

Society for Anthropological Sciences Business Meeting
Society for Applied Anthropology
Santa Fe, New Mexico
Meem, Friday March 31, 2017 5:30pm

Present:

Robert Trotter, President
Stephen Chrisomalis, Board Member
Douglas Hume, Board Member
Kevin Kelly, Treasurer
Eric Jones, Former Board Member
Toni Copeland, Secretary
Carol Ember, Former Past-President
Margo-Lea Hurwicz, Board Member
Wesley Allen-Arave, Student Representative
Steve Lyon, Former Board Member
+ 17 general members

Absent: Ben Blount (Past-President), Murray Leaf (President-Elect), Avery McNeece (Student Representative)

President's Report: (R. Trotter)

Trotter called the meeting to order and introduced himself along with the Board Members. This is the Spring meeting of SASci (the non-profit) that meets independently of AAA. We do not have a formal President's report to read. However, welcome on behalf of the President and the Executive Board. Everyone is invited to the reception in the Eloise immediately following this meeting. The Board is active in discussing direction and services to our membership (e.g., mentoring for students). Expect a survey in the very near future about what services you see as important.

Secretary's Report: (T. Copeland)

Copeland distributed minutes from the Spring 2017 meeting to the Executive Board. No additions, deletions, or changes. These will be on the website following this meeting. Hume motioned to approved. Seconded. Approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Trotter read the Treasurers' report. Two reports—one for SAS, a section of the AAA, and one for SASci, the nonprofit. SAS has 223 members and dues are up to date. Expenditures of \$1400 to date. The budget is healthy. We are in the black and are covering student prizes and other expenses. Our budget from the AAA meeting has not actually changed except for the student prizes. We have submitted the paperwork for the Russ Bernard fund endowed with the AAA. Some of the \$8000 we currently have will be placed in this endowment with additional money deposited each year until we reach \$12,000 in the account. SASci also has about \$3000-\$4000 in the bank account that is static right now. This grows very slowly because this account mainly increases from membership dues paid by those who wish to be members of SASci but not SAS. The question was posed about whether or not SAS or SASci supports these spring meetings financially. Chrisomalis explained that SAS is supporting the spring meeting and that AAA has no problem with this. A member asked if it was still feasible or needed to maintain two separate organizations. Weller pointed out that SASci is the nonprofit, but there is a minimum membership requirement for SAS to remain a section of AAA. These issues will also be included in the upcoming survey to membership. Hume also pointed that he was not aware of benefits to maintaining the nonprofit. Gatewood pointed out that SASci does provide

benefits for organizations who cannot pay to attend AAA. Chrisomalis then said he discovered that AAA isn't monitoring the spring meetings, which gives us the same leeway. Postpone discussion until later time. Gatewood noted that he does not support or vote for getting rid of the nonprofit. Some members noted that SASci acts as an insurance policy for the organization. Copeland motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Approved.

Program Committee:

Chrisomalis thanked Jones and Hume for their work on organizing SASci at SfAA. 44 presentations across 7 organized and 4 volunteered panels with about 12 students involved. SfAA honored out request to have only 4 people in each panel. Many of our panels are here in the Drury in this room at our requests. Chrisomalis pointed out that SfAA allows some to present in 2 sessions.

Workshop information: Four workshops in total. There were 12 in John Gatewood's on consensus analysis. Weller asked about review of abstracts and approval/rejected. Most are accepted (~1 in 6 years). We do not want to be gatekeepers. The committee was more concerned with organizing the volunteer panels. Trotter noted that the volunteered panels went well.

Student Prize Committee:

Jones thanked Chrisomalis for calling for submissions. We have a paper prize (\$500) and travel prizes (\$300 each) that can be awarded to any format presentation (paper, poster, etc). The travel awards go to:

- Michael Thomas (Wayne State U) for "*Apparitions, Automata, and the Blob: Sketching a Cognitive Bestiary of Engineering*"
- Grace East (UVA) for "*Permutations across the Sagittal Axis: A Comparative Look at Perspectives in Space, Time, and Gesture in Aymara and Hausa*"

The paper prize goes to:

- Rachel Shah (U Durham) for "*Are Schooling and Indigenous Education Incompatible?*"

Trotter will get this information to Kevin so that the money can be awarded to these students. Trotter commended the board for establishing the quasi-endowment that supports these student prizes.

AAA Sessions:

Hume and Chrisomalis want to emphasize that they are actively soliciting submissions for AAA with a deadline of April 14th. Posters are being encouraged by the AAA. Posters are wonderful for students, faculty, and others. Weller noted that there were problems with boards and that we should recommend poster size.

Meeting adjourned

Toni Copeland

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Toni Copeland, Secretary

Date

Approved:
