

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Board Meeting

March 31, 2012

10:00AM-12:00PM

Location: Office of the State Archaeologist, Iowa City, Iowa.

Attendees: Mike Perry (President), Lowell Blikre (President-Elect), Matt Donovan (Past President), Daniel Horgen (Secretary-Treasurer), Mike Finn (Member-at-large)

Unable to Attend: Eloise Ramirez (Member-at-large)

Minutes by Horgen.

Agenda & Discussion

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Perry at 10:00AM.

II. 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

- Approval of the Minutes of the 2011 Board Meeting.
Minutes were approved as submitted. m/s/c.

III. Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer reports current balance of \$2020.37 as of March 31, 2012. New revenues for 2011-2012 (\$796.69) include \$795.00 in membership dues and \$1.69 in interest dividends. Expenditures (\$700.00) include \$500.00 for Iowa Archaeology Month and \$200.00 for UW La Crosse CEE in support for the 2011 Midwest Archaeology Conference both approved by the membership at the 2011 Business Meeting. IRS Form 990-N (Annual Electronic Filing Requirement for Small Tax-Exempt Organizations whose annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less) was acknowledged as filed 7/5/2011. A complete financial report will be made available June 30, 2012, the end of the fiscal year. The organization is in good financial condition.
Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted. m/s/c.

Membership status, dues, attendance

- The Association of Iowa Archaeologists has a total of 62 members. All four categories of membership are represented.
- At the 2011 business meeting William Whittaker was dropped from the membership rolls due to missing the last three meetings.
- Past Dues. The following members owe dues for the past two years (2010-2011 and 2011-2012) and must pay their dues this year to avoid being dropped from the membership: Mathew G. Hill.
- The following members still owe dues for (2011-2012): Lowell Blikre, Thomas Chadderdon, Brennan Dolan, Matt Donovan, Michael Finn, Nurit Finn, Donald Gaff, Chad Goings, Dale Henning, Doug Jones, Kira Kaufmann, Shane Pickett, Joseph Tiffany, John Whittaker.

- All AIA members must be in good standing with the Iowa Archeological Society as required under Article III, Section 3 of the AIA Bylaws. Questions regarding membership dues can be submitted to Alan Hawkins the Membership Secretary at alan-hawkins@uiowa.edu. The Following members still owe dues for membership in the Iowa Archeological Society: Thomas Chadderdon, Randy Dickson, Brennan Dolan, Matt Donovan, Donald Gaff, Murray Grant, Michael Gregory, Daniel Higginbottom, Kira Kaufmann, Shane Pickett, Leah Rogers, Dave Stanley.
- Meeting Attendance. The following members must attend the 2012 meeting to avoid being dropped from the membership or apply for Adjunct membership: Mark Anderson, Thomas Chadderdon, John Cordell, Colleen Eck, John Hedden, Mathew G. Hill, Adam Meseke.

IV. General plan for the 2012 Business Meeting

- In accordance with AIA bylaws, the 2012 Business Meeting will be held on Saturday, June 2, 2012.
- Chair recommended that the meeting be held at the Prairie Learning Center, Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge. Time will be from 10:00AM-3:00PM. A sack lunch is recommended.
- The Board approved the meeting location.
- President will prepare a meeting announcement and agenda for distribution to the membership and will be sent out no later than May 2, 2012. The Secretary/Treasurer will prepare the call for new members and will be sent out to the membership no later than April 2, 2012.
- Applications for new members will be accepted through May 2, 2012.
- The AIA website will be updated to provide the 2012 Business Meeting location and deadline for new members/consulting list applications.

