

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Central States Anthropological Society
Friday, November 30, 2007, Park Tower Suite 8223, Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, Washington, DC
Approved Thursday, March 28, 2008

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

President Jim Hamill called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m.

Board Members present: Kathleen Adams, Margaret Buckner, Barbara Dilley, Greg Downey, E. Paul Durrenberger, Nancy Eberhardt, James Hamill, Cindy Hull, Claude Jacobs, Alice Kehoe, Harriet Ottenheimer

Guests: Evelyn Dean, William Guinee, Deborah Jackson

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (James Hamill)

President Hamill welcomed officers and guests and announced 2008 election results as follows: 2nd vice president elect Robert Ulin, board members Rick Feinberg and William Guinee, nominations committee E. Paul Durrenberger. Durrenberger takes office immediately, the others take office at the Spring 2008 conference.

Hamill summed up the result of the conference call with AAA on July 6, 2007 in which CSAS terminated its agreement with AnthroSource and with UCP as publisher of the CSAS Bulletin. Participating in the call were Hamill, Hopkins, and Ottenheimer for CSAS and AAA Executive Director Bill Davis, AAA President Alan Goodman, and Alisse Waterston, Chair, Committee on the Future of AAA Print and Electronic Publication.

Hamill reported on the Section Assembly meeting that he, Buckner, and Durrenberger had attended earlier in the day. AAA bylaws require all sections to have at least 250 members and there are sections (including CSAS) in violation of this requirement. Lawyers have advised that AAA is operating against its bylaws if it continues to allow small sections to exist. Buckner has volunteered to serve on a committee to study the problem of what to do about small sections.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: (Harriet Ottenheimer)

Minutes of the April 2007 Board meeting were distributed electronically and on paper. M/S/P Adams/Dilly to approve the minutes.

TREASURER'S REPORT: (Harriet Ottenheimer)

The general fund balance as of October 31, 2007 was \$7,645.00. The White award fund balance was \$16,936.37. The Dillingham award fund balance was \$15,611.80. M/S/P Downey/Hull to accept the treasurer's report.

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Claude Jacobs)

Plans are moving ahead for the 2008 Indianapolis conference to be held 27-29 March, Adam's Mark Hotel, Indianapolis. Thanks to Ray Bucko it is possible to submit abstracts and registration data on the CSAS website. Registration checks and credit card numbers still need to be sent to Ottenheimer for processing. Nazif Shahrani has agreed to be the distinguished speaker. Shahrani should be sent a formal letter on letterhead from the president of CSAS confirming arrangements. Ottenheimer will send electronic letterhead stationery to Jacobs and Hamill. Right now the best way to reach Jacobs is by phone: 313-869-3166 home, 313-583-6329 or 6368 office

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Margaret Buckner)

Five undergraduate and two graduate papers were submitted for the paper competitions. The committee of readers included Barbara Dilly, Cindy Hull, Claude Jacobs, and Margaret Buckner. Katherine Erdman won the undergraduate paper prize. No award was given for a graduate student paper. Results have been announced in the Bulletin, the AN, and the AAA conference program. There was some discussion of reasons for the small number of submissions. Buckner suggested reviewing and revising the guidelines. Many students don't realize that they need to revise and submit fully written papers after the conference. Dean suggested the deadline should be extended a bit so it is not during final exams..

The 2009 conference will be held April 2, 3, and 4 at the Illini Union in Champaign-Urbana. It is a union hotel and it has also just ended its contract with Coca Cola. Buckner has blocked 140 room nights at a \$94 to \$115 rate, including breakfast and parking. A Hampton Inn two blocks away will be able to handle overflow and non-Union guest parking. Buckner has reserved the entire 4th floor for breakout rooms. Cancellation of meeting space is possible up to a week before the conference. Cancellation of catering arrangements is possible up to a month before the conference. The head of the Anthro department at UIUC has suggested tying in the department's 50th anniversary celebration with the conference. Virginia Dominguez, new faculty member at UIUC and president-elect of AAA has formed a local arrangements committee with two other faculty members. CSAS AN co-editor Glaros is a graduate student at UIUC and has good suggestions regarding entertainment for the conference. All in all things are moving along smoothly well in advance.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT (MaryCarol Hopkins - not present)

No report but note that the White and Dillingham award winners have been announced in the Bulletin, the AN, and the AAA conference program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE (James Dow and E. Paul Durrenberger) Presented by Durrenberger

The following have agreed to run in the 2008 election: for Second Vice President-elect (2009-2013) H. Sidkey; for Executive Board Deborah Akers, Myrdene Anderson, Nancy Eberhardt, Laura Zimmer-Tamakoshi, and Phyllis Passariello (2009-2012, two positions); for nominations committee Alan Sandstrom and Lawrence Breitborde (2008-2010); for Secretary/Treasurer (2008-2011) Harriet Ottenheimer. A call for nominations has been on the web site since November. This will be repeated next Fall. A call for nominations should also be sent to the distributions list next Fall. M/S/P Downey/Dilly to approve the slate as reported.

Ottenheimer will place the bylaws change proposal (to create the position of Section Representative as approved at Spring board meeting) on the Spring AAA ballot.

CSAS BULLETIN There is still no editor. See below.

AN EDITOR(S) (Angela Glaros, Zohra Ismail)

Both Glaros and Ismael are in the field. Glaros will continue as co-editor but Ismael has asked to be replaced and has suggested appointment of Dean.

ARCHIVIST REPORT (Pamela Sandstrom - not present)

No report but note that Lucke has transferred some Secretary/Treasurer files to Ottenheimer, some to Jacobs, and the remaining files to Sandstrom for archiving.

