

**Final, Approved MINUTES
of the
Nevada Archaeological Association**

**Quarterly Board Meeting, October 21, 2010
Held in Layton, Utah**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:30pm by President Eva Jensen at a restaurant near the Convention Center in Layton, Utah, where the Great Basin Anthropological Conference was being held.

Attendees: NAA Board members in attendance were President Eva Jensen, Greg Seymour, Daron Duke, Jeff Wedding, Lynn Furnis, Sali Underwood, and Karla Jageman. Board members not in attendance were George Phillips, Liz Russell, and Hal Rager.

Non-Board members in attendance included Susan Edwards, David Valentine, Steve Daron, Laurie Perry, Bill White, Nicole Lohman, Tim Murphy, Donna Murphy, and two others from Great Basin National Park whose names were not known.

Minutes: The minutes from the July, 2010 Board Meeting were distributed, corrected, revised, and accepted.

President's Report: The NAA has obtained approval for the two HPF grants that were applied for. They should be in place by November, 2010.

Treasurer's Report: Because George Phillips, NAA Treasurer, was absent, Daron Duke presented the Treasurer's Report (attached). Documentation showing the activity within the checking account, quarterly reconciliation of the account, current balances, etc was provided to all Board members. Daron asked why our balance has decreased. Eva Jensen explained that the NAA has not yet been re-imbursed for grants.

Secretary's Report: As requested by the Board in July, Lynn sent a sympathy card to Liz Russell in response to her mother's death, on behalf of the NAA Board. Liz sent a thank you card back to the NAA.

There were several electronic votes between the July and October Board meetings. The first was whether or not to move the NAA bank account from Wells Fargo to US Bank. Everyone (all seven Board members) voted "Yes" to move to US Bank. At today's meeting, we reconfirmed that vote.

RE: the AGO letter endorsement: The Board voted electronically to endorse it. At today's Board meeting (October 21), the Board voted in person to confirm that action.

Newsletter Chair: Greg Seymour reported that the newsletters did get sent out.

Membership: Daron Duke reported that NAA membership is down from last year, as is site steward membership. He distributed a bar graph demonstrating membership totals for the past 10 years. Daron thinks the economy and NAA mistakes combined may account for the situation. He thinks we should have put a list of the paid-up NAA members in the 2009 and 2010 newsletters, to remind readers that they had or had not paid their dues. Also, there is the issue of e-mail versus hard copy versions of the

NAA newsletter for members. So far, only nine members have indicated they wish to receive newsletters via e-mail only. There seems to be confusion introduced by the use of old versus new membership forms, as the old ones do not include a place for people to indicate a preference for electronic versus mailed newsletters.

Susan Edwards stated that she and several others at Desert Research Institute have paid membership dues but have never received newsletters for the past two years. The Board considered why this might be happening, such as possibly a breakdown during the transfer of forms from George Phillips, Treasurer, to Daron Duke, Membership Chairman. We need to resolve this problem.

Web Master Report: Hal Rager is web master, but was not present. He had done some work on the web page but it is still not done. Karla Jageman has started a Facebook site for NAA. She wants pictures of all Board members for the site. Karla will keep pressing Hal to complete the web page and is providing support for him.

Chapter Reports: None of the chapter representatives were present at the October, 2010 meeting. Eva has asked Jeff Wedding to contact the chapters and report on their activities. They have schedules in the Fall, 2010 newsletter. Refer to that for their upcoming activities.

Elko County Chapter: Donna Murphy spoke on their behalf. She says their membership is declining, but they still have monthly meetings. They are working on some small projects such as creating and maintaining a colonial trunk for the local schools and helping with the summer field school in the area. Tim Murphy is trying to work with Shoshone youth to gather plants and build a wikiup.

Lincoln County Site Stewards: Clint Cole and Christopher Watkins are knowledgeable Fremont ceramics people. The Site Stewards in Lincoln County are interested in holding a pottery workshop and Clint and Christopher may be good resources for such a workshop.

Nevada Rock Art Foundation: The foundation has focused on Lincoln County Rock Art sites.

Site Stewards Report: Sali Underwood reported on behalf of Liz Russell. The Forest Service wants to nominate the Site Steward program for an award for all their work in the USFS. They worked in Austin and Carson City forests this year.

