

**Association for Washington Archaeology
Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday, June 18, 2016
Willamette CRA Office, Seattle, Washington**

In Attendance: Jack Johnson, Robert Kopperl, Dennis Lewarch, Laura Murphy, Amanda Taylor
Participating Via Telephone: Allyson Brooks, Lisa Catto

President Robert Kopperl called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.
Dennis Lewarch took meeting notes in lieu of Secretary Michele Hannum.

Old Business

1. Reading and Approval of Minutes

The board read and approved the minutes from the General Membership meeting at the Northwest Anthropological Conference meeting in Tacoma, Washington.

2. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Amanda Taylor reported the association had over \$15,000 in the AWA checking account and 206 dues-paying members.

3. AWA Web Site Report

President Bob Kopperl reported on developments with the updated Association web site. Board members have reviewed updates made by Matt and offered additional suggestions to improve the web site, including adding access to back issues of *Archaeology in Washington* and adding content. The list of companies needs to be updated as well as other elements of the web site.

4. Consultant List Update

Mary Rossi provided information to President Kopperl on the Consultants List hosted on the web site by AWA. There were 60 companies listed as of June 18, including 20 institutional members receiving the coveted AWA asterisk. Mary asked for an updated list of paid institutional members from Treasurer Amanda Taylor.

An issue was brought up regarding delisting companies that are no longer in business or no longer doing business in Washington State. The AWA Board will poll colleagues to ascertain which companies are actively doing business in the state.

Allyson Brooks suggested that AWA add a disclaimer that refers to RCW 27.53.030, part 11, which defines qualifications necessary for a Professional Archaeologist.

5. Student Membership, Outreach, and Funding Opportunities

Lisa Catto summarized efforts to increase student outreach and to contact undergraduate and graduate programs at community colleges and universities throughout the Pacific Northwest.

6. Funding Awards

The AWA Board approved Martin Plummer's proposal to fund his public archaeology-focused Master's Thesis topic. The AWA Board also approved Paula Przystupa's application for a student travel grant.

President Kopperl brought up the issue of establishing hard deadlines for research and travel grants. Currently, the AWA Board receives and approves funding applications on a rolling basis throughout the year, which creates problems in terms of tracking which fiscal year awards are made and related membership requirements to receive a grant.

The AWA Board determined that the yearly membership renewal deadline should be May 1 of each year. This will provide folks the opportunity to renew their membership at the Northwest Anthropological Conference each spring.

The AWA Board established two yearly deadlines for Research Grants. An application deadline of May 1 of each year was established for spring-summer fieldwork grants, with \$500 allocated for Professional Archaeologists and \$500 for Student Archaeologists. An application deadline of November 1 of each year was established for fall-winter data analysis grants, with \$500 allocated for Professional Archaeologists and \$500 allocated for Student Archaeologists.

The AWA Board established a January 31 application deadline each year for Student Travel Grants. One student travel grant of \$200 will be awarded each year to a student to attend the Northwest Anthropological Conference. One student travel grant of \$300 will be awarded each year to a student to attend a national or international conference.

7. Archaeology in Washington Update

Editor Jack Johnson summarized his efforts to catch up on the publication schedule of *Archaeology in Washington*. Jack has enough content to publish one volume comprised of one peer reviewed article, an article submitted in June ready for peer review, and an article to be submitted for peer review on geotechnical prospecting.

Jack has worked on developing two special thematic issues, including an issue on the archaeology of Japanese Americans and an issue edited by Katherine Kelly on burn areas and effects on cultural resources. New volumes should be available by the Northwest Anthropological Conference in the spring.

8. AWA Review of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Excavation Permits

President Kopperl outlined the important role of AWA members in reviewing the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Excavation Permits. Bob has been the point-man in distributing permit applications from DAHP to AWA members for review. Lance Wollwage has taken over for Stephenie Kramer and permit distribution via pdf and mail is working well.

Allyson Brooks made a suggestion to reviewers regarding research questions and the scale and kinds of questions that are formulated in the research design section of the permit application. Allyson reminded folks that most excavation permits are for construction monitoring and that the projects are not academic research projects. Allyson asked reviewers to be realistic in their

suggestions/comments/expectations for permit research design and to make them commensurate with the scope and scale of the proposed project.

