

**Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference
General Business Meeting Agenda
Saturday, March 27, 2021
Cyberspace**

7:36 pm

Welcome

Approval of Minutes 2020 General Business Meeting Minutes approved via text

Reports

Presidents' Report--Bernard K. Means, Greg Lattanzi

The report was provided via video recording.

Treasurer's Report-- Elizabeth Moore

Treasurer Elizabeth Moore reported on the Wild Apricot system. MAAC sent out refunds for the 2020 conference. MAAC can still do so, the membership should request if a refund is desired. There was a positive net of about \$10K on the 2020 conference because expenses were down (drinks etc). Membership revenue continued to come in. MAAC bought 3 years of Wild Apricot. MAAC had expenses from SurveyMonkey (used to poll membership about elections and other business). Web hosting, journal expenses resulted in an overall ~\$3K loss on the year for MAAC. There will be additional gatherly fees. The conference had non registered attendees, and MAAC will be charged for that. Overall, MAAC came out on the whole behind financially on the year because the conference usually makes money, but not this year. MAAC still has a substantial amount of money in the bank, so the losses over the last 2 years are manageable.

Membership Secretary's Report--John Mullen

There were 217 members in 2020, down from 266. In 2021 membership is 228. Thanks to Greg Lattanzi for migrating data to Wild Apricot.

Conference Reports

1. Local Arrangements – N/A

Lauren McMillan: The meeting was held via Gatherly. MAAC tested multiple platforms. The Gatherly platform came closest to replicating an in-person conference experience. McMillan acknowledges glitches, like with for MAC users, but MAAC persevered and overcame those. MAAC wanted to do live synchronous presentations. MAAC is small enough that we could make it work. A lot of thought went into the choice. McMillan apologies for share screen issues. MAAC would like feedback.

2. Conference Program – Crystal O'Connor, Lauren McMillan, Brad Hatch,
There were 66 presentations, 10 posters, plus panels and a film festival and workshops. A

lot of thought went into how to make the most of the virtual format. It would have helped to have had more admins.

3. Registration – Greg Lattanzi, Elizabeth Moore, John Mullen
There were 158 registrants for the conference.

4. Student Sponsorships – Lauren McMillan, Bernard K. Means, Elizabeth Moore
MAAC did not solicit new student sponsorships this year in part because of the heavy logistical lift for going to a virtual platform for the first time. MAAC did get one from COVA, some from ASV, and Howard McChord chapter also sponsored students. Lauren McMillan will be point person for next year.

5. Student Paper competition – Elizabeth Crowell
The winners will be announced at the awards ceremony to follow. 1 grad and 1 undergrad award to be presented]

Operations & Committee Reports

1. Journal – Roger Moeller

The journal accepted 3 papers, which are ready to publish. Several others have been promised. Moeller expects to publish on-time in September or a bit later. Moeller also gave a call for articles from this year's paper presenters.

2. Website – Roger Moeller

Moeller was planning for updates, but noted that much is moving to Wild Apricot, and didn't want to post conflicting information. He recommends rapid move so people know where to get current information. Bernard Means notes that we are looking into hiring a consultant to develop the website on Wild Apricot. This will be new business.

3. Student Committee – Katie Boyle

The Student Committee is holding elections after this conference. They didn't have elections last year. Looking to fill all positions except for chair elect (Rebecca Webster). The conference went well, had usual student events. They didn't have Olympics, but did have networking hangout session. Lauren McMillan notes that chair of student committee is voting member of board.

4. Student Endowment – Kurt Carr

No report.

5. Awards Committee-- Carole Nash, Heather Wholey, Elizabeth Crowell

Carole Nash reported that they are giving awards this year, including for lifetime achievement. MAAC gave the Holmes Gardner award Friday March 26. The lifetime award will be presented March 27. This wasn't given out last last year. Carol Nash asks for nominations for lifetime achievement, also for Holmes Gardner awards, though that one won't be given every year.

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

Carol Nash and Heather Wholey have been asked to chair the SAA climate committee. This opens the door to understand what is happening in other parts of the world. Nash suggests name change: would like something more encompassing. SAA appointment is for a 3-year term. They are chairing for HARC for SHA as well as for a European archaeological arch society. They are working on story map to be featured at SHA in Philadelphia.

New Business

1. Rename Student paper contest in honor of Mike Klein

Bernard Means proposes this. This will be sent out to membership via survey monkey.

2. MAAC 2022 in Ocean City, Maryland

The conference is scheduled for March 24-27. The proposed registration fee is \$129 for Friday and Saturday, possibly \$66 For Thursday.

3. Call for nominations for 2022

President elect will be elected, so MAAC need nominations.

4. Lauren McMillan asked if MAAC can put out a call for Social Media Chair. This might be an appointed position. MAAC should ask that anyone interested should submit to the board. MAAC can draft up a brief description. The need is to have someone manage social media accounts.

MAAC will be exploring hiring a web master to set us up on WA.

Lauren McMillan says that we will be developing a policy regarding the showing of human remains and other culturally sensitive objects. MAAC will look at existing policies and explore with membership.

Andrew Robert Malhotra asks if we can do some 50th anniversary events in 2022?

Bernard Means says yes, good point, we should celebrate in person.

Katie Boyl asks for 3D printed TP rolls with MAAC 2020 on them to amusement of the membership.

Adjourn at 8:26.

MAAC Awards:

Student awards:

Liz Crowell presents the awards, noting the passing of Mike Klein the preceding year. Mike Klein chaired the student paper award committee for many years. The awards include \$100 and year of membership when final version of paper is submitted for publication in the journal. The judges met this afternoon and had a number of worthy candidates to consider.

1 Undergraduate Award: Delaney Resweber.

2. Graduate award. Kaitlin LaGrasta

Lifetime achievement awards: presented by Carole Nash

Henry Miller (Charles Fithian and Silas Hurry helped with presentation)

Mike Barber (Carole Nash presents)

Jay Custer. (He phones in. Heather Wholey presenting).