

WAPA
Board Meeting Minutes
Oct. 20, 2016

In attendance:

Suzanne Heurtin-Roberts

Adam Koons

Eleanor King

Erik Kjeldgaard

Laurie Krieger

Jamie Marks

Fannie Norwood

Ruth Sando

Stan Yoder

Action Items:

- Purchase and bring sign-in book to WAPA speaker events (Suzanne)
- Contact Bill Roberts to confirm June event @ St. Mary's (Fannie)
- Draft WAPA flyer for speaker and other events (Fannie)
- Find professor contact at GMU (Fannie)
- Launch subcommittee to plan Blog Launch in January (Davis, Laurie, Jamie Lee, Fannie)
- Send potential Praxis member name to Terry (Ruth)
- Ask Mark Edberg's band to play at January party and get band dates for a Meet-up (Laurie)
- Draft email re: AAA connections (Jamie Lee)
- Send email re: archive materials (Jamie Lee)
- Locate WAPA stuff box and get refreshments from Ted (Fannie)
- Send November 1st notice (Jamie Lee)
- Send draft paragraph for John Mason's book to Jamie Lee/Davis for distribution (Adam)
- Find out if we need projector for November talk (Stan)
- Draft paragraph on Connie fund for distribution through Davis and Jamie Lee (Ruth)
- Launch subcommittee on Public Education (Suzanne, Eleanor, Laurie)
- Program committee will meet to check in with Dalia's status (recently moved) and to divide up tasks for scheduling and supervising 2016-2017 speakers (Dalia, Laurie, Suzanne, Stan)

We came to order at 7:10 PM

New Members

Fannie Norwood introduced Jamie Marks, who will be doing social media membership outreach, while Davis shoulders oversees the blog. Jamie said she was interested in where membership outreach is and where we would like it to be. She said she would like to add same-day reminders to our event notifications.

Events:

We discussed the last event. Members said it was fantastic. It went over time with a standing-room-only, interested and engaged audience. However, there were few regular members in attendance and a member suggested we needed to draw both new and longstanding members. The day of the session had been changed from Tuesday to Thursday to make it easier for some current members to attend, however, it did not seem to bring many more out.

Summer Event:

We will have the summer part at Bill Roberts' house in St. Mary's, Maryland. Bill will provide kayaks and other equipment and may lead a visioning exercise about WAPA's past and future.

AAA Prep Event:

Davis and Beth have planned an event on how to present at conferences, Nov. 3, 7:30 PM. At the Emissary. Davis will send an announcement to the group through Jamie, both those who want to share and those who want to learn. We should ask who's presenting a paper at AAA, when, etc., so that we can organize people to support each other. Jamie Marks said that she would send an email requesting this information and that Davis will collect and post information about member papers.

Student and Faculty Reps

Beth and Davis are also recruiting two student reps each school to help with meetups. We offer a year's free membership for their service. We can invite them to the board. They would also like two students at each school to serve as a contact as well as one faculty member. If we have suggestions, we should send them to Davis and Beth.

Nov. 1 Event

John Mason will present entitled, *An Anthropologist Figures out (in part) Retirement: the Origin of a Book on Memories and Meanderings in the Middle East*. Laurie Krieger agreed to introduce him.

WAPA Blog

The Board discussed having a more official launch for the blog, noting its potential to bring in people worldwide. We could publicize it through AAA, SfAA, and other organizations. Laurie Krieger said that in the past promoting things with AAA had been cost-prohibitive.

The Board determined that we should launch the blog before the next Board meeting, Jan. 12, 2017. Laurie Krieger agreed to help and said she would try to recruit Davis Shoulders.

Jamie Marx asked the group what we want the blog to look like; what audiences do we want to target, and what we want as the end result of those communications. Fannie Norwood said that we wanted the blog to be a way to activate younger members who communicate more online, to connect with people outside the greater DC area and to advertise some of the work we're doing, engaging people.

A member suggested that we take steps to promote senior and midcareer anthropologist membership. Laurie Krieger suggested we do that by getting champions at the places that hire anthropologists like the World bank and AID.

Treasurer's Report

Victor Fisher said that we have about \$1000 more than at the last meeting, due almost exclusively to membership renewals. In our two accounts, we have a little more than \$10,000, with \$3500 of that being in the Connie Ogile fund.

Praxis Award:

Terry Redding is recruiting for next person to chair the Praxis Award committee. The plan is to modify and streamline the application process to make review easier. The chair does not need to be actively involved in SfAA. A member suggested that we approach Jenny Masur. Ruth Sando said that she would pass her name to Terry. She also suggested that Terry approach past winners.

Winter/January party.

The winter party will be Jan. 29, 2017, at Adam Koons' house.

Committee Reports:

Archiving:

Eleanor King said that there is no news. She said that she was hoping to put WAPA's archival materials in the national anthropological archive. She said that Ruth Cernea had a great deal of materials but that Michael Cernea does not know where it is. Eleanor said that she welcomed old photos of members.

Fannie Norwood said it would be worthwhile to put out another call to the members and possibly offer a free t-shirt to those who provide materials.

National Anthropology Day

Feb. 18 is national anthropology day. This year it will focus on presentations in K-16 schools.

Program committee:

Our next two meetings are settled. We do not yet have speakers for our March and May meetings.

We discussed promotions for the Nov. 1 and that it would be good for students, because it will address what actually happens during anthropological fieldwork. We could use the book announcement as the basis for what we put up. We also have a biography that he sent Davis and a paragraph he sent to Dalia Golchan.

Suggestions for future talks included Tony Whitehead and a salon for mid-career anthropologists. Suzanne said she could hold it at her house but that she has cats and no parking.

Fannie asked that someone contact Dalia Gochan and ask her to let Fannie know if she would like to continue her work with the program committee.

Connie Ogile Fund:

There is no news about the Ogile Fund. There is currently \$3639 in fund. Fannie Norwood suggested that we promote it, mentioning it in the blog, for example. We decided that we would do it on or around April 11, 2017, Connie Ogile's birthday. Ruth Sando will write a paragraph on it and send it to Davis. There was a photo of Connie in the 40th anniversary presentation that we could use as well as one with her *Washington Post* obituary. Gretchen would be a good person to write about her.

Filming presentations:

We discussed the difficulties getting completed videos for our talks.

Public Education:

Eleanor King talked about the lack of public education in anthropology and linked it to the closure of the Anthropology program at Howard. She will talk to Ed Liebow next week. She is starting a group to promote it on the Heritage Education Network that will begin assessing anthropology education in the US. She said that it is a disgrace that AAA does not have an active education committee. She asked that anyone with any ideas should let her know. Someone suggested she talk to Brandy Posner. Eleanor Kreiger and Suzanne Heurtin will work with her on this.

Eleanor talked about a presentation from 2008 on the anthropology of YouTube that was a good example of something that would interest the general public. The author is at University of Tennessee.

She said that there should be more public programming for schools, for example, on the way that project archaeology dovetails with common core educational standards.

Membership Matters:

The Board determined that Jamie Marks would now handle Pamela Rao's old responsibility of membership matters. Fannie Norwood said that she would give Jamie the PayPal account information.

The meeting Adjourned at 9 PM