Allyson also noted that DAHP is developing rules for archaeological construction monitoring project permits that more accurately reflect the scale and reality of construction monitoring activities.

9. Regional AWA Activities: Northwest Region and Seattle Area

Mary Rossi sent information on the efforts of the Northwest Region of AWA, including regional meetings. Kelly Bush of ECRI will be hosting a gathering next week. Brandy Rinck of SWCA organized a meeting of Seattle Area AWA members scheduled for July 20 at the Black Raven Brewery in Redmond.

10. Recent Sponsorship Requests

The Portland area Archaeology Roadshow requested a donation from AWA. The AWA Board approved a donation of \$500 to support the roadshow's public education efforts.

The AWA Board approved a resolution to continue a yearly donation of \$200 to support the efforts of the *Archaeology Channel*.

11. Society for American Archaeology Liaison

AWA is a member of the national Council of Councils sponsored by the Society for American Archaeology and Bob, Dennis, and Lisa variously have attended council meetings at the past four years at the annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. The SAA meetings are in Vancouver, British Columbia, in March-April 2017. Bob will continue to work with British Columbia archaeologists to offer support in hosting the Council of Councils meeting in Vancouver. Bob also has attended a meeting of the Council of Affiliated Societies, which is comprised mainly of amateur archaeological societies. Bob will continue to respond to communications from SAA for the two councils and assure AWA support and participation in the Vancouver SAA meetings.

12. Washington State Curation Facility List

The AWA Board has been directed by the membership to work with the Washington State Curation Summit Group and to post a list of curation facilities on the AWA web site as a public service. The Curation Summit has been working for the past few years to develop a list of curation facilities. The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe does not agree with the latest format of the Summit Group list, which differentiates among facilities based on responses to a questionnaire that is based on the Department of Interior standards for curation facilities. The Muckleshoot Indian Tribe did not complete the questionnaire, citing approval of their facility by the Portland office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs as an adequate certification of their facility.

Laura Murphy explained the rationale for the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe position. The Tribe feels the two-column listing of facilities that completed the questionnaire and facilities that did not complete the questionnaire implies that some facilities meet federal standards and other facilities do not. Paula Johnson provided a written explanation of the Washington State Curation Summit Group position.

By hosting the Washington State Curation Summit Group list of curation facilities, AWA may appear to be taking a preferred position on the issue.

The AWA Board discussed the dilemma presented by the two approaches. Allyson Brooks asked the board who the list was designed to help. She noted that federal and state agencies are required to consult with Indian Tribes and to solicit input from the Tribes regarding Tribal preferences for curation. Allyson noted in Washington State, private landowners retain ownership of material recovered from their land. So, the question remained: who would the curation list benefit?

Board member Laura Murphy and Paula Johnson of the Curation Summit both noted that archaeological contractors are required to provide an agreement with a curation facility as part of the Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation excavation permit application.

The issue also may be moot. When the AWA Board was directed to host the Curation Summit list by the membership, the Curation Summit did not have a web site. Now, the Curation Summit has its own web site and a link to the web site is included in the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture web site. AWA could avoid controversy by having a link to the Curation Summit web site on the AWA web site but not host the Curation Summit list.

The AWA Board directed President Kopperl to continue discussions with Paula Johnson of the Curation Summit.

New Business

1. Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Updates
Allyson Brooks provided updates on activities of the Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation:

1. The Washington State Department of Archaeology and Historic Preservation will host Tribal Cultural Resources Summit at the Squaxin Island Tribal Center on June 7 and 8.
2. WISAARD updates will include the direct entry of data for archaeological site forms and the ability to log into project data and to review and comment on forms.
3. Development of rules for archaeological construction monitoring to accurately reflect the expectations and responsibilities for archaeological construction monitoring.
4. Progress on the Water Resources Development Act in the US Senate supported by Senator Patty Murray that includes a provision to transfer the Ancient One to DAHP and to repatriate the Ancient One to Affected Tribes.

2. AWA Board Meeting Fall 2016

The AWA Board suggested a fall board meeting in Olympia during October.

President Kopperl adjourned the meeting at 1:53 p.m.