

**Wisconsin Archaeological Society**  
Spring 2016 Meeting  
May 21, 2016, 10:00 am  
Lake Emily Park, Amherst Junction

Total members present:  
Board members present: 9  
*Quorum Met*

Meeting called to order 10:04 am by President Kurt Sampson

**OLD BUSINESS**

Secretary's Report – given by Jake Rieb in Jake Pfaffenroth's absence

- Board voted \$134 for Devil's Lake Event
- Approved 2016 budget
- Kat Sterner-Miller taking over for Jake Pfaffenroth as interim secretary

Treasurer's Report – given by Jake Rieb

Overall \$56,200 in our bank accounts: \$26,200 in checking, and \$30,000 in three CDs.

- \$9609 income; \$2510 expenses so far
  - o No journals printed yet
- 269 members, \$8305 in dues
  - o 292 members in 2015 – lowest number since Jake has been treasurer
  - o Only 3 associate members last year as opposed to 40s in previous years

Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Nurre; seconded by Schneider; approved by the board

Editorial Committee – given by Connie Arzigian

We are still waiting for some submissions to Archaeology Around Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Archaeologist should be out in mid-June.

There are 6 copies of the handbook left so it was suggested that copies be made available for free digital download.

Motion to accept the Editorial Committee report by Nurre; seconded by Rieb; approved by the board

Education and Outreach Committee – given by Jeremy Cobble

Thanks to Ray Reser, John Broihahn, Amy Rosebrough, Rob Ahlrichs for their participation in outreach events thus far this year.

- Some events have been discontinued – Quarry Quest, MPM Archaeology Days
- Any ideas for events?

Cedarburg Cultural Center special exhibit

- o Monday-Saturday 10:00-5:00

Motion to accept the Education and Outreach Committee report by Nurre; seconded by Schneider; approved by the board

Elections Committee – given by John Broihahn

There are two board positions available.

- Kat is a candidate for secretary. She will serve as interim secretary until the fall meeting when a formal election will be held.

Motion to accept the Education and Outreach Committee report by Nurre; seconded by Schneider; approved by the board

Preservation Committee – given by Rob Nurre

Motion to accept the Preservation Committee report by Sutter; seconded by Cobble; approved by the board

Awards Committee

- N/A

Multi-Media Committee – read by Kurt Sampson for Jake Pfaffenroth

Small changes were made to the WAS USB drive product listings and several other merchandise items were added.

- We should find someone to take Jake's position before he leaves the state

Motion to accept the Multi-Media Committee report by Nurre; seconded by Schneider; approved by the board

Programs Committee – given by Seth Schneider

Rob Ahlrichs is stepping up as UW-Milwaukee program chair

Additional Old Business - given by Seth Schneider

- Bylaw updates have been tabled to talk with chapters
  - o Seth has talked to La Crosse and Three Rivers chapters
- In current bylaws, every chapter president is immediately a member of the board
  - o This is problem since they are not required to be at meetings
    - If we keep adding chapter presidents we might have presidents outnumber board members and the board might become too large to be functional
  - o We also need to decide if every member of a chapter has to become an affiliate member of the society
- Hopefully the new bylaws will be available for the fall meeting

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Handbook update – Survey and Society joint work
  - o There is some concern about making a document that will be more accessible to the general public
    - It has been suggested that we have a print copy and an electronic copy that can be changed and updated more regularly
  - o It would be best to have one author per section rather than multiple authors with conflicting ideas that need to be reconciled
    - The goal is to have a break down by period and by region and have each one of those areas with one author
  - o Last time the organizers got a grant from WisDOT
    - Maybe we can get funding from universities too
      - Making a living document would be useful for instructors
  - o The Wisconsin Archaeological Survey said that the Society should post the .pdf of the original handbook for free, because there are only 6 copies left
  - o It would be best if we could have updates posted to sections whenever they've been updated
    - We could do this by splitting up sections so you can download separate sections

Motion from Schneider that the Society work with the Survey on updating the WisArch handbook from 1997

- Motion approved by Sutter; seconded by Cobble; approved by the board

Fall meeting – October 22<sup>nd</sup>, La Crosse

- Midwest Archaeological Conference is Oct 6-8 in Iowa City
- People should bring posters from MAC conference and additional posters and have a poster session at the fall WAS meeting
- Board meeting on November 19, tentatively

Motion for adjournment made by Schneider at 12:05 pm; approved by the board

Increase Lapham Award was presented to Dan Wendt.