

**Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference  
March 15, 2014  
Business Meeting  
Minutes**

President Bill Schindler called the meeting to order.

**Approval of Minutes**

Dave Mudge moved to approve the Minutes of the 2013 Business Meeting. Carole Nash seconded. Motion carried.

**Proposed Changes to Bylaws – Dave Mudge**

Dave Mudge presented proposed changes to the 1994 Bylaws. Those bylaws represent how we operated 20 years ago, not how we operate today.

Changes:

Article IV

Section 2. The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, President-Elect, Recording Secretary, ~~and Treasurer, and Member at Large~~ *Membership Secretary*.

Section 7. The Treasurer shall be responsible for all funds of this Conference, ~~and shall maintain an official membership list~~. The Treasurer shall pay all Corporation expenditures that have been approved in advance by the Executive Board.

*Section 8. The Membership Secretary shall maintain an official membership list, which will be accessible only to the Board.*

Article V.

Section 1. ~~The four~~ *five* elected officers ~~and a member at large~~ shall compose the *voting members of the Executive Board*. ~~The member at large will be appointed by the officers of the Corporation and shall serve a two-year term.~~ *There shall be no limit on terms.*

Section 5. The Board shall meet ~~on~~ *at the call by* of the President (not less than once per year) or at the written request of at least four members of the Board.

Article VI

Section 1. [Add]: *The slate of nominees shall consist of a President-Elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and Membership Secretary.*

Section 2. ~~Other~~ *Additional* nominations may be made from the floor by the membership at the annual business meeting.

Article VII.

Section 2. The President with the concurrence of a simple majority vote of the membership, shall annually appoint (a) Program Chairperson(s) and the Arrangements Chairperson(s) for the next Annual Conference Meeting. *These Chairpersons shall serve on the Executive Board with voice but without vote.*

*The Program Chairperson(s)...*

The Arrangements Chairperson(s)...

*Section 3. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Board shall appoint as necessary a persons to serve as "webmaster" and maintain the Conference internet presence. This person shall serve on the Executive Board with voice but no vote.*

*Section 4. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Board shall appoint as necessary a person to serve as Student Paper Advisor. The Student Paper Advisor shall oversee a small committee of volunteers who are responsible for the operation of the Student Paper Contest. The Student Paper Advisor will report to the Executive Board.*

*Section 5. The President with the concurrence of the Executive Board shall appoint as necessary two persons to serve in addition to the Treasurer to oversee the account of the MAAC Meeting Scholarship Fund. The MAAC Meeting Scholarship Fund is established to provide funds to cover the cost of Annual Meeting Attendance for students. The Treasurer will report back to the Board on any actions taken by this group.*

*Section 6. The President shall form ad-hoc committees, as from time to time may be deemed necessary, to conduct specific business of the conference.*

Section 7...

*Section 8. At the annual meeting, an individual can be the primary or senior author to only one paper. However, the same person may also present a poster talk, demonstration, or other display of skill or knowledge. Any persons with an unexcused absence will be prevented from giving any sort of presentation (as a senior or junior author) at the following year's conference. An unexcused absence is defined as an absence without prior notification from the person who agreed to present the paper to either the session chairperson or the program chairperson.*

ARTICLE X.

These Bylaws were adopted at the annual meeting of the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, Inc. held at ~~Ocean City, Maryland~~ Langhorne, PA, on ~~April 9, 1994~~ March 15, 2014.

AMENDMENTS

~~The President shall form ad-hoc committees, as from time to time may be deemed necessary, to conduct the business of the Conference. [Moved up to Article VII]~~

SPECIAL RULES OF ORDER

Delete Rule 3....

Rule 4 3....

Rule 5 4....

Rule 6 5....

*Rule 6. The archives of the University of Delaware are the official archives of this organization and all official papers will be deposited therein.*

Dave made the motion to accept the changes to the Bylaws. It was seconded by Ed Otter. The motion carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

### **Local Arrangements – Ed Otter**

The MAAC attendees paid for 204 sleeping rooms, so we do not have to pay for meeting space.

### **Registration – Kurt Carr**

Two hundred seventy-two (272) members have registered. Registration went smoothly with a great deal of help. Kurt thanked Carole Nash. Faye Stocum indicated that there had been 308 registrants in 2013 and the 2014 number represents 10% less. Kurt noted that over the past 9 years the meeting has averaged 282 registrants.

### **Student Sponsorships – Rich Veit**

There were 21 student sponsorships. Students in the student paper contest, poster presenters and students giving individually-authored student papers were sponsored.

### **Program – Greg Lattanzi and Jim Lee**

Greg and Jim were unable to attend. President Bill Schindler thanked them.

