

WISCONSIN ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

Fall 2014 Business Meeting

Sabin Hall, UWM, Milwaukee

October 11, 2014

Board members present: Kurt Sampson, Jake Rieb, Jake Pfaffenroth, John Broihahn, Joe Monarski, Jeremy Cobble, Sara Pfannkuche

Total number of Society members present: 21

Call to order by President Kurt Sampson at 1:22pm

OLD BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve by Seth Schneider, seconded by Sara Pfannkuche. Approved by the board
2. **Secretary report** — Jake Pfaffenroth
 1. A collection of Society records and a fairly complete series of backissues were donated to the Society. The records include meeting minutes and correspondence from several decades ago. After discussing it with Kurt Sampson, the documents will be offered to the WHS archives in accordance with our archival policy
 1. John Broihahn recommended we just let the WHS Archives sort through the documents and choose what is appropriate for keeping, because there may be historical value in the documents they typically are not interested in keeping.
 2. I also spoke with Kurt Sampson about the lack of a president-elect and when elections are supposed to be held according to the bylaws.
 1. Seth Schneider has submitted his name for candidacy for president-elect.
 1. Motion by Sara Pfannkuche to nominate Seth as president-elect, who's presidential term will begin Fall 2016. Seconded by Bill Green.
 2. Sara Pfannkuche suggested putting the officer's terms on the website after their names.
 3. There is an error on the fall 2013 minutes - Kurt Sampson's presidential term is to end in Fall 2016.
3. Motion to approve by Jake Rieb. Seconded by Joe Monarski. Approved by the board.

3. **Treasurer's report** — Jake Rieb

1. The bulk of the balance is in a bank in prairie du sac for convenience of the treasurer.
2. The Society has two \$10,000 CD accounts, and Jake Rieb is about to open a third \$10,000 CD account.
3. We are earning interest on our checking account, and the CD accounts earn interest yearly.
4. Membership dues are raised for 2015. A note was included in the Spring 2014 issue of the journal announcing the increase.
5. Joe Monarski started a discussion about how to handle the CD accounts rolling over (they will automatically roll over in early summer unless the funds are withdrawn).
 1. Rachel McTavish motioned that at every spring meeting the treasurer present the option to the board to roll over the CD accounts. Seconded by Jake Pfaffenroth, approved by the board.
6. Motion to approve minutes by Heather Walder, seconded by Jake Pfaffenroth, approved by the board

4. **Editorial committee report** — Kent Dickerson

1. Fall journal is a festschrift issue for Jim Theler of UW-La Crosse. It will include 13 articles and is guest edited by Matt Hill. It will be a very large issue and thus will be more expensive than normal. Matt Hill has funding to supplement the cost of the extra large issue. Due to the size of the issue, it will probably be mailed around Christmas or early January.
2. More submissions are desired for the spring issue - articles, as well as book reviews. Archaeology around Wisconsin will also be in the Spring issue, so some articles may be pushed back to the Fall issue.
3. The WisArch News newsletter will be coming out soon (by the beginning of November).
4. The editors made a change to the paper used, which allowed for more color images for only marginal cost increase.
5. Kurt Sampson suggested that the next themed issue should be an Aztalan issue, or about Lake Koshkonong.
6. Motion to accept the report by Jeremy Cobble, seconded by Seth Schneider, approved by the board.

5. **Education and Outreach** — Jeremy Cobble

1. The Society had a display table at Quarry Quest in Neenah, which is an event for children.
 2. Looking ahead at October 2015 - Seth Schneider suggested that the society can partner for UWM for International Archaeology Day (sponsored by AIA) at UWM, if UWM hosts the event. John Broihahn and Amy Rosebrough suggested the Society also partner with the State Historical Museum for the same event in Madison.
 3. The Society and WHS are partnering with local organizations to host an event at Smith Park in Menasha for next spring, during archaeology month.
 4. Motion to accept by Stephen Wagner, seconded by Jake Rieb, approved by the board
6. **Nominations Committee** — John Broihahn
1. We have a nominee for president-elect (Seth Schneider) as of today. The election will take place today.
 2. Motion to accept the report by Joe Monarski. Seconded by Stephen Wagner. approved by the board.
7. **Preservation of Sites Committee** — summarized by Amy Rosebrough
1. Heim Mound needs some cleanup. There is a hazardous fallen tree that should be dealt with, potentially by professionals. Rob Nurre is looking into foresters who can take care of the hazardous tree, and for what cost. The City of Middleton may also be able to take care of it.
 2. On 10/18 Rob Nurre will be leading a mound tour of several mound sites, beginning at Lizard Mound Park.
 3. Motion by Bill Green, seconded by Jeremy Cobble, approved by the board
8. **Awards Committee Report** — Heather Walder
1. No action of awards since WASRA was awarded last spring. No Lapham or Ritzenthaler nominations have been received.
 2. Heather Walder will be replacing Robert “Ernie” Boszhardt as chair of the committee
 3. Motion to approve by Jake Pfaffenroth, seconded by Jake Rieb, approved by the board
9. **Website and Media Committee** - Jake P.
1. The Facebook page continues to be popular. Kurt Sampson has been doing a wonderful job of posting old photographs, which are very popular.
 2. The majority of visitors to the website arrive via Google – though it’s unknown if those visitors are finding us by specifically searching for us, or if they are finding us while

