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Board of Directors Meetings Minutes

October 25-27, 2016

Holiday Inn Express and Crow Canyon Archaeological Center – Cortez, CO

Discussion Items:

1. **Review Conference Planning** – The conference came together very well in the last month of planning. An article in the Cortez Journal significantly increased registration. 53 people are registered for the conference. One person canceled their registration three days before the conference and no refund will be issued in accordance with conference cancellation policies. The registration totals include 10 registration fee waivers for Native American participants and a conference organizer. It is anticipated that the conference will break even financially after a deficit from fee waivers and authorized lodging expenses are paid from the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund. We have scheduled three evening speakers – Bryan Bates for the public outreach speaker, Von Del Chamberlain after the Crow Canyon dinner and Scott Ortman for the conference awards banquet.
2. **Board of Directors and Officers Election** – A number of people were considered for addition to the SCAAS Board of Directors. After discussion and deliberation, it was decided to recommend Elizabeth Jewell and Chris Dombrowski to be added to Greg Munson, Bryan Bates, Tony Hull, Ric Alling and Ray Williamson as the slate recommended for election to the SCAAS Board of Directors by the membership at the General Meeting scheduled for Friday October 28, 2016. Greg Munson tendered his resignation as President of the Society but is willing to continue on the Board. Pending approval of the Board by the membership, we nominated and approved the following as the new officers of the corporation: Bryan Bates – President, Tony Hull – Vice President, Ric Alling – Treasurer and Ray Williamson – Secretary.
3. **Future Direction and Activities of the Society** – Bryan has been working on a *Visioning* process for future development of the Society. Key elements of the process are increasing member participation in the goals and operation of the Society and developing an ongoing dialog between cultural astronomers, Native Americans, archaeologists and anthropologists. He anticipates accomplishing this objective by instituting a *Visioning* committee made up of noted anthropologists joined by a Native American Advisory Council. Ideas for increased participation by the membership could be derived through a discussion forum on our website.

Action Items:

1. **Authorize necessary conference expenditures** – The primary cost for this conference is the charges from Crow Canyon Archaeological Center for venue fees, transportation, refreshments and on-site meals. Additional significant expenses are from the Destination Grill for the conference awards banquet, Sunflower Theater for the public outreach lecture, awards, and sponsorship of Native American and international guests. Greg Munson was authorized by the Board to pay all necessary expenses by SCAAS debit card or check as appropriate.

Certified by:

Greg Munson – SCAAS President
November 30, 2016

Bryan Bates – SCAAS Secretary