

CENTRAL STATES ANTHROPOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN APRIL 15, 2004

Members Present: E.P. Durrenberger (President), R. Feinberg (First Vice President), P. Gray (Second Vice President), M. Hopkins (Second Vice President Elect), J. Lucke (Sec/Tres), K. Adams, N. Kardulias, S. Kenyon, L. Kuznar, C. Jacobs, R. Ulin, C. Hull, R. Bucko, A. Martin, J. Hopgood, P. Sandstrom. Guests: B. Dilly.

Absent: R. McKinley (Past President), T. Straus, K. Thu, C. Miceli, M. Robinson.

Item 1. President E. Paul Durrenberger called the meeting to order at 8:45 pm.

Item 2. Officer Roll Call

**Item 3. Secretary's Report**

Secretary J. Lucke presented a summary of the minutes from the Executive Board meeting held in Louisville, Kentucky in April 2003. Corrections were made. It was moved to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

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An updated officers list was distributed to Board members. One correction was made. Anthropology is now a distinct department on the campus of Indiana Purdue University Fort Wayne. Correction will be made to web listing as well.

**Item 4. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Joyce Lucke presented the financial status of the society with the information most recently released by AAA. Report included a comparison of financial status from same period one year earlier. Treasurer Lucke asked for acceptance of the report (see treasurer for copy of report). A brief discussion was held regarding the annual meeting finances, and the contract difficulties with the Park East. The legal and meeting staffs at AAA were consulted, resulting in the Park East honoring the original agreement made in May 2003.

AAA has not provided AnthroSource costs estimates for 2004 budget year to date. We are unaware if the current CSAS dues structure will cover the increase in publication costs (print and digital). By the November Board meeting, it is hoped that numbers for both issues of the *Bulletin* will be available.

A motion was made to accept the report as read, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

**Item 5. President's Report**

President E. Paul Durrenberger welcomed all officers and guests to the meeting.

2003 Annual Report to AAA. Report was filed in December 2003 as required. A summary of the report was given. The report included questions as to why reports are filed if no response from AAA is forthcoming. To date President Durrenberger has received no reply to several of his messages over the past year. Suggestions were made for the AAA Long Range Planning including: hiring a certified meeting planner to avoid mistakes with annual meetings; participating in the Preparing Future Faculty Initiative; and review procedures for AAA nomination process. Questions posed for the AAA Executive Board to consider: revisit policy on approved meeting locations for AAA and sections in light of Supreme Court ruling on sodomy laws; substitute the current policy on approved meeting locations for a policy on meeting in locations with living wage ordinances or meet only in union facilities; improve quality and cost of services to sections; and revive the participation of the AAA Section Assembly in policy making or disband it. Support for the Policy Institute and IRB exemption or revised process of review for ethnographic research was also voiced.

Section Assembly. Two proposals were made to the Assembly for consideration in Chicago. Both presented by CSAS President E. Paul Durrenberger. The first was to encourage meeting in locations with a living wage ordinance, and the second was to meet in union facilities. After electronic discussion and vote, both passed almost unanimously. But the paper ballot has yet to be received by Section heads. Note: resolutions by the Section Assembly are only advisory to the AAA Executive Committee.

A motion was made to accept the report as given, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

## **Item 6. Officer Reports**

### **First Vice President**

R. Feinberg thanked the Local Arrangements Chair and Secretary for their assistance over the previous year. The process of meeting arrangements and program development went smoothly with any problems quickly resolved. Milwaukee will be the largest meeting since CSAS met in Chicago the last time. The program includes 41 sessions with 164 presentations. 225 people have pre-registered. Five special events have been planned – refer to your program for specifics. The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Department of Anthropology will host the reception for the Distinguished Lecturer. It is rumored that several people have brought instruments and music for the Saturday night jam session.

The CSAS program for the 2004 AAA annual meeting has been submitted. We will have two invited sessions and at least two reviewed sessions. We encourage volunteered papers and other sessions as well.

