

Business Meeting
March 21, 2009
Liz Crowell, Recording Secretary

Chris Espenshade, President, called the meeting to order

Membership Secretary, Faye Stocum presented her report

Membership

As of March 18 – three presenters had not paid their membership; as of today, two of these have been resolved

Faye thanked Liz Crowell, Carole Nash and Roger Moeller

Faye identified a problem with decline membership from a high of 306 in 2007; to 287 in 2008 to 226.

Faye also expressed the concern that with the costs, could the journal be supported.

Faye reported that in 2008 there were:

- 188 individual members
- 46 institutional members
- 42 student members
- 11 joint members

For 2009 Membership, as of:

- 2/19/08 - 0
- 12/31/08 - 101
- 3/19/09 - 226

Projected membership for 2009 is not close to 300

- 151 individual members
- 36 institutional members
- 26 student members
- 8 joint members

68 names were deleted from the membership list

Dave Mudge - moved to accept the membership report
Liz Crowell - seconded

Mike Madden asked if we contacted lost members
Faye goes through membership list

Treasurer, Laura Galke presented her
Treasurers Report was distributed

28,179.71

Conference account includes:
Registration for conference
Books
Fees for bkrm

This pays for
Hotel costs
Program
Student paper prize
Honorarium for Keynote speaker
JMAA
Website

Mike Madden moved to accept the Treasurer's Report
Dave Mudge seconded
Motion carried

Secretary Liz Crowell presented the Secretary's Report
Minutes were distributed
Dave Mudge moved to abstain from reading the minutes
Roger Moeller seconded
Motion Carried

Conference Report
Program Chair, Liz Crowell thanked Aimee Wells and Carole Nash for assistance with
Program

Heather Wholey reported
Registration 261 pre-registered
63 Walk-ins

There were 12 student volunteers from three colleges

Ed Otter was thanked for local arrangements

Roger reported on the Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology
For Journal #25, one manuscript was submitted. Deadline in June
Student paper should be completed in June
Chris Espenshade will use extreme measures to submit the military papers for Journal 25

There was no Webpage Report

Student Sponsorship

Chris Espenshade reported that there were 21 sponsors. All student paper/presenters were sponsored.

(Chk from program)

Josh Duncan reported on the student paper competition

Josh thanked Carole Nash for her assistance.

There were 12 papers submitted: 7 undergraduates and 5 graduate students

They are all great papers.

Josh thanked the judges.

Liz Crowell reported on the Awards Committee

Liz Crowell, Lisa Young and Aimee Wells are on the Committee.

There was one nomination for one very deserving lifetime achievement award

There are no elections

New Business

Chris Espenshade noted that we lost several MAAC members in 2009.

First we lost Howard MacCord – The Board voted to give a \$500 donation to the Archeological Society of Virginia Research fund in his name

Proposed to dedicate the 2009 program to Howard

Mike Barber moved

Liz Crowell seconded

On February 21, Dr. David Phelps passed away

He was involved in MAAC in the early years

He was one of the Grandfathers of Southeast archaeology

Chris suggested a donation to the Phelps Archaeology Lab

Roger Moeller moved a \$100 donation

Liz Crowell seconded.

Tim Thompson just recently died

His Memorial Service is next Saturday in Richmond.

The Board approved donation/letter

Stipend for Doug Scott

It was suggested that there be an increase the usual stipend since Doug came all the way from Nebraska

Roger Moeller moved

Dave Mudge seconded

Motion carried

Next discussion was meeting location: we will be locked in here for the next 2 years
We either have to decide to look elsewhere or it will be too late
Room rates will be \$123 per night for March; if we had the meeting on February 25, rates would be \$110/night

There was a concern about snow.

Roger Moeller indicated that we try to keep the room rates low

It would be less costly if the meeting moved inland

Will we attract more people if we change the meeting location?

Lower cost of room will allow students to attend

We are locked in for 2010

Where to go after?

Ed Otter expressed concern because so many staying elsewhere

In 2009, we did not reach our projected number of rooms

If we use fewer hotel rooms we will not get the conference rooms for free.

One option would be to accept fewer papers for presentation.

The bylaws set date

If there was snow, would the hotel give us our deposit back

The benefits vs. detriments of February vs. March were discussed.

Dave Mudge noted that February is Cheerleader month

Proposed March 18-20

We discussed what the penalty would be if we broke our contract.

It would be too late to change venue for next year. The meeting will remain here next year.

Carole Nash made a motion that the meeting be held March 18-21 in Ocean City.

Liz Crowell seconded

Motion carried

It was decided to check other venues for 2011 and send the information to Chris

Espenshade

We need four meeting rooms, a bookroom and 100 guest rooms

Suggestions for next year:

Workshop where Bill Schindler & Tammy Bee make pots

Carole will be program chair

The difficulties with the website were discussed. The current webmaster has no access to a computer at home.

It was suggested that Aimee Wells could assist Alice with webmaster duties.

Currently \$177 for our domain hosting

Bigdaddy.com costs \$40. We should look into changing.

Roger Moeller so moved
Dave Mudge seconded.
Motion carried.

Need nominating committee for Elections for next year.
Heather Wholey /Esther Doyle Read/Mike Barber volunteered to serve

Fee Structure will continue for next two years
Faye Stocum so moved
Dave Mudge seconded

Carole Nash asked for input for– sessions for next year
Dave Clark proposed to create a public education/public awareness committee.
Dave volunteered to chair

It would be a great idea to have a public session. It would expose kids to archaeology, but might be difficult to fit into existing schedule. It was discussed if it could be done for next year at this venue. Benefits would be to students and teachers, who in this economy are cutting back on fieldtrips. It would be a good opportunity to provide outreach to schools. Programs are in place in various areas for schools and scouts. This would allow people to come and participate. We should work on a proposal for next year.

It was suggested by Mike Barber that a task force could be created. COVA could be used as a model.

The idea of funding research for \$3000-\$5000 was discussed. The idea of grants will be discussed at future meetings. We could use the SEAC model.

Dave Mudge moved to Adjourn.
Roger Moeller seconded.