

Association for Washington Archaeology
Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday October 29, 2016 9:00-11:00 A.M.
DAHP – 1110 S. Capitol Way, Suite 30, Olympia, WA
Call-in Number (ReadyTalk): 872-240-3212, Access Code 298-660-973
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Commences 9:01 A.M.

Attendance:

In person – Bob Kopperl, Dennis Lewarch, Paula Johnson, Allyson Brooks, Michelle Hannum

On phone – Mary Rossi, Laura Murphy, Amanda Taylor

Absent: Alex Stevenson, Jack Johnson, Emily Taber, Lisa Catto

Topics discussed in 1, 9, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7,

Agenda

Old & Ongoing Business

In order to get Paula off and enjoying her weekend, business was discussed in following order: 1, 9, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8

1 Reading and Approval of June Board Meeting Minutes

Dennis first, Allyson seconds, Mary and Michelle abstain (weren't at June Board Meeting)

2. Treasurers Report (Amanda)

\$6,251.56 in checking, \$7,380.25 in savings

214 current members – 23 institutional, 44 students, 2 associations, and 145 individual

3. Web Site Report (Bob)

Matt reported a security breach with old website. No one can remember the password. Site is not active, so no harm is being done

Need to update contacts (Dennis is still listed as President)

4. Consultants List Report (Mary)

One new company (Golder Associates), 61 companies total. Mary updated the list in July 2016, and will update the list following the October meeting. Mary has 20 institutional members, not 23, and will need to get updated list from Amanda.

Bob suggests that consultants with * should be listed first on consultant list, one of the perks of having the *. All agree, not voted on.

5. Student Membership, Outreach, and Funding Opportunities (Lisa/Emily)

Not discussed as both Emily and Lisa could not attend meeting

6. Journal Update (Jack)

On track to publish two new journals – first will have two articles and second will have six articles on Japanese community.

Journal website will be operational soon, and back issues will eventually be on the website. Submissions are still rare, but Jack has hopes on some cool research to be published

7. AWA/DAHP Permit Reviews (Bob)

Process is moving along, lots of permits were reviewed over the summer

8. Regional AWA Activity: NW and Seattle regions (Mary and Bob)

Bellingham group had their second farmers' market event, and it was a success
Next Bellingham meet-up in mid-December

Seattle Area Group (SAG) is also having a good turn-out, and will have their next meeting December 1

9. Curation Facility: List Update (Paula)

The Curation Summit is a volunteer group. Core participants Paula, Michelle Parvey, Angie Neller, and Jackie Cook. Other members fluctuate based on time and needs.

Allyson pulled DAHP staff off list. DAHP can encourage, not make, property owner curate artifacts. Paula acknowledges her frustration with setback of not being backed by the DAHP.

Bob notes that the curation list is not a PR gimmick. Excavation permits need to include curation facility. Ultimately it is the professional/permittee who needs to consult the list, contact the facility, and decide what facility they will use on the permit. Curation list has not impeded permit progress. Ultimate solution would be to change the excavation permit, but that would require law being changed.

Muckleshoot Tribe have an objection to the Curation List. The tribe has been federally approved as a curation facility, concerned that list is held by volunteers (not sure who the list was going to), and concerns regarding header wording (on consultant list). Laura feels it is an all or nothing situation. The state should take control of the list to relieve the perception of giving up control to volunteers of a changing group. Bottom line issue – someone has to certify the facility.

Laura raises the question of what happens to artifacts that came from a site originally owned by private/federal and is now owned by the state. What does the facility do then?

Laura still hopes Muckleshoot facility will be a choice for curation on excavation permits, and she appreciates Paula representing Curation Summit concerns at the board meeting.

Bob wonders if having the columns removed and having a general description along with disclaimer, similar to the Consultant List, would be acceptable.

The two column headers seem to be the issue.

Proposed action – Allyson suggests that the three criteria boxes (climate control, professional staff, and [third criteria escapes Paula, but she will forward the criteria post-meeting]) be answered with Yes/No/No Information. No further explanation need be provided. Allyson suggests not including the criteria regarding study/research of collections. That can be discussed by researcher/facility directly. Allyson proposes that DAHP sends a neutrally worded to all on curation list to fill out the three criteria boxes regarding their facility. List remains on Curation Summit website.

Paula looks forward to a resolution so that the Curation Summit can move past the list issue and focus on training. They are hoping to have two training sessions a year.

The Curation Summit has their own website with curation facility list. Paula asks if we need to vote to remove the curation list from the AWA website. AWA website has a link to the Curation Summit website. Bob suggests that AWA doesn't keep the list updated, only have the link. Paula asks if having the link, and not the list, will meet the mandate of the 2013 vote. It is agreed that it will.

New Business

1. DAHP Announcements (Allyson)

Site forms and TCP forms can be entered directly onto the WISAARD. The APE can be delineated on WISAARD, and the comments section (regarding APE) is viewable. Direct report upload onto the WISAARD soon. New funding will be aimed at completing WISAARD.

2. Early Planning for NWAC

Spokane, April 12-15

Election year

Hoping Emily and Lisa will have a student panel again

Alex is heading the pub crawl. Consider having a mixologist at opening night reception.

3. Schedule Winter Board Meeting

January 14 or 21, location TBD

Paula leaves at 10:00 A.M.

Concludes: 10:46 A.M.