

**AAA Archaeology Division
Executive Committee Meeting
AAA, San Francisco, California
Thursday, November 15, 1:00 – 5:00 PM
Presidio Board Room, Hilton Hotel**

Executive Committee members present: Rosemary Joyce, Katherine Spielmann, Christian Wells, Dolph Widmer, Cathy Costin, Christopher Pool, Anna Agbe-Davis, Marc Levine, Steve Nash, Eric Blinman, Carrie Todd

Visitors: Charles Cobb (RPA liaison)

President Rosemary Joyce convened the meeting at 1:05 pm.

Secretary Christian Wells presented the spring 2012 Executive Committee Meeting minutes. The Executive Committee approved the minutes.

Carrie Todd reported on the student awards. There were 15 membership awards and two diversity awards this year. It was suggested that the deadline for award applications be changed to an earlier date to allow for better advertising. It was also suggested that we offer two separate deadlines for each award, so that diversity award applicants are concurrent with presentation submissions. Carrie also discussed reasons why students have difficulty attending the annual meeting, and that other societies offer several different ways to participate in membership while AAA only offers a single student category divided into graduate and undergraduate sections.

Program Editor Anna Agbe-Davis delivered her report on the program, noting that this year we had fewer submissions than last year resulting in a high acceptance rate. Advertisements were placed in the *SAA Archaeological Record*, but the November issue did not go to press before the AAA meeting. It was resolved that we will publish in the *Record* again next year, but in the October issue.

In her report to the Board, President Rosemary Joyce discussed the role of social media and our web presence. She reported that we have over 180 “likes” on our Facebook page (compared to our ca. 900 members), and that our news about the AAA program received over 100 “views.” She recommends that we encourage departments around the country to offer our Facebook link on their web pages. She also discussed the urgency of establishing control over our official AAA website, and said that this should happen in spring 2013.

Treasurer Dolph Widmer presented the annual treasurer’s report. Dolph notes that membership has declined and that our assets are down from this time last year. He suggested evaluating our current spending, including costs for EB member travel and the annual reception. It was decided that there will be no changes to these budget categories in 2013.

Publications Director Cathy Costin presented her report on publishing. She discussed the possibility of putting together a thematic issue of the new online journal, perhaps pulling together previous Willey Prize papers. She discussed the AP3A volumes in press and in production. She also discussed

news from Wiley-Blackwell, and an opportunity for our volume series to become open access. It was decided that we would not pursue this opportunity. Costin also discussed establishing new procedures for approving manuscripts for the series, including an abbreviated prospectus that would allow more energy to be focused on the manuscript itself.

Nominations Committee Chair Chris Pool welcomed our new board members, Eric, Kostalena, Katie, and Jason. He reported that for the 2012 AAA elections (mostly under Terry Majewski's leadership), we offered nine positions, eight made it onto the ballot, and three won their elections. For the 2013 elections, we offered 11 positions, and 12 were nominated in the end. Finally, he discussed the upcoming need to replace some members of the Board, and which candidates might be asked to run to fill those spots.

President-elect Kate Spielmann discussed membership cultivation. She suggested offering a special session on the program each year as an invited session, but one in which the Board selects the topic. After a lengthy discussion on possible topics, it was decided that we would consider the theme of "inequality" and work with the new AAA section, the Society for Economic Anthropology, whose 2013 annual meeting theme is "inequality." Spielmann also noted that we can do the same at SAA, where we are allowed to designate one invited session.

President Rosemary Joyce announced that the 2013 Patty Jo Watson Distinguished Lecturer will be Bob Kelly.

RPA Board Liaison Charlie Cobb discussed recent issues with the Register of Professional Archaeologists, asking Board members to consider how they might wish to work together with RPA.

President Rosemary Joyce discussed "open anthropology," and reminded everyone that we agreed to participate, although it has no immediate implications for us.

President-elect Kate Spielmann discussed working with tDAR as a benefit for AD members. While no vote was taken, there was general consensus that we offer five \$200 grants and an additional \$1000 for "at risk" datasets to current AD members, giving them the opportunity to upload up to 250 MB of data to tDAR. In the case of "at risk" grants, these will mostly be paper datasets that will need to be digitized and the metadata reconstructed; thus, it is conceivable that the entire \$1000 might be awarded to a single project. It was noted that this would have to be a 2014 budget issue, since the 2013 budget has already been submitted.

Secretary Christian Wells discussed the changes to *Anthropology News*, and the new opportunities for the AD on AN online. President Joyce agreed that this should be a major discussion item for the spring SAA meeting. The Board also discussed the possibility of appointing an "information czar" to work with the Secretary in taking advantage of the new web opportunities for relaying information from AD members.

President Rosemary Joyce adjourned the meeting at 5:07 pm.