

Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference
Business Meeting
March 12, 2005
Liz Crowell, Recording Secretary

President Cara Blume opened and thanked all who put together the conference. She thanked DelDOT for printing the program and thanked Scott Emory and Bill Liebnight for their work as Program Chairs, Ed Otter, Local Arrangements Chair and all the Session Chairs.

Reports:

President Elect Carole Nash noted that there was nothing to report since there are no offices open.

The Executive Board reviewed the minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting. Cara Blume asked if there were any questions. There was a motion by Dave Mudge to waive the reading the minutes. Josh Duncan seconded. The motion carried. Dave Mudge moved to post the minutes on the web. Emily Williams seconded. The motion carried.

Carol Ebright presented the Treasurer's report. She indicated that MAAC lost \$3000 last fiscal year. Howard MacCord moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Dave Mudge seconded it. The motion carried.

Dave Mudge, Board Member at Large, presented the Archives Report. The MARS archive at the University of Delaware in Newark has agreed to be the repository for the MAAC records. Dave Mudge requested that anyone having any materials suitable for archiving such as programs, papers and other materials for the archives, to please send them to him.

Faye Stocum, Membership Secretary indicated that a number of members who were presenting papers had not sent in their membership prior to March 10. For last year, the membership was the lowest it had been in 10 years. This meant that Roger Moeller would be eating the production costs of the journal. As of March 10, there were 184 paid memberships. At the end of the conference, there were 198 total. For 2006, she had two memberships so far. There were 373 names on the membership rosters, 55 names were purged, about 60 % of whom had become members to present papers. When you pay \$25 for a membership, \$22.50 of that is paid to Roger Moeller for each journal. There has been a drop in institutional memberships. At the Executive Board Meeting, it was discussed to keep membership rates as they are. For the next two years, membership rates will stay as they are. Faye asked if there was any discussion of the membership report.

Ned Heite indicated that the divided financing is a problem. He indicated that there used to be a single fee. People think they are paying twice. Cara Blume indicated that for IRS purposes, fees for membership and other items must be kept separate.

There was discussion of payment using the website. Cara mentioned that the Board was not entirely happy with it because of its costs. In the Executive Board Meeting, the Board instructed the Webmaster to look into other ways of paying electronically. However we have a way to designate payments for membership and registration separately. Silas Hurry indicated that most other organizations have two rates of registration, one for members and one for non-members, with non-members paying a significantly higher rate. If we want to increase our membership, we should consider this. Cara Blume indicated that we did not discuss that at the Executive Board meeting, however we did discuss raising the student registration rate.

Dan Griffith asked if MAAC was incorporated in Delaware. The answer was yes. He indicated that MAAC could get a state grant-in-aid from Delaware for operating expenses, possibly as much as \$3500. In Delaware, the grant is paid directly to the organization. Howard MacCord noted that there were similar grants in Virginia paid through the Virginia Department of Historic Resources. He thought there would be a good chance that MAAC would be awarded the grant-in-aid, since MAAC was incorporated in Delaware; and had its conference in Delaware far more frequently than anywhere else.

Lisa Young indicated that she would support a differential member and non-member registration rate in lieu of raising the student registration fee. Lisa was concerned that the elevation in fees could cause students not to attend. Cara Blume indicated that we have voted to raise the conference registration fee. It was decided that membership fees stay the same for both categories. Changes to the membership fee is a decision that the board will have to make. There is not enough information to do it at this time.

The subject of a membership drive was mentioned. Cara indicated that this years mailings were later than normal, that there usually is a mailing earlier in the year. It was suggested that there should be emailings during the year. Faye Stocum indicated that there is not a complete email listing of the membership. If folks are interested, they can go to the website. The membership Secretary does not have time. She noted that SHA, SAA and AAA have paid staff. MAAC officers are volunteers. They do what they do either on their own time or are supported by their work.

Lisa Young indicated that many of the newer members want to help, participate and be involved, but they do not know how. How can they have a discussion? If it cannot be discussed here, can we have a list serv. Cara indicated that someone would have to be willing to be a listowner; we would have to decide if it would be moderated or not. Cara asked Mike Barber if he had any input. Mike Barber volunteered to do it. There was a discussion as to whether MAAC or Mike Barber would own the list. Yahoo can be used for a group. Mike Barber, George Tolley and Mide Madden volunteered to deal with it. Mike asked for a copy of the membership list. Faye indicated that there are no email addresses. Liz Crowell said that the program chair should have emails for those members who presented papers. Carole said it is on her list. Cara asked whether we needed to restrict the list to members. Carol Ebright said no, it should be used to attract members. We can use it as a way to send out membership notices.

Cara Blume indicated that Roger Moeller was absent. There was no Journal editors report. She indicated that papers are needed for the next issue. She asked people to submit papers. There was a discussion of student papers. Student papers should be submitted in a form for the journal next year.

Alice Guerrant indicated that the webpage is up and running. She noted that the Executive Board was concerned about fees from Activa. She indicated that we would be looking into PayPal as another option. Records of payment for membership and registration need to be kept separate. Alice indicated that the minutes of the 2004 Business Meeting were already posted on the web.

Liz Crowell made the presentation for the Awards Committee. She noted that there were no nominations for any of the awards in 2005.