V. AIA Consulting Organizations List update

- New applications to the consulting organizations list must be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer at least 30 days prior to the AIA's annual business meeting. The Secretary-Treasurer will send out a request for new applications to be included on this list with the call for new member announcement on April 2. The application is also provided on the AIA's website. As of March 31, fourteen organizations are included on the AIA's Professional Consultants List and include: Archeology Laboratory, Augustana College; Bear Creek Archeology, Inc.; Bolton and Menk, Inc.; Consulting Archaeological Services; Highway Archaeology Program; Iowa State University Archaeological Laboratory; The Louis Berger Group, Inc.; Midwest Archaeological Consultants; Mississippi Valley Archaeology Center; OSA General Contracts Program; Rolling Hills Consulting Services, LLC.; Tallgrass Historians L.C.; University of Northern Iowa; and Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc. Cliff Stemper of Stemper and Associates has expressed interest in having his firm added to the list. The Board agreed to open discussion at the June meeting regarding member's thoughts or concerns relating to the consultants list.

VI. Committee Updates

Strategic Planning Committee/Legislative Liaison Officer update

- Strategic Planning Committee (N. Finn [chair], Donovan, Perry, Ramirez). No meetings have been held so far this year.
- Legislative Liaison Officer (Krewson). Membership has received email notifications from the Legislative Liaison Officer regarding a few bills that involve historic preservation. However, the notifications do not require action by the AIA Board.

Historic Contexts Committee update

- Historic Contexts Committee (Withrow [chair], Alex, Donovan, M. Finn, Rogers, Jones, Peterson). No meetings have been held so far this year.

Guidelines Committee update

- Guidelines Committee (Doershuk [chair], Withrow, Thompson, Higginbottom, Jones). No meetings have been held so far this year.

Digital Documentation Committee update

- Digital Documentation Committee (Artz [chair], Lensink, Whittaker, Jones). No Meetings have been held so far this year.

VII. Nominations of Officers

- Nominations will be solicited for President-Elect. Mark Anderson has expressed interest in the position.
- Nominations will be solicited for Secretary-Treasurer. Bryan Kendall has expressed interest in the position.
- Nominations will be solicited for Member-at-large. Brennan Dolan has expressed interest in the position.

VIII. New Business

Agency Updates: OSA, IDOT, SHPO/DCA.

- The Board discussed House File 267 and will request an update from SHPO during the June meeting.
- Donovan discussed recent events at IDOT and will provide an update to the membership at the June meeting.
- The Board discussed recent developments within the OSA archives and will request an update regarding digital documentation from OSA during the June meeting.
- The Board discussed the possibility of inviting a member of the US Corps of Engineers, perhaps Jim Ross, to the June meeting to provide an agency update.

I-Sites

- The Board discussed progress on I-Sites and will request an update from Joe Artz or Colleen Eck in the form of live demo or screen shot presentation at the June meeting.

Guest Presentations

- Perry discussed the possibility of Wynena Morris, an Omaha tribal scholar, attending the June meeting to continue her discussion regarding further understandings and relationships between tribes and academics. Perry also noted that while attending the 2011 Midwest Archaeology Conference he had discussions with individuals from a panel

discussing NAGPRA topics and found that people are willing to come and talk to the membership concerning a variety of topics.

Archaeology and the Media

- The board discussed current issues within the media regarding archaeology topics. TV programs such as “Diggers” shown on the National Geographic Channel and “American Diggers” shown on Spike TV have generated a considerable amount of discussion. Perry was asked to attend, if possible, a forum titled “Archaeology and the Media: A Symbiotic Relationship” being held at this year’s SAA meeting and to provide the membership with a discussion regarding this topic at the June meeting.
- Perry received an email from Rick Pettigrew, President and Executive Director for the Archaeological Legacy Institute in regards to the AIA’s work to oppose TV shows such as “Diggers and “American Diggers”. Pettigrew’s request is for the AIA to put a similar amount of passion and energy into supporting an alternative to those shows. The Archaeological Legacy Institute launched the Archaeology Channel (archaeologychannel.org) in 2000, where they now have over 200 videos streaming on demand. Pettigrew would like the AIA to become a supporting organization member. The Board agreed that it be added as an agenda item for the AIA meeting in June.

IX. Other Business

- The Board discussed Lynn Alex’s request for continued support for Iowa Archaeology Month 2012 and agreed that it be added as an agenda item for the AIA meeting in June.

X. Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 11:30AM.