S. Kenyon suggested that CSAS form a Program Committee to find session organizers and work with AAA in developing a stronger/larger CSAS presence in terms of sessions at the AAA meetings. R. Feinberg suggests to future AAA Program chairs to set and advertise a deadline for getting session ideas (would not have to be same as AAA's deadline). Currently the First Vice President is responsible for the AAA program the same year he/she is responsible for the CSAS program. NOTE: job as AAA Program Editor continues into the Presidential term. Two past program chairs mentioned that the AAA program was secondary to the CSAS as planning for both occurs at the same time. A suggestion was made to have that responsibility be given

to another person on the Board so the CSAS program at AAA can be given full attention during the required time frame. President Durrenberger asked that this issue be brought to the table during new business.

A motion was made to accept the report as given, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

### **Second Vice President**

P. Gray reports that the details of the 2005 annual meeting will begin to come into focus after the Milwaukee 2004 annual meeting.

A motion was made to accept the report as given, seconded, and passed by voice vote.

## **Item 7. Committee Reports**

### **Nominations Committee**

K. Adams reports that the slate of officers is set, and a nearly full slate will be presented to the membership. The slate of candidates is as follows: Second Vice President: Hamill and Kardulias; Secretary/Treasurer: Lucke; Board Members: Dilly, Downey, and Hamlich; Nominations Committee: Breitborde and Kenyon. Ballots from AAA will be arriving in mailboxes in a couple of months.

E. Paul Durrenberger will be on the AAA ballot for the Long Range Planning Committee.

### **CSAS Bulletin**

J. Hopgood reports that the process for publishing with University of California Press was smoother than it has been in the past with AAA. Issue was delivered on time, and was posted on web quickly. One glitch was found but UPC took responsibility for the mistake. Editor would like any feedback on the changes and features of the publication. J. Hopgood asks that ideas and information keep coming in to make the *Bulletin* of greater interest to the members.

### **AN Editors**

A. Martin and C. Miceli are serving as co-editors of the AN column, alternating months during the year. Editors ask for items of news and announcements as well as more substantive material to be published. Anyone with research reports or ideas for short stories, please notify either. The Board congratulated them for an excellent job during the short time they have served as editors.

### **Archivist**

P. Sandstrom reports that the next installment of the CSAS archives has been sent to National Archives. As always, please send all papers and any CSAS material you may have to archivist for posterity.

The CSAS managed web page is now searchable. Problems with original URL have been solved by moving the site to a new address: <http://www.iupui.edu/~csas>.

## **Item 8. Old Business**

### **2006 Annual Meeting Dates/Hotel**

B. Dilly has researched possible hotels that are within ten minutes of the airport, in the downtown historic district, and close to Creighton University. Three proposals from hotels have been made which include a room block, meeting space, shuttle service and other amenities. Costs can be kept low as CSAS can use meeting space with high tech abilities on the Creighton campus. Weekend of April 5 to 9 is first choice (Easter is April 16) which is a lovely time of year in Omaha. R. Feinberg moved that B. Dilly, in consultation with Secretary/Treasurer, have authority to contract with facilities an acceptable rate and amenities, as well as meeting dates. Discussion included being aware of dates of other societies CSAS usually competes with (SAA, AAPA, SfAA, etc). The proposal and contract process has been/will be facilitated by the Omaha Convention and Visitors Bureau, so facilities will be very professional dealing with us. The motion was seconded, and passed by voice vote.

### **Leaving AAA as a Section**

[Secretary's Note: audio from the meeting was clear but I was unable to tell which Board member was speaking at times. I have tried to credit speakers when possible]