Josh Duncan discussed the Student Paper Award. He thanked the mentors, Mike Barber, Steve Bilicki, Justine McKnight and Mike Carmody. He indicated that he and Liz Crowell had served as judges and he thanked Liz for serving as a judge for the past two years. There were four papers submitted. All were from graduate students. Three were from Temple University and one was from Catholic University.

Josh Duncan made a motion that the student paper awards become an official part of MAAC. He indicated that for mentors and judges that he and Eleanor Breen were drawing on who they know. Mike Barber seconded the motion. There was discussion.

Carole Nash indicated that there was concern at the Executive Board meeting that all student paper participants get free memberships. Josh indicated that next year the committee was stipulating individually authored papers. There was discussion as to whether to limit the number of papers. Should separate consideration be given for papers by graduate vs. undergraduate students? Josh indicated that the judges had grappled with these issues. Dealing with undergraduate and graduate student papers in the same forum was like comparing apples and oranges. Lisa Young expressed concern that Masters Degree students in Conservation had to face a one year unpaid internship after receiving their degree. It was decided that a bachelors degree student would qualify for the award during undergraduate school and for three years afterward. For graduate students, it would be for students pursuing a Masters Degree. At the completion of a Masters Degree, an archaeologist is considered fully qualified. Josh Duncan indicated that both papers and presentation would be considered for the judging criteria.

There was a question as to how many free memberships should be awarded. Carol Ebright indicated we could afford four total. First prize would be \$100 plus membership. It was clarified that there would be one first prize and three runners up.

Josh Duncan made the amended motion. He moved that MAAC officially institute the Student Paper Award. Bachelors degree students during undergraduate school and three years afterward and graduate students pursuing a Masters Degree would qualify for the

Student Paper Award. The award would be \$100 plus a years free membership to be awarded to the winner at the time the paper was accepted for publication in the MAAC journal. Wayne Clark seconded the motion. The motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Lisa Young asked if a place could be put on the membership form where a member could voluntarily contribute \$5 to the Student Paper Award. Cara reiterated that it could not go on the membership form because of IRS considerations. It was suggested that it could go on the Registration form. Lisa proposed the motion that members could voluntarily contribute \$5 to the Student Paper Award as would be indicated on the membership form. Wayne Clark seconded it. The motion carried.

Ed Otter gave the Conference Report. He indicated that there had been some technical difficulties in the morning session, but that those were cleared up by noon Friday. There was discussion.

Scott Emory made the Program Chair report. He indicated that there were 84 papers. For a long time, MAAC was Friday afternoon through Sunday morning. Program Chairs added Fridays because of demands for speaking opportunities. Someone asked if attendance was lower on Friday morning. Friday had more attendance than Saturday, even at the early sessions. The question of whether people should submit only one paper was discussed. It has been the rule in the past that a person only be primary author on one paper, but could be a coauthor on an additional paper or papers. This year, authors were allowed to have more than one paper at the choice of the Program Chair. Bill Liebicht indicated tat he did not want to prohibit additional papers as long as there was room in the program.

It was noted that staff at the registration desk was deluged on Friday morning. It was suggested by George Tolley that the registration table be opened on Thursday night, since many folks were already there for tours. It as discussed that registration should be an hour before the meeting starts. Faye indicated that guidelines should be set for running registration. Cara indicated that it had been discussed in the Board Meeting that MAAC needs procedures for Session Chairs. There is a need to have more people volunteer to help. Mike Barber indicated that Carole Nash had prepared procedures for registration.

Cara indicated that she wanted to continue the American Indian forum. Mike Barber asked if MAAC wished to continue it. Cara indicated that the interest was there. George Tolley suggested that we might want to have concurrent sessions at night. Cara suggested that it could be at the discretion of the Program Chair. Wayne Clark indicated that there are 8 state recognized groups in Virginia. This could provide lots of opportunities to do neat things. It was decided that with Jamestown 2007 upcoming that they could talk to Diana Beachem and others about future meetings.

A motion was made by Wayne Clark to normally restrict one paper to a primary author, but to leave the final decision to the Program Chair. Liz Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Faye Stocum made a motion to thank Scott Emory, Bill Liebnicht, Heather Whole, and Ed Otter for the meeting. Cara will write a letter to thank DelDOT.

A newsletter had been discussed in the past, but it was decided that an email list would be better, since it is free.

New Business.

Wayne Clark proposed that the 2006 meeting be held in Virginia Beach. Liz Crowell seconded the motion. The motion carried. It was recommended that a weekend other than Easter or the date of SAA be chosen.

Mike Madden and Carole Nash agreed to be Local Arrangements Chairs. Dennis Pogue agreed to be Program Chair for Historical Archaeology and Mike Barber agreed to be Chair for Prehistoric Archaeology.

Lisa Young asked that a list of contacts for each state could be posted on the website. She will be emailing Alice Guerrant.

Howard MacCord asked to say a few words about Ned Heite. Howard applauded Ned's courage in spite of his illness. He highlighted Ned's contributions to Archaeology in the Middle Atlantic region, particularly in Virginia and Delaware

Mike Barber made a motion to give the Lifetime Achievement Award to Ned Heite. Liz Crowell seconded the motion. Liz will mail the award to Cara next week. Cara will check to see if there is an event in Delaware where Ned can be presented with the award. Dan Griffith announced that the award could be presented at Archaeology Month in April. The fact that Ned will win the award will be announced at the party.

The meeting was adjourned.