

**FINAL MINUTES
of the
Nevada Archaeological Association**

Quarterly Board Meeting, April 29, 2011

Held at the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, near Elko, Nevada

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 4:03 pm by President Eva Jensen at the California National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, near Elko, Nevada just prior to the NAA Annual Meeting for 2011, to be held in Elko, Nevada. Eva distributed copies of the agenda to all.

Attendees: NAA Board members in attendance were President Eva Jensen, Greg Seymour, Karla Jageman, Jeff Wedding, Lynn Furnis, Sali Underwood, Susan Edwards, and Liz Russell. Daron Duke and arrived at 4:30 pm, and George Phillips arrived at 5pm, having been waylaid by bad weather on their drive up from Las Vegas.

Non-Board members in attendance included at least six other folks, including Mark Giambastiani, David Smee, and others.

Minutes: The minutes from the October, 2010 Board Meeting were distributed, corrected, revised, and accepted. The minutes from the last quarterly meeting, in January, 2011, had already been submitted by e-mail in late January, and had been reviewed, corrected, and finalized at that time. The October minutes were late in being submitted by the Secretary.

President's Report: Eva spoke about grants. She said the NAA has received them and has used the money to produce the poster for Archaeology/Historic Preservation Month.

The Board pre-approved expenses for Dana Barton, the person who conducted the all-day workshop at the Trail Interpretive Center, and for Kelly Dixon, guest speaker at the Banquet at this year's Annual Meeting.

Secretary's Report: Lynn apologized to the Board for not attending the January 2011 quarterly meeting, leaving Liz Russell to take minutes for that meeting. She thanked Liz for taking it on and typing up and distributing the minutes for Board approval.

As per previous discussions as to e-mail voting of NAA Board issues and correct procedure, Lynn kept copies of all e-mail votes conducted by the Board since the last, January, 2011 meeting. She read each matter that was voted upon. All ten issues were passed by the Board. These include:]

1) Should the Board consider the membership dues as paid for this year, for four Desert Research Institute employees whose records were mixed up, and who had not been receiving their NAA newsletters for the past year or more? A majority voted in favor of this.

2) Poster theme for the Nevada Archaeology Month 2011 poster. Of four themes, the "Tales of Trails Past" received the most votes (four vote), with two other ideas receiving two votes, and the fourth theme receiving one vote.

3) Should the NAA support a Student Incentive Program for the 2011 Annual Meeting? The Board voted for this program.

4) Should the NAA give the Life Time Achievement Award to Tim Murphy this year? The Board voted "Yes."

5) Did the Board have any nominees for the Ting Perkins Award this year? We did not nominate anyone for this, nor vote on anyone for it.

6) Does the NAA Board approve reimbursing our two guest presenters – Kelly Dixon and Dana Barton – for travel to the NAA Annual Meeting of 2011, for up to \$1200 each? Six Board members voted to reimburse the two.

7) Should the NAA reimburse Ron Reno for his travel costs for the workshop he conducted in Caliente, Nevada? There were five votes in favor of this, and one abstention.

8) Should Sue Edwards be appointed to the NAA Board to replace Hal Rager after his mid-term resignation? Six Board members voted in favor of the appointment.

9) Should the NAA reimburse Liz Dickey for printing and mailing costs for the *In Situ* Newsletter? The matter was approved by seven votes.

10) Should the NAA approve payment for tube mailings of the Archaeology Month Posters? The expenses were approved with eight "Yes" votes.

Treasurer's Report: George Phillips gave his report (see attached), showing a current balance of \$24,046.38. He reported that the NAA has now moved its official checking account to US Bank.

Newsletter Chairman's Report: Greg Seymour reported that the newsletters were sent out via e-mail and by means of regular mail. The DRI folks who had been paying membership dues but had not been getting the newsletter were now receiving their copies. And he noted that Liz Dickey is doing a great job producing the newsletter, to which everyone agreed.

Web Master: Karla Jageman has been working on the NAA web site, and it is looking good. But she still needs biographical summaries of some board members. Sue Edwards suggested that we post previous award winners on the web page.

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.

Lincoln County: Liz Russell says they have had a presentation by Ron Reno and one by Daron Duke. She wants to know if Chapter members have to pay dues to NAA as well as to the Chapter. Eva says she will check the by-laws to see how this could/should be handled.

Elko County Chapter: Are there any activities planned for Archaeology Month? Someone said that there are.

Site Stewards Report: Liz Russell needs to order Site Steward Pins again. She needs to know from Sali Underwood how many to order. She needs permission from the Board to order them. It usually costs around \$1200 to \$1500. The Board voted and approved the pin order.

Liz said she is confused about the approval from the Board for site steward training. Does the training have to be approved by the Board or not? Eva suggested that she, Sali, George, and Liz get together and define the protocol for this, then present it to the Board for discussion and approval.

Sali said she needs approval for payment of expenses for Carl Borg and, for their attendance at site steward training when the US Forest Service presented them with an award for their volunteer work as site stewards. The amount requested was less than \$1000. The amount was voted on and approved by the Board.

SHPO Report: Sali reported that the Nevada SHPO is still intact budget-wise until the end of June, 2011.

OLD BUSINESS:

NAA Journals: 2009 Journal: Dave Valentine will not be able to complete this volume, so Professor Geoff Smith of UNR has agreed to finish it.

