

Association for Washington Archaeology
Quarterly Board Meeting, Saturday October 14, 2017 10:00-11:30 AM
WCRA – 650 S. Orcas St., Suite 201, Seattle, WA
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Begin: 10:01 am

In Person: Bob Kopperl, Michelle Hannum, Jack Johnson, Dennis Lewarch, Alex Stevenson, Aren Orsen

On Phone: Mary Rossi, Allyson Brooks

Absent: Laura Murphy, Emily Taber, Amanda Taylor, Allyson Brooks, Nancy Kenmotsu, Kathryn Harris

Agenda

Old & Ongoing Business

1. Reading and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes
Dennis Lewarch approves, Alex Stevenson seconds, all approve

2. Treasurers Report (Jack)

Checking: \$7215.33

Savings: \$6252.90

\$350.71 to be transferred from PayPal, possibly on 10/14/2017

\$51 owed to Mary Rossi for snacks for the recent North Area gathering

300 active members (45 students, 45 institutional, 210 regular) – this number reflects members that have a 2017 payment. On January 1, 2018, anyone on the list that has only a 2016 dues payment will be dropped from the active list because there is no record to be sure that dues were also paid for 2017. NWAC meetings/May 1 marks the beginning of membership.

Five unique visitors a day to the online journal, and about 50% are current members. Web journal is definitely having a wide circulation and hopefully will transfer to increased membership. Jack and Bob both have access to web stats (e.g., visitor counter).

We are saving money by having the journal online (\$750 to publish vs/ \$200 web hosting), and maybe we want to think about providing money to lesser non-profits. Alex wondered whether we have a formal budget, and Dennis mentioned that it has always been a stewardship with no long term planning. Maybe we want to put a certain amount in savings and the rest in checking for spending. Maybe put into the newsletter a query about how the membership would like to see spending (suggestion made for tribal grant potential). Bob will ask Nancy to remind membership that we have grants (2 travel grants not yet awarded)

3. Web Site Report (Bob)

To Do: Board isn't current
Ads on the website, is this something new?
January payment to Matt M for up keep on web site
Doesn't note deadline for research grant
Link Journal website

Old website still comes up in (Google) search. Tom Becker still pays for the old website address. Reach out to Tom and see if we dissolve website to save him money. Maybe hire someone to clean the trail. Jack wonders why we have two websites – we should overhaul and only have one site – this will take someone with knowledge of website design/software. The .org website costs \$179.88/year, and we could save that amount by combining the two web sites (Journal and .org)

4. Consultants List Report (Mary)

72 total: 40 current AWA members and 32 non-AWA members

5. Journal Update (Bob/Amanda)

Encourage journal articles!

6. DAHP Announcements (Allyson)

SHPO/THPO Summit in Boise went well
Watching to see what is on the horizon with administration
E APE up and running
January to July redesigning WISAARD to make it user friendly
Hoping January will see capitol funds directed to DAHP

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

There is a merged North & South gathering in Everett on December 1st at 5:30 at Scuttlebutt – taproom location.
North group has their 3rd annual archaeology month event at Whatcom Community College.
Need to announce both events on social media

8. Student update (Emily/Aren)

Emily is working on website content for resources
Aren – potential for guest speaker events?, maybe have a Nov/Dec regional gathering in Ellensburg (during CWU break).
Bob will check in with Emily to make sure Aren & Emily are keeping discussion going

New Business

1. Legislative Affairs updates and new ideas (Mary/Katie)

Working with Anna N. with SAA and the difficulties of working in/during Trump administration
Talk with Allyson if you decide to go to the SAA in DC about maybe getting an interview with congressmen to lobby – have Nancy reach out to membership to see who might be attending SAA.

House 3990 – in The Hill – good to be aware, will never get past senate, but should write letters to Cantwell and Murray

US left UNESCO, an organization started by US, we need to rejoin, funding is essential.

2. NWAC Planning

Start thinking about Student Workshop ideas, maybe have a similar panel as at Eugene NWAC (THPO, CRM, Federal)

Section 106 and/or permitting workshop

Wednesday night activity – Mixology was a success, ideas for 2018. Michelle to look into maybe a Basque-themed activity and check in the Mary Ann to see if she would have any leads.

3. Schedule Winter Board Meeting

No date or location was suggested

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 – Dennis first, Alex seconds, all approve