

Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference  
Executive Board Meeting  
March 12, 2016

President, Rich Veit, presented the Agenda.  
Membership Secretary, Faye Stocum, presented the Membership Report.  
Treasurer, Elizabeth Moore, presented the Treasurers Report.  
Recording Secretary, Liz Crowell, presented the Minutes from the 2015 Executive Board Meeting.

Kurt Carr, Registration Chair, had a comment about the posters: He asked that the posters fit on an easel and follow the SAA guidelines.

Rich Veit thanked Ed Otter for local arrangements.

Kurt reported that as of the end of the morning of March 12, there were 255 registered; 216 of whom were pre-registered. Faye mentioned there were problems where people just wanted to pay registration online and indicated that it is not easy.

After Google.docs closed, there was a difference of 50 or 60 names. Google.docs access ended on 2/22; PayPal access ended on 3/1.

In the future, we do not want to have to reconcile two lists. Elizabeth Moore and Faye Stocum had to reconcile them this year. Faye indicated that some people paid for membership, but not the meeting. Mike Madden paid registration for multiple students.

Kurt got sent membership list from Faye; Roger sent the list to Kurt for registration.

There were complains about PayPal. Kurt indicated that he was not averse to receiving printed form with a paper check. It was requested that if a member is bringing students, they should let Kurt (or future registration chair) know ahead of time. It was noted that there are fewer bounced checks with PayPal.

There have been some problems with Google.docs. People have been short-circuiting for getting abstracts or no, either by PayPal or checks. There should be a meeting of Roger, Kurt and next year's program chair(s).

Doug Sanford, President Elect, reported on Student sponsorships.  
42 people sponsored.  
36 students qualified.

Students need to thank their sponsors. Sponsors need to be acknowledged at the Business meeting. It was hard to figure which students were individual authors vs. co-authors. Discuss at Business Meeting how to deal with student papers.

Greg Lattanzi, Program Chair, reported:  
One issue with the program is where they did not list co-authors  
There were 300 programs printed; gave Elizabeth the bill.

There were the normal complainers. There were a lot more students. It was a challenge to organize the program because of the number of students and the need to have them present on Friday or Saturday because of the student paper competition. 36 students presented papers; 10 submitted papers for consideration for the student paper contest. Something needs to be done to address this. We may have to consider having student sessions.

Mike Klein, Student Competition Committee Chair - The deadline for the student paper competition was February 20. Ten (10) out of 36 students submitted papers for student paper competition. There were some decent excuses, some not. Wondered if some students were not aware of the competition. There were email blasts; blasts on social media. It was clarified that if students present they get funding. Winners will be announced tonight.

Students will need to provide IDs to register and get memberships at the student rate.

Elizabeth indicated that we are doing well financially. We are carrying over the same balances. The money market grew by 7 cents/month.

Faye passed around the membership report and indicated that one poster presenter had not paid. There were 245 members last year. It dropped compared with 2011 and 2013.

As of noon, 2016 membership was:

137 individuals

60 students

31 institutional

9 joint

Last year there were 49 students

There are 12 life members

With students, young professionals don't realize that designation works for three years after graduation from undergraduate or the receipt of an MA.

Faye reiterated that the cost of student membership does not cover the cost of the journal.

Roger reported that one article had been submitted to the journal.

Website is getting a lot of use. Most people are going to the conference and opening the page. People are not bookmarking it.

Scholarship endowment - resolution for tonight.

Alexandra Crowder reported the student committee meeting well attended. Roundtable - 40 students  
Social media - Ally - Facebook and Twitter - Students and young professionals

Offers of a venue for next year-

Fountainebleau -

\$103/room

\$115/room (after March 12)

Dover Downs -  
Expensive

Virginia Beach -  
\$99/night  
Discussion/Vote tonight

Slate of Candidates

President Elect - Greg Lattanzi

Membership Secretary - Faye and Eleanor

Elizabeth Moore - Treasurer

Recording Secretary - Brian Crane

Faye - Registered Agent.