OLD BUSINESS

APPOINTING A BULLETIN EDITOR: (Kathleen Adams)

Adams contacted at least a dozen individuals whose names had been suggested to her but no one was willing to take on the job at this time. It was agreed that we can't produce a Bulletin without an editor.

We can get most information out via the website and the distribution list but finding an editor has to remain a priority issue. Ideas: put out a general call to the membership via the distribution list; contact previous presidents for ideas, Adams will continue to collect nominations and contact possible editors.

ANTHROSOURCE and AAA Publication of Bulletin

We are no longer a part of AnthroSource. Ottenheimer pointed out that while this means no further drain on our budget it also means no further income from materials housed on AnthroSource. After much discussion it was decided to watch and see how things develop with the Wiley-Blackwell contract and to try to keep the door open for possible re-entry into AnthroSource as well as to try to find out how to receive income for materials that are still housed on AnthroSource. Next year's president will need to keep an eye on this, and perhaps discuss the issue with AAA.

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF EVIE DEAN AS NEW AN EDITOR

M/S/P Downey/Hull to appoint Evelyn Dean as new AN co-editor, to replace Ismael. Dean will be going to Mexico City in the summer of 2008 for field work and will see whether she can continue to serve from the field. If not she will assist in finding a replacement.

INCREASING MEMBERSHIP IN CSAS: Given AAA's concern with small sections there was a lengthy discussion of how to increase CSAS membership to at least 250. Some ideas:

1. Offer CSAS membership to AAA members registering for CSAS conferences in lieu of the non-member surcharge. Ottenheimer will follow up on this for 2008 conference and will put this choice on the web registration form for 2009.

2. Create a more accurate public face for CSAS as an association of AAA members in central states; welcoming scholars and students in all four fields, providing support and panel space for emerging AAA interest groups and for other small sections, establishing conference themes. Downey will contact colleagues at Notre Dame about panels. Buckner will contact the new Native American interest group, and will talk to UIUC folks about a possible conference theme.

3. Consider networking receptions, workshops, debates, roundtables, teaching workshops, and other ideas for conferences.

M/S/P Hull/Downey to invite Hopkins to the position of membership coordinator to explore some of these ideas.

PROXIES AT BOARD MEETINGS? Should they be allowed? Brief discussion with general sentiment that it would be okay. No action taken.

SECTION REPRESENTATIVE POSITION: Clarified details of the position as follows: the election to approve the bylaws change and create the position will be Spring 2008. The position will be retroactive beginning Spring 2008, and run for three years. The CSAS President will make the appointment, with board approval. As an appointed position, it will not carry voting privileges on the CSAS Executive Board, but it may have a voting position within the Section Assembly. Ottenheimer is charged with getting the wording for the bylaws change onto the AAA Spring ballot.

STUDENT REPRESENTATION ON BOARD (APPOINTED): Clarification of purpose/vision: to provide a conduit for students to give input about student concerns to the board. The bylaws do not state how many positions are involved but tradition suggests that there is a maximum of three positions at any given time and that there is no required distribution of the position(s) between graduate and undergraduate student representation. Appointed positions are not voting positions on the board. There was general agreement that no board member should hold more than one board position, which means that the AN

editor(s), if students, should not also be the student representative(s) on the board. Bylaws need to be reviewed to clarify these details.

Currently there is no student representative on the board (Ismael is in the field and has resigned her position as student representative). Suggestions should be sought for Spring.

VOTING POSITIONS ON BOARD: Clarified that elected officials vote, persons holding appointed positions on the board do not vote. Bylaws need to be reviewed to clarify these details.

STUDENT PAPER GUIDELINES: No discussion.

AWARD GUIDELINES AND AMOUNTS: Clarified policies as follows: It is okay for individuals to apply for both the White and Dillingham awards in a single year, it is okay to apply for the same award more than once, and it is okay for board members to apply for the awards.

In addition to the current print recognition of award winners (Bulletin, AN, AAA program), recognition should be a standing item on the CSAS annual (Spring) business meeting. Certificates could be prepared for presentation and winners could be encouraged to attend the meeting to receive public recognition. No action taken to assign responsibility for certificates or for contacting winners.

M/S/P Buckner/Jacobs to set the amount for the 2008 White and Dillingham awards at \$500.

DISTRIBUTION OF DRAFT MINUTES: Determined that draft minutes of Board meetings should be circulated via email to the board members for comment and correction. Once the draft minutes have received preliminary approval by the board members then they should be circulated to the membership (or perhaps even the larger distribution list) and posted on the CSAS website, clearly marked as "subject to final approval." Minutes that have received final approval should continue to be posted on the website as approved.

DISTRIBUTION OF E-BULLETIN: Determined that the e-bulletin should be distributed to the large distribution list.

2010 MEETING: Possibility of October in Kalamazoo? (Jim Hamill for Robert Ulin) Discussed idea of holding the 2010 conference in Kalamazoo in October. Discovered that Michigan is on the forbidden list so were not able to approve this idea. Noted that additionally Spring is a much better time for student presenters and for hosting interest groups and smaller sections.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS: Deborah Jackson inquired about possible formats for undergraduate student panels. She was assured that CSAS welcomes undergraduate student papers and that while students are encouraged to present as individuals, it is also possible to create entire undergraduate panels if that is what is preferred.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Buckner announced the webmasters' meeting for Saturday afternoon. She has volunteered to attend this. Ottenheimer offered to split the time with her.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.