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SCAAS Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
9 July 2018, 6:00pm MDT  
Teleconference

Meeting convened at 6:03 pm. Present: Bryan Bates, President; Tony Hull, Vice President; Ric Alling, Treasurer; Ray Williamson, Secretary, Greg Munson, Chris Dombrowski

Old Business:

Committee reports & duty updates

Financial report & needs: Ric—Treasurer's report was presented with no questions. Wild Apricot's rate for hosting the website was up as expected (new fee \$525). Ray moved to approve the report; Seconded by Bryan; all agreed.

Pecos Conference needs: Ric paid the fee for having a table, which Pecos Conference organizers provide. Bryan and Ray agreed to help with hosting the table at the conference, which will provide us an opportunity to tell people about our society and to solicit interested parties as new members. Bryan, Ric and Ray agreed to put together a brochure for the upcoming April conference.

2016 Conference Proceedings: Greg noted that we are making slow, steady progress on initial edits of submitted papers. Nevertheless the book is coming together and we are exploring funding sources for the technical editing and printing. The biggest lacks at this point are scripts from the Native American presentations.

Member Survey results: Chris Dombrowski reported that the response to our members' survey has been dismal. We need a different approach. Greg suggested that we send it out again and take off the log-in requirement, which may have deterred folks from answering the survey. Chris is attending a training for Wild Apricot.

Update standing committees & membership:

- Membership committee: Tony is chair; Ray is a member.
- Fundraising committee: Tony volunteered to be part.
- Conference committee—Bryan chairs; Ric and Ray are part of it.
- Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund (CAMF): Tony, chair; Ray and Beth members.

- Tony suggested that we create a committee to deal with public/external communications; Others agreed, and we decided to take it up at the next Ex Comm meeting.
- Tony also suggested that we create a committee specifically to reach out to Native American and other groups (e.g., archaeological societies). Greg suggested that this be part of our thinking when we look carefully at our new mission statement and strategic plan. All agreed.

Review & vote on Mission Statement and Strategic Plan: Reviewed the statements of Mission Statement and items in the Strategic Plan. Greg offered a motion to adopt the Mission Statement and Strategic Plan. Seconded by Bryan. All agreed. Ray reported on the effort by interpretive staff in Chaco Canyon to develop trunks containing materials on cultural astronomy and other subjects relevant to Chaco Canyon

Report on Board Liability Insurance: Bryan reported that he had contacted two different insurance companies with no response. He'll try again. Ray reported that he has a possible lead for an insurance company that might give a reasonable quote. He'll try to contact that person.

#### New Business:

1. Conference Committee member duties: See duty assignments that were passed out prior to the meeting and report back if any are problems with them. Confirm proposed conference theme: *Land and Sky in Greater Southwest Cultural Sciences*. The board agreed with this draft title. The entire board will all need to help to raise funds.
2. Lifetime/ Sponsor Memberships: Greg prepared and distributed a description of the proposed Sponsor Membership Program. There are four levels with varying benefits;
  - a. \$5,000 Lifetime – Lifetime membership and three complimentary admissions to conferences/workshops including banquets.
  - b. \$2,500 Sponsor – Ten year membership and two complimentary admissions to conferences/workshops including banquets.
  - c. \$1,000 Sustaining – Five year membership and one complimentary admission to a conferences/workshops including banquets.
  - d. \$500 Patron – Three year membership and one complimentary admission to a conference/workshop.

These memberships are needed to support larger financial support of Society needs such as publications, conferences and increasing Native American participation and education. Discussion of the Board supported creating these membership categories. Greg made a Motion to adopt these new Sponsor Membership categories. Ray Seconded the Motion. All agreed.

3. Board Elections: The board decided to hold board elections at the conference when we have a members meeting.
4. Discussion of elements of Business Plan. Deferred to later.
5. Ray suggested that we need to update the website; All agreed and Chris and Greg will work on that.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:29 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Ray Williamson  
SCAAS Secretary  
July 11, 2018

Minutes certified by:

Bryan Bates  
SCAAS President  
July 18, 2018