results (Added 10.19.2020):

President: John Laughlin

Vice President: Ken Cannon

Secretary: Leanna Flaherty

Treasurer: Michael Page

At-Large: Rachael Shimek and Richard Currit

Ex Officio (Past President): Becca Mashak