2010 Journal: Mark Giambastiani is still willing to compile and edit this volume, as long as NAA is willing to solicit members for papers from past NAA meetings.

2011 Journal: Sue Edwards and Jeff Wedding volunteered to jointly tackle the 2011 journal. Jeff has sent out two announcements to Great Basin Anthropological Conference Historical Archaeology papers authors in order to get their approval and acceptance. He wants them to send their papers to him. He and Sue hope to get this done by the end of 2011.

PDF Journals: Status. Daron Duke says that one past journal volume is missing, while all the others have been scanned. But the issue of site maps in the journals must be addressed. How should we handle them? Daron has scanned all of them except those in the missing volume. Sue Edwards suggested that we see how TDA (T Digital Archive) in Arizona deals with the maps, and then follow their example. Eva asked Sue to check out the TDA policy. Then we will make the journals accessible to all.

Daron will check with Geoff Smith to get an electronic version of the next (2009) Journal.

What should we do with our hard copy NAA journals from previous years? We are anxious to reduce drastically our stock of them. There are about 15 archive boxes of the journals that the President ends up having to store on behalf of the NAA. One suggestion is to compile sets of the journals for all past years and donate them to museums and libraries in the region. And offer the sets to contractors and other interested parties at inexpensive prices.

Sue Edwards asked if NAA keeps track of previous meetings, programs, et cetera, for a record of its own history. Several members said they would be willing to help get a record of this gathered together.

Student Grant: Geoff Smith will administer this. Eva Jensen explained how we have done this in the past. The student receives part of the money up front. Then he writes his paper, presents it at the NAA Annual Meeting, then receives the final \$100 at the meeting.

By-Laws Committee: The committee has not been able to get together to finish the revisions, but they will keep trying. Jeff Wedding said the committee is close to completing the revisions, except for a couple of issues. Their intent is to make a few things more generalized. Eva said the committee will send out a draft to the Board for review. In order to make any changes to the by-laws, the general membership will have to vote on them.

Fund Raising: Karla is pursuing this. She has found a website that handles the sale of merchandise and production of items per our designs for \$9 per month. They take orders for us. Karla will get more of the specifics for us. Sue Edwards suggested that we take old unsold NAA t-shirts and make a quilt for the auction at our next Annual Meeting (2012). Then auction it off. Eva has suggested we come to the next Board meeting with design ideas for mugs, shirts, etc, to sell through such a web site.

Membership Report: Daron passed out a bar graph (attached) showing membership for this and past years, back to 2001. The graph shows that memberships were greatest in 2008 and have been declining steadily each year since then. He reiterated that we should publish a list of the paid members in the *In Situ*. That list still has not gotten into the most recent newsletter, but it should be there.

Also, we need to keep the size of the *In Situ* under 5megbites in order for it to be an e-mail attachment. Otherwise, maybe we can have it on the web page, available for access only by paid members, if we cannot keep the size to 5mb.

NEW BUSINESS:

Posters: Eva opted to send them out first class in mailing tubes, so that recipients received them more quickly. The Board voted on and approved the expense of up to \$3507.43 for the poster mailings.

Annual Meeting Costs: The 2011 reception/mixer (Friday night) will cost approximately \$1,000. The continental breakfast is \$775. Dinners are costing \$15.00 each and there are 58 dinners ordered, for a total of \$870.

CRPC Advocacy Letters: Greg Seymour – Cultural Resources Preservation Coalition. This is a non-profit coalition of groups across the country. Right now, there are three different letters about to be sent out by the CRPC. The first letter is advocating preventing further mining around the Grand Canyon for a particular period of time (uranium mining up to 20 years, consider TCPs, archaeological sites, etc.).

The second letter is for a Programmatic EIS, addressing a zones-only approach in regard to solar facilities, trying to limit such projects to their zones. The BLM preferred alternative is for 28 million acres outside the zones.

The third letter supports Native American TPO funding, supporting President Obama's proposal to increase funding to TPOs. The Board voted to support all three letters. Eva suggested that Greg Seymour should be our official responder for these.

Non-Profit Secretary of State Re-Filing: The NAA needs to file a new form with the State of Nevada in order to continue our non-profit status. After this Board meeting, we will get the form filled out.

Gifts to Outgoing Board Members: Daron Duke and Hal Rager both are leaving the Board this year. The Board approved the gesture of giving each of them a \$50 gift, in recognition of their service to the NAA.

Historic Preservation Fund Grants: We have to have the paperwork submitted for these in June, 2011. We must get all of our hours in for all volunteer work on posters, workshops, site stewards, and other projects for the past year. This volunteer time counts towards matching of funds. Liz Russell and Jeff Wedding are named as official signees on the forms since Eva cannot do it, as an NPS employee. The grants are from NPS. We need to get the scanner back from Hal Rager, as it was purchased with NPS grant money, and he is no longer on the Board.

Annual Meeting Agenda and Assignments: We need a few judges to judge the student papers.

Reports to be given at the General Meeting will be by Eva (President's Report), George (Treasurer's Report), and by Greg.

Who will run the Board member elections at the General Meeting tomorrow? Steve Daron and Daron Duke volunteered.

Help at the Registration Desk. Liz Russell and others offered assistance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00pm?.

Respectfully submitted by Lynn Furnis, NAA Secretary.