### **Treasurer – Elizabeth Moore**

The balance in our conference account is \$17, 200.83. For 2014, our pre-registration income is \$7060. The balance in our organizational account is \$15,326.79. In addition to our normal annual expenses, we also moved \$10,000 from this account to an endowment fund that will generate income for student support in the future. The balance in the CD is \$7950.90.

### **Membership – Faye Stocum**

In 2013, there were 204 individual members, 39 institutional members, 60 student members and 7 joint members for a total of 310.

For 2014, as of December 31, 2013, there were only 97 members. As of March 12 (this meeting), there were 245 members (153 individual members, 36 institutional members, 52 students and 4 joint memberships. Faye predicts there will be 280 by the end of the year.

Last year's student awards went to Crystal Ptacek (graduate student award) and Alexander Crowder and Ashley McCuiston (a tie for the undergraduate student award). Individual Memberships for life include Tyler Bastian, Cara Blume, June Evans, Daniel Griffith, Fred Kinsey, Charles McNett, Roger Moeller and David Orr.

### **Journal – Roger Moeller**

The journal came out in January. All paper copies are gone. For the current journal, it is about 75% full. It can still be gotten on pdf.

### **Website – Roger Moeller**

The current year's registration was done with PayPal and Google docs. Next year we will be using Event Management software. There was discussion of the pictures that scroll at the top of the website and Roger indicated that he had been promised photos that he had not gotten.

### **Holmes-Gardner Committee Report – Carole Nash**

Carole Nash indicated that this medal was proposed in 2010 by the late Mel Thurman. The scope of the Lifetime Achievement Award is broader than the medal which is to be awarded for excellence in Middle Atlantic scholarship. The medal will be awarded every 3 years, as appropriate. The evaluation will be rigorous. The application will include a letter of nomination, a curriculum vita, 3 letters of support and 6 examples of the nominee's work.

The selection committee will serve for 3 years with one repeating member.

Esther Doyle Read made a motion to accept the measures set forth by the committee. Cara Blume seconded it. There was discussion. The question was raised as to whether people could be nominated posthumously. Cara Blume and Kurt Carr thought it should be for living members. Esther thought it would be appropriate for those recently deceased. Jack Cresson asked if the Committee would be appointed by the President. Bill Schindler said yes. Mike Barber and Dennis Pogue questioned how the process would work if there were more than one nominee. Carole Nash indicated that it would be a confidential process. If someone was nominated and did not receive the award, they could be nominated again. Ed Otter stated that the award criteria seemed to favor academicians. Carole noted that they tried to make it so it would be accessible to non-academics, in that submittals did not have to be published articles and books. She indicated that other written works and electronic media, such as DAACs could be submitted.

After discussion, a vote took place and the motion carried.

### **Awards – Carole Nash/Liz Crowell**

Liz Crowell reported that there will be two Lifetime Achievement Awards given out at the reception.

### **Scholarship Endowment – Kurt Carr**

Roger Moeller provided \$12,000, MAAC provided \$10,000 and there were other donations adding up to \$22,175.

### **Student Competition – Mike Klein**

Liz Crowell made the report. The student paper committee reviewed undergraduate and graduate student papers. There were four of each. One graduate student and one undergraduate will be awarded at the reception.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **Proposed Changes to Bylaws – Dave Mudge**

Discussed at the outset of the meeting.

The meeting was handed over from outgoing president, Bill Schindler to incoming president, Doug Sanford.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Nominations/Elections for Board Positions**

The slate of officers put forward by President Rich Veit were Doug Sanford for President-Elect, Elizabeth Moore for Treasurer, Liz Crowell for Recording Secretary and Faye Stocum for Membership Secretary. Mike Barber made a motion to accept the slate of candidates. Cara Blume seconded it. The motion carried.

### **Electronic Abstract Submission: Success and Problems**

There will be a new platform moving forward. It is called Eventbrite. It promises a seamless registration process. The call for papers will be moved to October. Roger wondered if there was a need to extend the deadline, would Eventbrite be forgiving. We will try it for this coming year. Roger can get a link on the website.

### **2015 Meeting Venue.**

The date of the meeting will be the weekend of Sunday, March 15. There are two proposals for 2015. MAAC could stay for another year in Langhorne, PA or return to the Fontainebleau in Ocean City. If we returned to PA, the costs for a room would be \$109 per night. The cost in Ocean City would be \$100.

Kurt Carr and others indicated a preference for the meeting to be in PA for another year. Mike Barber indicated that he had spoken to several people who indicated that they would not come if it was in PA for another year. There was discussion that there was not much to do in the immediate vicinity. Cara Blume and others indicated that there were things to see if one wanted to drive there. Sallie Lyons suggested that it was good to move it around to give a larger number of people access. A vote was taken, 7 voted to return to Langhorne; 30 voted to go back to Ocean City.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Dave Mudge moved that the meeting adjourn. There were multiple seconds.