

**Final Minutes for
Nevada Archaeological Association Board Meeting
Friday, April 19, 2013,
Held at Mt. Charleston Resort, Clark County, Nevada**

Call to Order: President Craig Hauer brought the meeting to order at 4:41 pm.

Attendees: Board members: Craig Hauer (President), Jeff Wedding, Lynn Furnis (Secretary), Susan Edwards (Membership), Liz Russell (Site Steward Coordinator), Karla Jageman (web master), Mark Giambastiani, and Samantha Rubinson (SHPO Liaison).

Absent Board Members: George Philips (interim Treasurer) and Krysan Williams,

Non-Board members attending: Rayette Martin, Eva Jensen, and Tom Bullard

Approval of Minutes from January, 2013 Board Meeting: Copies of the draft minutes from the January 19, 2013 NAA Board meeting were distributed by the Secretary, reviewed by Board members, corrected, and approved.

President's Report: President Craig Hauer reported that the NAA is getting their/our annual journals out in a more timely fashion, and back on track for this year. SHPO grants are another topic he will discuss (see further below). Historic Preservation Month posters and brochures were completed and have been printed. They look good and are available here at the Annual Meeting. Our HPF grants did not get submitted in time, and so the NAA will have no grant money from SHPO for mid-2013 to mid-2014.

Treasurer's Report: George Phillips was absent from the meeting but prepared a Treasurer's Report which he sent with Sue Edwards. It is attached to these minutes. The report covers the period January 1 through April 19, 2013. It shows a starting balance in the NAA checking account of \$20,185.22 and ending balance of \$29,526.95.

Secretary's Report: Within the past quarter, since our last Board meeting in January, 2013, four electronic votes have been conducted via e-mail. The first vote concerned approval of expenditures of up to \$3,500.00 for Historic Preservation Month Posters and brochures. There were five votes in favor of and no votes against the expenditure.

The second vote was for approval of the expenditure of up to \$450.00 for printing and purchase of T-shirts for the 2013 NAA Annual Meeting. There were nine assenting and zero dissenting votes.

The third vote was for approval of spending \$125.00 for four awards plates for the Ting-Perkins Award (2 plates – Anne Carter and Liz Russell recipients) and for the Life Time Achievement

Award (2 plates – Claude Warren and Roberta McGonagle recipients). We need to have more plates made up for the 2012 and 2013 recipients. There were six votes in favor and no votes against this expenditure.

The fourth electronic vote was for approval of spending \$50.00 for a gift card for outgoing secretary, Lynn Furnis. The vote was six in favor and none against the expenditure.

Newsletter/Publications: We finally got our last (most recent) newsletter out in March. Electronic versions went out on March 4, 2013 and hard copies were mailed on March 14. It was still late for getting information out about the Annual Meeting and too late for the registration deadline for the Annual Meeting. We need to somehow solve this problem and make *In Situ* timelier at least 30 days prior to each quarterly Board meeting in its production and distribution. The deadline for the next issue is the end of May or early June.

Sue suggested also that we create a back-up system to take up the slack when Liz Dickey is overwhelmed and can't get it done soon enough. Also, contributors need to send submissions to her much earlier. We could be sending in more photos of NAA members doing different things around the state.

Sue provided a list of new features we add to the newsletter, such as articles on members who now live out of state, on student members, on site stewards, on agency activities (projects, district activities, etc.). Features on student and grant award winners.

Journal: Geoff Smith is putting the next Journal out. He still needs more submissions for this 2013 issue. Sue Edwards and Jeff Wedding are starting to gather papers for the following journal, to come out in 2014.

Membership Report: Susan Edwards reported that our NAA memberships are now up, at higher levels than in the past few years. She distributed the Membership Report which she compiled. A copy of this report is appended to the minutes. She reported that in 2010, we had 113 paid memberships and 143 members; in 2011, we had 127 paid memberships and 168 members; in 2012, numbers were 104 memberships and 145 members. As of April, 2013, we now have 153 paid memberships and 198 members. This is very much due to Sue and others beating the bushes at agencies, contracting companies, and among site stewards for archaeologists who have let their memberships lapse or who have never joined before. There are 32 new members, and 27 site steward members. Sue also did an extensive review and culling of the mailing list of members to see who no longer had active addresses and reached out to people who had not been on the list. We are getting more memberships paid through PayPal now that we did last year. So this convenience may prove worth the money to provide it to the public.

Webmaster: Karla Jageman says the NAA website is fixed. Some people were having some problems with parts of it. We still don't have the Cloud set up, but Karla will get that going

soon. Possibly by tonight. She bought the external hard drive for NAA documents back-up that we've discussed in the past. Now we need to be thinking about file structure for shared materials.

SHPO News: Samantha Rubinson reported that SHPO's role has recently changed. SHPO has inherited the Clark County Site Stewards Program, previously run by George Phillips and others in Clark County. As a result, the number of site stewards to be managed through SHPO has doubled. Currently, there are 275 site stewards. This is following the review and cleaning of two databases for site stewards to see how many and who were still actually active in the program. They will hold classes in Reno and Pioche, training new stewards. Many folks have already signed up for the classes. Rayette contacts all site stewards by e-mail every two weeks and offers to pass on information from NAA.

Ron James, the State Historic Preservation Officer, has retired. Rebecca Palmer has been suggested for the position. But it is an appointed position, so the Governor of Nevada can appoint whoever he wishes, whether in SHPO already or outside it.

Chapter Reports:

Am-Arcs of Nevada: Jeff Wedding reported that Am-Arcs is still active in Reno. They meet every two to three months. Dave Rhode is the lead person there.

Archaeo-Nevada Society: They are active, but go dark for the summer. They meet at CSN, W. Charleston Campus, Building K, Room 246.

