

AWA General Meeting Minutes

Valley River Inn, Eugene, OR 3/27/2015 ~4:30-6:00 PM

4:37 PM Call to order

All current board members present: Dennis Lewarch, Michelle Hannum, Ross Smith, Bob Kopperl, Alex Gall, Mark DeLeon, Mary Rossi; Membership quorum met (100+ members present).

General meeting draft minutes from last year – Corrections? None, *accepted.

President's Introductory Remarks

Thanks to Ninkasi for supplying beer to the meeting, and donation to the silent auction.

Council of Council meeting at last year's SAA conference – Dennis noted his and Bob Kopperl's attendance at this meeting at the 2014 SAA conference in Austin. AWA is renewing our membership. Dennis and Bob will be attending the upcoming 2015 meeting at the San Francisco SAA conference as well.

Student Board members – Emily Taber and Lisa Catto are introduced as interim Student Board members, to be voted on with the rest of the positions open at this time.

AWA Sponsorships were made during the past year to Archaeology Channel and Archaeology Roadshow, CR Protection Summit.

AWA staffed a vendor table at the Society of Historic Archaeology conference earlier this year in Seattle.

Treasurer's Report – Ross Smith

As of this meeting, Checking Account = \$2535.95; Savings Account = \$6241.48

Membership renewals with new credit card reader went relatively well. Dues structure is changing – institutional membership increase can help offset web costs for hosting consultant/curation lists, other web maintenance, and lower student membership rates. There were no applications for grants last year! We'd like to make some awards, so please submit. There is a rolling application schedule, so no deadline!

AWA Journal Editor Report – Dennis Lewarch and Jim Bard

Jim Bard is stepping down as editor; he has some manuscripts in the hopper, though. Jack Johnson at University of Washington stepping up to fill in. Call for submissions! Greg Burtchard noted a reason not submit - current date needs to be on the journal.

AWA Webpage – Adam Rorabaugh

Adam Rorabaugh is defending dissertation soon, and is too busy to keep updates. Matt Munsinger has agreed to help with future website maintenance and improvements.

Consultant List report – Mary Rossi

Mary thanked Ninkasi, Student Board members, and their work to run the AWA Student symposium at NWAC earlier today. 53 companies are now listed on the AWA-hosted consultant list, up 7 from last year. Of the 53, 15 have the coveted asterisks (institutional membership) and asked them to show themselves for recognition.

Curation Facility List report – Paula Johnson

Washington Curation Summit meeting was this Wednesday. Workshop is in the works for sampling strategies and culling protocols, ideally set up as a 2-3 location conference call. Repository list is still in preparation. They need an estimated \$60 for their website; asking for volunteers.

Research Grant Award – Dennis Lewarch

No one applied! Up to \$1000 a year, potential!

Washington Trust for Historic Preservation – Bob Kopperl

Bob is in contact with Chris Moore, director of the WA Trust, and Pat McCutcheon, past AWA president and current VP on the Trust, to bring our organizations in closer alignment, including cross-contributions to newsletters, joint lobbying efforts, and encouraging cross-membership.

End-of-Term AWA Board Elections – Dennis Lewarch and Michelle Hannum

All positions on Board are now open for election, or re-election, with several incumbents needing to step down or move to a different position per by-law rules of a two-term (four year) limit to serve in the same Board position. In addition, the two student board positions currently filled for the first time on an interim basis are up for election with the rest of the Board. Call made for nominations of Board positions. A slate is proposed based on responses to earlier call by email and current board member considerations. Humorous introductions made for the proposed slate nominees.

Lorelea Hudson moved for proposed slate to be elected by acclamation at this general meeting. Gary Wessen seconded motion. All in favor except for sole nay by Adam Rorabaugh.

2015-2017 Association for Washington Archaeology Board of Directors (*and supporting positions*)

President - Bob Kopperl

Vice-President - Mary Rossi

Secretary - Michelle Hannum

Treasurer - Amanda Taylor

Director-at-Large Position 1 - Alexander Stevenson
Director-at-Large Position 2 - Laura Murphy
Director-at-Large Position 3 - Dennis Lewarch
Student Director-at-Large Position 1 - Emily Taber
Student Director-at-Large Position 2 - Lisa Catto
Ex Officio DAHP Position – Stephenie Kramer
Editor, Archaeology in Washington - Jack Johnson
Newsletter Editor – Nancy Kenmotsu

Making Archaeology Public Project – Dennis Lewarch

Recognized 50th Anniv. Of NHPA. National solicitation for 15-minute video from each state to showcase state's significant archaeological resources. Rob Whitlam is spearheading DAHP participation; Dennis Lewarch and Nancy Kenmotsu are working on AWA involvement. Rick Pettigrew will be helping put things on the web. December 2015 is deadline for content.

Dennis Lewarch asked members for ideas. Cheryl Mack asked about Rick Pettigrew's role – Rick will help with technical aspects. Lorelea Hudson noted that Idaho took nominations for projects that would be appropriate. Dennis Griffin noted two sites selected for Oregon. Greg Burtchard has some good material for Mt. Rainier.

Regional AWA meetings - Julia Rowland

The first regional AWA meetings are being held and promoted – Northwest Washington. Mary invited Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish folks (San Juan and Island counties included). Held in Bellingham; good mix of archaeologists from different contexts, student/non-student, lots of good discussion. And snacks sponsored by AWA. Last meeting had facilitated discussion on public archaeology; more of that kind of thing to come. Beer afterward. Encouragement for other regional meetings, or join them if they're nearby. Third one planned for June 2015.

Raffle for 2015 Cultural Resources Summit registration

AWA's support for the CRS each year gets us a free registration, which has a value of \$295! Michelle Hannum's sons Morgan and Riley officiated the raffle, picking ticket number 067. Dana Holtschul (ASCC) won. Backup winner #140, Kat Kelly.

Washington State Parks – Dennis Lewarch

Dennis noted a letter dated Oct 2014 from WSP to set priorities for Washington State Parks historic preservation priorities.

Archaeology Channel – Dennis Lewarch

Dennis noted Board vote to renew annual support. Rick Pettigrew showed his appreciation, and emphasized that media influences our goals and success in outreach. Now on On Demand through local Comcast in NW.

Underwater Archaeology Legislation - Scott Williams

Shipwrecks are only state resource that allows legal salvage, with 90% cut to salvager and 10% cut to state. Work group trying to get law change, and requests AWA support. They're starting to talk to Maritime Historical Societies. Hope for legislation for next session, change in RCW. Most who he's talked to are supported. No legislator yet for support, but a few are receptive. Melissa Darby – is there model wording yet? Scott – Just need to strike out RCW 27.53 part about historic shipwrecks allowing salvage. Jackie Marcotte plugged panel tomorrow morning at NWAC session. BC protects wrecks 2-3 years old. Oregon – decent laws. WA – big difference, 90/10 split.

Other New Business

Lisa Catto lauded Dennis Lewarch's term of service; Dennis lauded Jim Bard and Adam Rorabuagh and Nancy Kenmotsu, as well as outgoing Board members Mark deLeon, Ross Smith, Alex Gall.

Silent Auction Closed

Adjourned 5:33 PM