Re-open discussion from motion to table discussion at April 2003 Board meeting. President Durrenberger suggests that we have discussed secession for a number of Board meetings and now is the time to resolve the issue. CSAS was a successful organization prior to becoming a section of the AAA—could we again? Other sections have seceded and have operated successfully. Or have the financial, liability, and organizational issues changed so that we need the umbrella of AAA's 501(C) and legal protection? Were we to secede, officers would have to take on many of the operational and legal responsibilities that AAA currently covers for us. As a section of AAA we are given exposure through the national meeting and publications. In addition, participation in AAA gives us a voice in shaping the discipline and role of anthropology in the future. The greatest consequence resulting from secession would be the loss of the funds currently administered by CSAS – the general fund, the L.A. White Award Fund, and the B.W. Dillingham Award Fund. AAA would retain possession of the funds. The question was raised: would the two award funds (which are restricted) continue to be earmarked for the purposes the funds were established to address, or would AAA then have the ability to use the funds as they saw fit? President Durrenberger was uncertain but would include that stipulation in any negotiations pertaining to our secession. Treasurer Lucke believes the award funds would remain intact, as the AAA controller has made clear in previous Section Treasurer meetings that restricted funds can only be used for their intended purpose—to the point that plaques for award winners cannot come out of restricted award funds as the plaque is not “prize money.” How the funds would be administered and what agent would administer the funds is unknown. A straw vote was taken showing a degree of uncertainty or “ambivalence” regarding staying or seceding. Treasurer Lucke suggested that while we have experienced frustration with AAA in recent years, when CSAS has faced a problem (e.g. contract issues with facilities) AAA has proven useful. *Bulletin* Editor Hopgood offered that some of the frustrating activities of the past seem to be improving and with our diligence should improve. Archivist Sandstrom offers that in recent years the two award funds have been steadily building in membership support, and leaving the funds behind might alienate those members. Board members also raised questions of how would participation in AnthroSource benefit or harm CSAS in the long run, could CSAS increase membership numbers if not a section of AAA, and what dues structure would be required to operate an independent organization. Treasurer Lucke replied that the dues structure would increase to

cover the costs of the annual meeting and daily operating expenses, e.g. meeting facilities require groups coming in to have a certain dollar amount of insurance covering damages, liability, etc. The Treasurer and President would be legally responsible for the bank account and signing any contracts with vendors (i.e. hotels). An additional fee would be required to respond to legal issues that would need the consultation of a hired lawyer (either on retainer or by case). CSAS does not see these costs as they are now covered by AAA membership dues, not CSAS membership dues. Increasing membership seems to be a focal issue. Would the non-AAA members who come to CSAS meetings then join our organization? As the AAA increases its sections and interest groups, it was suggested that people will join a "specialty" group in preference to a "generalized" group. Secretary Lucke suggested that CSAS must be proactive in making people within and outside of AAA aware of our group. Once they know who we are, with our member-maintained web page, anyone can access the *Bulletin* and information about meetings. So in effect we can cultivate an "underground membership" who supports the organization and our activities through attendance at the meeting alone—with no member dues. L. Kuznar suggested that while there are valid reasons for seceding from AAA, there are also strong arguments for remaining a section, and agrees with President Durrenberger that a resolution to remain should be made until such a time an event spurs us to action.

R. Feinberg moved that the CSAS remain affiliated with the AAA for the near future. The motion was seconded. No further discussion was offered. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. President Durrenberger will report the Board's conclusion to the membership at the Annual Business Meeting on Saturday, April 17, 2004. He went on to recommend that CSAS and its individual members to take responsibility for the decision, and actively participate in the national organization to change the aspects of AAA we find frustrating or ill-serving to the sections. This can be accomplished by Board members attending their offices' section meetings during the AAA annual meeting or running for an elected AAA office.

### **Financial Support of AAA's Public Policy Institute**

Re-open discussion from motion to table discussion at November 2003 Board meeting. The AAA has asked sections to support the creation of the Institute. To date a handful of sections have pledged one thousand dollars. We previously tabled our decision due to our financial situation. President Durrenberger suggested that a thousand dollar pledge would be used to good benefit. He moved that CSAS allocate one thousand dollars to support the creation of the Public Policy Institute. A second was made. Discussion followed. Currently a White Paper, authored by the AAA's Committee on Public Policy, hopes to found an institute at one of the Washington, DC area universities. The Institute would seek external funding once established. The function of the Institute would be to bring together anthropological knowledge, research and experience to inform policy issues. The Society for Applied Anthropology's Committee on Public Policy is the model for the founding of such a center. Currently the SfAA committee is reactive to policy issues instead of proactive. Before year's end, a special committee will meet to solidify the proposed Institute and begin seeking funding. Watch the AAA web site for developments [<http://www.aaanet.org>]. B. Dilly understands the goal of the Institute to provide an avenue for anthropology to become visible in the public arena as a community of scholars doing research that impacts public life. It will serve as a focal point for making public what anthropologists are and can do for the greater good. The Institute would

also serve as a place for all section and individual specialties to come together for collaboration.

