

Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference

Business Meeting

March 12, 2016

President, Rich Veit, welcomed the attendees to the 46th Annual MAAC Business Meeting. He thanked the Officers and Journal Editor Roger Moeller for working with him during his term as president.

Rich called for the approval of the Minutes of the 2015 Business meeting. Faye Stocum indicated that the membership numbers were in error and she would send Recording Secretary, Liz Crowell, the correct numbers. Mike Barber made a motion to approve the minutes, Mike Madden seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer, Elizabeth Moore, presented the Treasurers Report.

Rich thanked Ed Otter for Local Arrangements.

Kurt Carr, Registration Chair, indicated that there were 255 registrants.

Doug Sanford, President Elect, noted that there were 36 student presenters and there were 42 sponsorships. He recommended that the extra funding go to the Student Endowment.

Rich thanked Greg Lattanzi and Jim Lee, Program Chairs. They printed 300 programs and there were 40 remaining.

Elizabeth Moore indicated that all four MAAC accounts were doing well. [Elizabeth could you please enter any statistics here.]

Membership Secretary, Faye Stocum, indicated that the dues structure was the same. In 2015, there were 245 members. This was a big drop. The last time we had fewer than 250 was 9 years ago.

For 2015

153 individual members

35 institutional members

49 student members

8 joint

This is a drop from 2014.

For 2016

140 individual

31 institutional

60 student

9 joint

No people had signed up for 2017 membership.

There are 11 Life members

Faye noted that many people will sign up to present a paper at a conference in their locale but then do not continue. She noted that many professionals are not joining except to give papers.

Rich thanked Faye for her report.

Roger Moeller indicated that no articles had been accepted into the Journal.

Website – People only visit the website to learn about the conference. They do not look into publications. People come to the website through Google or from other sites.

If people want to update pictures, please send Roger jpgs.

The Holmes Gardner Award recognizes significant contributions to the Middle Atlantic. It is separate from Lifetime Achievement.

Kurt Carr talked about the Scholarship Endowment

There is \$20,000 in the endowment. Money from students who did not attend the conference and from extra sponsorships. The goal is to get it to grow to support student scholarships. Invest part of it in Mutual Funds. Propose a resolution allowing Kurt to do this.

Elizabeth Moore made a motion that Rich draft a resolution for movement of funds to be approved by the Board to support the scholarship fund. It was seconded by Carole Nash. Dave Mudge made a friendly amendment allowing the Board to do an electronic vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Mike Klein reported on the student papers contest. He noted that there were 5 graduate papers and 5 undergraduate papers and the undergraduate papers were amazing. Encourage students to sign up for this contest.

Lauren MacMillan reported on the Student Committee. The speed dating attracted 30 students. 45 students attended the roundtable. The mixer was underway at the Captain's Quarters. The student events had prizes provided by Dovetail, Dead Guy's Books, ASV, ASNJ, University of Mary Washington, Virtual Curation Lab; and Primitive Technologies, Inc.

Social media. The student committee is on Facebook and Twitter #MAAC 2016.

Discussed adding a student member to the MAAC Board. Rich made the motion; Mike Madden seconded it. There was discussion of the need for an uneven # to remain on the Board for voting purposes. Program Chair and other Chairs are speaking, but not voting members and it was discussed as to whether the position would be just voice or vote. .

Lauren is stepping down as Chair of the Student Committee. It was discussed to have a 1 year rotating person in this position. It was suggested that this could be the second member at large that was voted on as per the bylaws changes approved at the Board meeting last year . Mike Barber suggested that Student Chair could serve as a non-voting member for the 1st year and it could be revisited next year. There was discussion that if there was an even number that we would be going against unwritten tradition. Rich retracted the original motion. Dave Mudge moved to replace the 2nd appointed at large member to be a voting member who is a student. This person will serve for one year. This was seconded by Mike Klein.

The role of at large members was discussed. There is no information in the bylaws that describes their role. The question was called. The motion carried with one abstention. Rich thanked MAAC and turned the meeting over the Doug Sanford. Doug made a motion to thank Rich. This was seconded by Elizabeth Moore and many others.

New Business

Elections

Greg Lattanzi was nominated for President Elect

Faye Stocum and Eleanor Breen were both nominated for Membership Secretary

Brian Crane nominated for Recording Secretary

Elizabeth Moore will continue to serve as Treasurer.

Doug asked for nominations from the floor. Seeing that there were none, he made a motion to close nominations. Mike Madden seconded it. There was a secret written vote for Membership Secretary. Eleanor Breen received the most votes, so she is the candidate. Doug made a motion to vote on the list of candidates. Mike Madden seconded. The slate passed unanimously. Doug welcomed the new officers and thanked Faye Stocum (who served as membership secretary since 1998) and Liz Crowell, (who served for more than 15 years) for their service.

Mike Barber proposed that a Committee be formed to discuss sea level rise. The goal would be to allocate funds at the state level. Numerous people volunteered to serve on this committee.

There was a discussion about the conference location for next year.

Offers of a venue for next year include-

Fountainebleau -

\$103/room

\$115/room (after March 12)

The Grand in Cape May

Pricey

Dover Downs -

Expensive

Virginia Beach -

\$99/night

Discussion/Vote tonight

Mike Barber and Mike Clem proposed Virginia Beach. The owner of the Great Neck Site owns the hotel and will give us good prices. They will waive fees for meeting rooms. No charge for tables, book rooms, etc. It has two bars and a good restaurant. The hotel is being renovated. It is located near the State Park. Mike B and Mike C offered to do program and local arrangements. The parade/marathon do not extend that far down.

Ed Otter proposed the Fontainebleau again. The same weekend we would share with the hand dancers. \$103/night. It would be \$115 March 25.

There was a vote. It was decided we would meet in Virginia Beach on the weekend of the 17th.

The meeting was adjourned.