SHPO Report: The Nevada Governor's budget came out showing the possible cutting or closing of museums. The SHPO submitted a budget of \$0.00 to the legislature. They asked for no money. The State is not going to sell bonds this year, and this is the means by which SHPO is funded by Nevada (CCA grants). Sali suggested that we contact Alice Baldrice and get advice on how NAA can help support SHPO.

The equipment purchased using grant money has been obtained and has been put to use. Sali said "Thank you, Board!"

Eva Jensen said the Lost City Museum has had more budget cuts, with jobs threatened. Its future is uncertain.

Auctioneer Report: Jeff Wedding is willing to conduct the silent auction again at the 2011 Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

NAA Journals: 2009 Journal: Dave Valentine is in charge of getting that one completed. He has not done any work on it lately. Apparently, he lost some files needed for the issue.

2010 Journal: Mark Giambastiani is in charge of bringing this one to completion. He still plans to accomplish this. He is also interested in serving on the Board again.

2011 Journal: Sue Edwards and Jeff Wedding volunteered to jointly tackle the 2011 journal. They suggest maybe using papers from the Great Basin Anthropological Conference 2010 Historical Archaeology Symposium.

Mission Statement: Greg Seymour has not done any more on it. Eva will pursue moving it along.

By-Laws Revisions: We will set a date to get the committee to meet again about the by-laws.

Interim Expenses: Eva stated that George can bring expenses we've approved lately at the next meeting.

Gifts for Retired Board Members: At this meeting, the NAA Board presented gifts to two retired Board members in recognition of their excellent service to the NAA as Board members. A gift certificate of \$50.00 was presented to Laurie Perry. A cash gift of \$50.00 was presented to David Valentine. Eva Jensen asked if we should make this a standard practice of the Board, and put it in a Board guidebook. Or should we leave it to the Board's discretion?

Next Annual Meeting: Eva suggested that we hold our 2011 Annual Meeting in Elko, Nevada, rather than in Virginia City, as previously considered. She suggested this because Lynn Furnis, who was going to pursue arrangements in Virginia City, has moved to Southern California and is no longer in the area to personally work on this. Dave Valentine also reminded the Board that when he looked into a Virginia City meeting in the past, he found the local, large hotel manager to be extremely uncooperative for possible meeting and accommodations. As a result, he rejected V.C. as a meeting site at that time.

2011 Archaeology Month: Trails is the theme for the poster. Karla is working on a list of trails in Nevada to incorporate and work with. Possibly pursue the notion of the progression of people and technology through time (use of same corridors through time as trails, wagon roads, railroads, and highways). "History Repeats Itself"

Fund-raising: Eva hasn't done any more about this so far.

Journals: Daron will scan the whole set of NAA journals at Far Western Anthropological Research Group (FWARG).

NEW BUSINESS:

CCSN Scholarship Fund: wants \$12,000 to get the fund started. NAA Board wants more information before committing to anything. Laurie Perry suggested that NAA should simply re-instate its own

scholarship fund, rather than get involved in one particular school. The NAA fund could be offered statewide.

Student Grants: The NAA has done these in the past, and is willing to offer them again. Geoff Smith, Anthropology professor at University of Nevada, Reno (UNR) has said he is willing to chair this activity of NAA.

Other New Business: Dave Valentine asked why we do not have a table at the current Great Basin Anthropological Conference to sell NAA journals, T-shirts, memberships, etc. Several Board members explained that it requires a commitment by members to man it and stock it, and take in money. And none of us had taken it on this year. Steve Daron expressed interest in taking this on in the future.

Council of Affiliated Societies: The COAS is affiliated with the Society of American Archaeology. NAA is a member of the Council. We have voted to renew our membership at \$30 per year.

Daron Duke: Daron will step down from the NAA Board at the end of this year, as he has served for seven years. He suggested that we market Board positions at the GBAC and elsewhere in order to attract new, effective Board members. Susan Edwards said she is willing to take on membership duties once Daron leaves the Board. Lynn Furnis mentioned that Craig Hauer is also willing to serve on the Board.

Next Meeting: The date of January 15th, 2011 was agreed upon, which is Martin Luther King Day weekend. We discussed where it should be held. The Lost City Museum in Overton, Nevada was suggested and agreed upon.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Lynn Furnis, NAA Secretary.