searching for other topics. Interestingly, there are still visitors arriving via the old UWM webpage.

3. The increased dues 2015 registration options have were added to the website in July, and people have already started renewing under those rates.
4. Motion to approve by Sara Pfannkuche, seconded by Stephen Wagner, approved by the board

10. **Events and Programming** — Rachel McTavish

1. The annual Winter Dinner will be happening in Milwaukee in January. More details to be determined.
2. People will send events straight to Jake Pfaffenroth for posting online
3. Sara Pfannkuche pointed out that an event is sometimes posted to the Facebook, and then a bunch of other things get posted and the event gets buried. We need to make sure those things stay visible as long as possible.
4. Motion to approve by Kent Dickerson, seconded by Jake Rieb, approved by the board.

11. **WAS Merchandise** — Kurt Sampson

1. There are shirts and hats that are available for order and production on a case-by-case basis. At this point the merchandise is being sold for cost and not to generate an income.
2. Jake Pfaffenroth asked if we want to enable sales on the website. Kurt Sampson said this is a possibility, and will speak with the shirt printing business about working out a more formal arrangement.
3. Seth Schneider suggested that it might be good to have shirts available for when we participate at events.
4. Kurt Sampson frequently orders stickers in various designs as pays for them himself as a donation to the society.
5. Motion to accept by Jake Pfaffenroth, second by Connie Arzigian, approved by the board

12. **CHAPTER and LOCAL REPORTS**

1. **Charles E. Brown** — Joe Monarski

1. There are some great speakers scheduled for the year.
2. There is good membership attendance at the events
3. Students from UW-Madison and Madison College have been in attendance.

2. **Three Rivers Archaeological Society** — Sara Pfannkuche

1. The November lecture will be Marlin Hawley
2. December lecture will be Barbara xxx from UWM
3. Steven Khuen recently gave a lecture about passenger pigeons that was very well attended
4. Average of 20-25 members in attendance each month
5. Three Rivers chapter would like to link up their Facebook page with those of other chapters

3. **Lectures at UWM, Milwaukee** — Rachel McTavish

1. The schedule for the next several months is set, and they are working on the spring schedule
2. Robert Jeske's recent lecture was well attended.

4. **Ritzenthaler Chapter** — Jeremy Cobble

1. November lecture is Ray Reser talking about the Pope site

5. **UW-La Crosse/MVAC** — Connie Arzigian

1. John Hawks will be coming to UW-L soon
2. There will be an artifact show
3. Brian Fagan will be visiting La Crosse April 2 to talk about his new book

NEW BUSINESS

1. John Broihahn requested a donation by the Society for \$500. Motion to make the contribution by Jeremy Cobble, seconded by Chris Veit, approved by the board.
2. John Broihahn announced that WHS is nominating an area off the Lake Michigan coast for establishment as a National Marine Sanctuary. He asked that the Society officially supports the nomination for further study by the NOAA.
 1. Bill Green moved that the Society endorse President Samson's signature on the letter of support. Seconded by Jake Pfaffenroth, approved by the board.
3. Spring Meeting
 1. Kurt Sampson will pursue having the meeting in Stevens Point.
4. **Election of President-Elect**
 1. Kurt Sampson is concerned that the next president maintain the level of work that has been done in the last 5-6 years.

2. Jake Pfaffenroth said he especially wants to make sure the next president has experience with the society and the officer's roles.
3. Seth Schneider (only candidate) made a statement:
 1. He is currently an advanced Ph.D. candidate at UW-Milwaukee, specializing in Wisconsin Archaeology
 2. He has been part of society since 1999
 3. He has served as secretary, program coordinator, and board member in the past
4. Motion to not have a secret ballot by Jake pfaffenroth. Seconded by Kurt Sampson.
approved by the board.
 1. The election will not take place via secret ballot
5. Seth was unanimously voted in as president-elect by the Society members president. He immediately assumes the role of president-elect, and will succeed Kurt Sampson as president in two years at the Fall 2016 meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Kurt Sampson at 3:15pm