Financially, the pledge might deplete the treasury to zero in light of unknown expenses concerning AnthroSource for 2004 and annual meeting profit. A previous suggestion may provide an alternative. Beginning with the 2005 annual meeting, the registration form will include a line for a donation to the Public Policy Institute (similar to the White/Dillingham option). A separate mailing soliciting donations is also possible, as well as “passing the hat” during the annual business meeting. R. Bucko inquired if the pledge is for a one-time donation for seed money, or would the Institute continue to seek pledges from sections? President Durrenberger believes the intention is to develop a seed fund to create the Institute. R. Ulin asked the Board find another method beyond the proposed pledge to support the initiative in a fiscally responsible manner thus not depleting our general fund.

President Durrenberger withdrew his motion. R. Feinberg moved that the CSAS go on record endorsing and supporting the creation of the Public Policy Institute through donation collection at the 2004 Business Meeting, on future registration forms, and a call for donations on the CSAS web page. The motion was seconded. No further discussion was offered. The motion passed by voice vote.

Item 9. New Business.

#### ***Bulletin* Editor Appointment**

The editor appointment is mandated for three years by CSAS Bylaws. J. Hopgood has served for three years this spring, and is willing to continue at the Board’s pleasure. President Durrenberger moved that J. Hopgood continue his position as *Bulletin* Editor. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

#### **Student Board Member Appointment**

As decided at the November 2003 Board meeting, three student Board positions would be appointed through April 2004. The three students have expressed interest in continuing in the position through the next annual meeting. It was moved to re-appoint A. Martin, C. Miceli, and M. Robinson as Student Board members. The motion was seconded and passed by a voice vote.

#### **White and Dillingham Awards for 2004**

The amount for the two awards has been brought up for discussion. The last few years three hundred dollars has been the amount given for each award. In 2003, the award amounts were taken directly from the award fund. A motion was made to give three hundred dollars each for the White and Dillingham awards, with the amount withdrawn from the respective award fund. A. Martin asked that the announcement for the awards be made more specific in the future. Currently announcements state “up to one thousand dollars.” She explained that some students would place their efforts on seeking larger awards if greater funding were required for their projects. The Board agreed this was not fair to students seeking funding. While the 2004 announcements have been made, future announcements should include the specific amount to be given in any given year. The motion was seconded and passed by voice vote.

### **2007 Meeting Location**

No suggestions were made but it was suggested a call for local host institutions be made at the 2004 Annual Business Meeting, on the CSAS list serve, and web page.

### **Committee for AAA Programming**

Continuing the discussion started earlier in the meeting, the Board discussed how to alleviate the time pressure on the First Vice President regarding seeking sessions for the AAA program. Currently, the First Vice President often is in the middle of planning the upcoming CSAS annual meeting, deadlines for the same year AAA Annual meeting occurs at the same time. To form a committee to assume the responsibility for CSAS's programming for the AAA annual meeting would require change to the Bylaws. The process to do so would require approximately five months.

The proposed committee's composition would need to be determined. A motion was made for the President to name a AAA Program Chair each year, and the committee members would be left to the discretion of the Chair. After discussion the motion was withdrawn. Another motion was made to have the First Vice President name the AAA Program Chair and two members in good standing to serve for one year. After discussion and proposed discussion the motion was withdrawn. No vote was taken. The issue will be tabled until the March 2005 Board Meeting.

### **Item 10. Announcements**

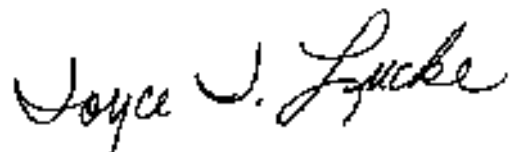
Invited Session at 2005 AAA Meeting

P. Gray and R. Feinberg reminded the Board to begin thinking about developing ideas for session for the 2005 AAA meeting in Washington, DC. If a session at the 2004 Milwaukee meetings seems promising, please tell P. Gray, and any session ideas should be sent to him by late October 2004.

### **Item 11. Adjournment**

President E. Paul Durrenberger asked for a motion to adjourn. Was so moved, and seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Joyce Lucke  
Secretary/Treasurer  
November 29, 2004

Amended December 29, 2004 per corrections offered at 2004 Board meeting.  
Amended March 12, 2005 per corrections offered at 2005 Board meeting.