Churchill County Chapter: no information, no contacts there anymore.

White Pine County Chapter: no information, no contacts there anymore.

Elko Chapter: They continue to do annual HP Month activities, maybe other activities, but are inactive during the winter months. Tim Murphy and Donna Murphy still spearhead activities there.

Lincoln County Chapter: Liz Russell reported that things happen with that chapter only when she organizes something, which she continues to occasionally do. Recently, Jeff Wedding gave a talk to the group. Liz will be moving to New York in June, 2013 and so will no longer lead the Lincoln County Archaeology Chapter of NAA. She doesn't know what will happen to the chapter when she leaves.

Nevada Rock Art Foundation: NAA has been approached regarding holding joint annual meetings with NRAF and have discussed this somewhat at our last board meeting. The NRAF is very active, holding frequent meetings, field trips, and fund-raisers. Alice Baldrice is the new president and Kevin Rafferty is now on the Board.

Site Stewards Report: Liz Russell reported that the Site Stewards Program will need a new Regional Coordinator for Lincoln County, now that she is leaving the state. Within the next month, NAA will have completed its four workshops that it agreed to do for site steward training, and for which NAA was receiving grant funds. The workshops include a talk given by Eva Jensen months ago on Native American pottery, a recent talk given by Mark Giambastiani regarding archaeological resources in Lincoln County, the workshop given by Tom Bullard this morning on geomorphology, and one more to be given by Jeff Wedding in Fallon, Nevada within the month.

Auction Committee: Jeff Wedding reported that the auction is on for tomorrow and encourages everyone to spend a lot of money at it!! We have received plenty of donated auction items. These will be on display all day Friday and Saturday, until the auction after the banquet. If someone wants something badly and is willing to pay a certain price for it before the main auction, they can speak with Jeff or Sue and buy it earlier than that.

By-laws: The proposed by-law revisions are done and have been sent out to the general membership in the March, 2013 newsletter for membership review. At tomorrow's general business meeting and elections, the revisions will be voted on. Someone on the Board should briefly explain the differences between the old and the new by-laws before the members vote, just to make sure everyone understands the changes. Craig offered to do this.

OLD BUSINESS:

1) Student Grant: Mark, Craig, Jeff, and Steve Daron are involved in this. Four applicants have submitted proposals for grant money. They are being reviewed by Mark, Craig, Jeff, and Steve. The winning proposal will be announced on Saturday, April 20th, 2013 at the general meeting.

2) Student Papers/Posters: Student posters were submitted for the present meeting, but no papers were. The posters will be judged tomorrow.

3) HP Month Brochures: Karla informed the Board that the finished brochures look different than the version that they reviewed prior to printing because the Tule Springs theme had to be changed at the last minute. SHPO did not want that theme to be used. As a result, other more generic photos had to be inserted and the others removed, and verbiage about the theme removed as well.

4) NAA Annual Meeting: We are now in the thick of the 2013 Annual Meeting. Sue and Jeff suggest that we begin planning the next one as soon as we have the new Board (which is tomorrow). We have already decided on locations for the next two. The Minden/Carson City area is chosen for 2014, possibly as a joint meeting with NAAF. The suggested theme is "150th Anniversary of Nevada Statehood," tentative dates April 4-6 or April 11-13, 2014. The 2015 meeting is tentatively to be in Wendover, Nevada, suggested dates: March 27-29 or May 1-3, 2015.

5) Archaeology Month Grants: Jeff reported that receipts for expenses for the Historic Preservation Month brochure, as well as valuation of all donated time by Board members and others toward discussion and production of the brochures, as well as work on the Site Steward Program must be turned in in early June, 2013. So everyone needs to add up how much time they have spent in working on the grant-related projects.

6) Lifetime Achievement Award and Ting-Perkins Award for 2014: We need to be thinking of a candidate for this award for next year, as well as for Ting-Perkins Award.

NEW BUSINESS

1) SAA Poster Competition: Sue Edwards entered our 2012 Historic Preservation Month poster in the annual SAA poster contest. Wyoming folks won it, as they often do. We lost. Wyoming uses a professional photographer all the time and they get spectacular shots.

2) Joint Annual Meetings with NRAF: Since we may want to try this for our next Annual Meeting in Carson City or Minden (2014), the new Board that is elected tomorrow needs to be aware of it and carry the ball forward. It may be a good idea to present the idea to the general membership at tomorrow's general business meeting, as well, and see if people support the idea or not.

3) Tax Exempt Status: We have renewed this status with the state. We voted to approve reimbursement of the \$25.00 fee that George Phillips paid for the renewal back in February, in order to get it done on time.

4) Next NAA Board Meeting: The next Board meeting will be tomorrow at the Mt. Charleston NAA Annual Meeting, on Saturday afternoon, April 20th, immediately following the general business meeting. At that meeting, the newly-elected Board will convene to choose officers and briefly conduct necessary business for their succeeding board meetings and impending tasks.

5) Election of New Board Members: Since George Phillips, Lynn Furnis, Liz Russell, and Krysan Williams will no longer be on the Board, four new members need to be nominated and elected at tomorrow's general business meeting. George and Lynn are stepping down, Liz Russell is moving to New York, and Krysan is not currently a member in good standing and therefore cannot run for the Board at this time. Craig and others thanked the two outgoing board members that were present for their service. Lynn presented Eva Jensen with a \$50 gift card from the Board for her excellent service for the past four or five years and handed off a \$50 gift card to Jeff and Sue for George Phillips, for his service for several years as Treasurer, not to mention his serving for part of the past year as interim Treasurer following Nancy O'Connor's resignation.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Furnis, NAA Secretary