

**Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference
General Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, March 26, 2022
Ocean City, Maryland**

Welcome 7:35 March 26, 2022

Approval of Minutes – The membership approved the business meeting minutes for 2021

Reports

Treasurer’s Report– Elizabeth Moore

Elizabeth Moore reported on MAAC’s bank balances. Promised to send me copy of report. MAAC didn’t spend on the anniversary, limiting expenses. Elizabeth Moore did not know yet what the conference hotel expenses would be for this year but anticipated that MAAC would make money on the conference this year. Elizabeth Moore provided balances for the Organization, Conference, and investment accounts.

In reporting on annual expenses for organization, MAAC lost \$46 this year. Principal expenditures included registration for Wild Apricot; MAAC’s incorporation franchise fee; Paypal account; internet fees, and journal fees.

Lauren McMillan asked for journal expenses breakdown, and Elizabeth Moore provided that.

Membership Secretary’s Report - John Mullen

MAAC had 197 members as of November 22, 2021 (down from 217). Of these, 113 are individual, 9 joint, 36 students, and 11 lifetime, plus 28 institutional memberships.

Memberships as of March 26, 2022 total 269.

Conference Reports

1. Local Arrangements – Ed Otter
Ed Otter didn’t know the final registration numbers as of the meeting. He reported that audio and visual systems seemed relatively glitch free.
2. Conference Program – Crystal O’Connor.
Crystal O’Connor reported that the booklet program format was a success, and that there were 8 posters, 86 papers, 2 panels, 1 film fest, and 3 workshops.
3. Registration – Greg Lattanzi
He reported that conference registration numbered 224. Membership/Registrations numbered 47; Pre-registration for the conference alone (not membership) numbered 69, there were 41 student preregistrations. There were 12 regular non-member registrations; there were 24 registrations at the door. Student membership and preregistration numbered 8, and student nonmember registrations numbered 20. Seven students registered at the door. There may have been student presenters who are not members. This isn’t supposed to happen, but we didn’t check. We should cross check presenters with membership. There were 8 table registrations.
4. Student Sponsorships – Lauren McMillan, Crystal O’Connor

Sponsorships rolled over from previous years. There were 6 new sponsors. We used up most of the 2020 sponsorships. Sponsorships focused on student presenters.

5. Student Paper competition – Chris Sperling. Liz Crowell was not able to attend due to COVID, so Chris took over for her. There were 4 undergraduate and 2 graduate student papers. The winners will be announced at the reception.

Operations & Committee Reports

1. Journal – Roger Moeller

There has been a problem getting student winners to get their manuscripts delivered for publication. Getting manuscripts together for the last issue lasted into October.

2. Website – Greg Lattanzi. He thanked Roger Moeller for web support over the years. The membership at the meeting gave a round of applause. Wild Apricot now hosts our website. Greg asked the membership to tell him of any issues. Bernard Means thanked Greg for dealing with Wild Apricot web management. Greg said the design will improve in future. Wild Apricot payment options work well, and it is good to have access to membership at the conference registration desk.

3. Student Committee – Rebecca Webster

The committee contacted 63 students, and more than that attended. Conference events included a coffee hour with the president and president elect, and close to 40 students came to the lunch. The Archaeology Olympics event had 30-40 students. This year, the Olympics were activity oriented (work related tasks). MAAC had 40 students at the speed dating event; we need a bigger room! This was held from 5 to 6:30pm and fostered interaction between students and professionals. Professionals from a variety of settings volunteered and attended.

4. Student Endowment – Kurt Carr

We have \$22,770.09 in the endowment, but MAAC is not earning much interest on it. MAAC needs a donation button on the website. Workshop leaders rejected fees for hosting their workshops and those were donated to the fund instead (\$620). There was a question about where the money is kept. Kurt Carr has looked into mutual fund, but the funds are not yet invested. They are in a business account. Some of the membership gave suggestions for interest bearing accounts. Kurt Carr says non-profit status has been an issue for some investment opportunities. He said he will follow up with member suggestions.

5. Sea Level Rise & Storm Surge Committee – Carole Nash, Heather Wholey

The committee changed its name to the Climate Change Response Committee. There was to be an 8:30 am sponsored panel this year on Sunday. Carole Nash and Heather Wholey were to moderate. Flyers for the panel were made available for members.

New Business

Elections:

Crystal O'Connor for president elect

Shawn McHugh: Recording Secretary

Elizabeth Moore for Treasurer

John Mullen for Membership Secretary

Moved and seconded. Officers elected.

No location has been selected yet for next year's conference. The Fontainebleau Hotel proposal was considered too high. Holiday Inn gave MAAC a price break on meeting rooms. Some members reported looking into locations in PA and NJ. MAAC is soliciting proposals. Proposals will be needed by early May. MAAC is looking at moving the conference earlier in March to avoid conflicts with SAA. That may also help MAAC with pricing. Lauren McMillan will be sending out solicitations.

A resolution regarding electronic voting was sent out to the membership today with suggested language. MAAC's bylaws don't currently allow for electronic meetings and voting.

The bylaws also need to clarify how the member at large is appointed to the board. Dave Mudge was appointed by board earlier today to be the member at large.

The language for the proposed revisions were displayed on screen for the membership to see and discuss prior to a vote, including for Article VI Elections; and Article IX Amendments

Discussion of whether joint members get 1 vote each or 1 vote jointly (as is currently in bylaws) was tabled.

Carole Nash asked what "time to time" means in the bylaws. Dave Mudge explained that this means that this can happen at any time.

An issue was raised about what is a quorum for purposes of electronic voting. A counter point was made that sometimes our physical meetings are sparse. We haven't considered a quorum of the membership in the business meeting. We can specify a period of time to allow the vote such as two weeks.

Ed Otter raises whether we should have hybrid voting to allow virtual vote during in-person meeting. The meeting consensus opposed this.

Wayne Clark moves, seconded. Passed.

Lauren McMillan said she will propose a Conference program committee and that MAAC is working on Code of Conduct as well as plans for a policy on showing human remains.

Awards committee: Carole Nash: We are giving awards at reception.

Adjourn at 8:34pm.

Reception Awards Ceremony

Four members were honored with Lifetime achievement awards:

Wayne Clark:

Dennis Curry:

Carol Ebright

Maureen Kavanagh

The winners of the student paper competition were announced:

Undergraduate:

Katelyn Bajorek

Analysis of Avian Eggshell at Belle Grove Plantation

Graduate:

Mary Lawrence Young

Sustaining the Shell Middens: A Coastal Vulnerability Assessment of Shell Midden Sites within the Nansemond River Tributary