

**Minutes of the Plains Anthropological Society, Annual Business Meeting
65th Plains Anthropological Conference, Thursday, October 11, 2007
Salon F-H, Rushmore Plaza Hotel, Rapid City, South Dakota**

1. President Leland Bement called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. **Agenda** - A motion was made and seconded for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.
3. **Minutes of the 2006 Business Meeting** – A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the minutes for the October 2006 Business Meeting as published in the February 2007 issue of *Plains Anthropologist*. The minutes were approved.
4. **Treasurer's Report** – (Dale Henning)

**Plains Anthropological Society
Treasurer's Report for 2007
September 15, 2007**

1. The Financial Statements prepared by Micek and Crouch, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Plains Anthropologist*. Copies are distributed at the Board meeting. The report shows that the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) is in adequate financial standing with net assets at the end of the year 2006 at \$110, 801. This figure is down by nearly \$17,000 from 2005.
2. The PAS has liquid assets as of January 1, 2007 of \$25,301. Long-term assets as of the same date are \$85,500.
3. Current liquid assets as of September 15, 2007 are \$4992 in the First National Bank of Santa Fe and \$2491 in the Pinnacle Money Market in Lincoln.
4. PAS membership as of September 15, 2007 stands at 741, down by 24 from last year. We might reasonably expect 20 memberships to come in before the end of the year. New memberships thus far amount to 42.
5. PAS income and expenses for the period starting September 15, 2006 through September 15 of this year is shown on the accompanying table. The report shows a loss of \$25,372.97 for this 12 month period.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale R. Henning,
Treasurer

5. **Editor's Report** – (Richard Drass)

Editors Report, September 20, 2007

Vol. 50, #196 (issue edited by Paul Katz) was mailed to members in June 2007.

Vol. 51, #199, a memoir entitled “Changing Opportunities & Challenges: Human-Environmental Interaction in the Canadian Prairies Ecozone” (thirteen articles, 256 pages), was mailed to Augstums on October 12, 2006 and was mailed out to members in December 2007.

Vol. 51, #200, the Plains retrospective special issue, (23 articles, 334 pages) was mailed to Augstums on February 4, 2007 and was mailed to members in June 2007.

Vol. 52, #201 (six articles, 152 pages) was mailed to Augstums on April 19, 2007 and was mailed to members July 30, 2007.

Vol. 52, #202 (five articles, 104 pages) was mailed to Augstums on July 6, 2007 and was mailed to members August 10, 2007.

Vol. 52, #203 (six articles, 116 pages) was mailed to Augstums on August 29, 2007, blue line received and approved on September 18. Expected to be mailed by the end of September.

Due to financial constraints, it was decided to forgo a fourth (memoir) issue in 2007.

We have submitted for review 20 manuscripts, one memoir, and one special issue. We have also had reviewed a series of papers for a theme issue of the journal in honor of Ray Wood (publication date uncertain at this time). Currently we have 34 manuscripts in hand in various stages of review and completion. Nine manuscripts have been accepted for publication and the authors’ revisions have been returned. Nine manuscripts are accepted and we are awaiting revisions. Two manuscripts were reviewed and returned to the authors as not suitable for PA and two were returned as not publishable as currently presented with the option of significant re-working offering the possibility of publication. The remaining manuscripts are in various stages of the review process.

The February 2008 issue will be a special issue with a theme of Paleoethnobotany. This issue was accepted by the Katzes and has just completed the review process. The May and August issues will be regular issues and the November issue will be the memoir that was planned for this year with a theme of current studies in protohistoric and historic Wichita.

Richard Drass, Editor
Mary Ann Drass, Assistant Editor

6. Nominations Committee Report and the introduction of new members of the Board – (Steve Holen)

I had Jason LaBelle help me count the votes and the results are:

Mike Fosha

Bill Billeck

Matt Hill

Margaret Beck

Keri Hicks

Mark Muniz

These three were elected

These three were not elected.

Three votes were not accepted/counted. Two of these were postmarked after Sept. 15 and one was not signed on the ballot envelope or on the mailing envelope.

7. 2007 Plains Conference Resolutions (Alice Tratebas)

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Plains Conference 2007

The Plains Anthropological Society expresses thanks to the conference co-chairs, James Haug, Michael Fosha, Barry Williams, and Richard Fox, for their hard work and many hours spent organizing this conference. We are grateful for the help of the conference committee organizers, Tim Straub and Carol Valentine; volunteer organizer, Rose Fosha; Program and Abstracts editor, James Haug; banquet and social events organizers, Carol Hjort and Mary Straub; accountant, Irv Sterner; and Michael Fosha, who had duties too numerous to list.

Institutions that aided by volunteering their staff include: the South Dakota Historical Society, Archaeological Research Center; the Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas Office; the Black Hills National Forest; and the Augustana College Archeology Laboratory.

Volunteer service has been overwhelming and we are grateful for the work of South Dakota Archaeological Society members and students from the University of South Dakota. A special thank-you goes to Doris MacDonald for preparing the art-work used throughout the conference.

Financial Assistance came from a large number of institutions, corporations, and individuals. **Co-Sponsors** of the conference were Bureau of Land Management Montana/Dakotas Office and University of South Dakota. Additional **Benefactors** were

Bureau of Reclamation, Dakotas Area Office, Augustana College Archeology Laboratory, and HDR Engineering.

We would like to thank **Corporate Sponsors:** South Dakota Humanities Council, SWCA Environmental Consultants, and Chris & Julie Lien.

Patrons and Friends who contributed to the conference are:

Wil and Beth Husted
Metcalf Archaeological Consultants
James Donohue
Michael Fosha
South Dakota Heritage Fund
Black Hills Parks & Forests Association
Deadwood Historic Preservation Fund
Larry Bradley
Richard Fox
South Dakota Archaeological Society
DC Work-a-Wood
Ellen Zimmerman
Valerine D’Vonn

We would like to thank our organizers James Donohue and Rose Fosha. Special thanks goes to Larry Agenbroad, Mark Muniz, and Hannan LaGarry for the Hudson-Meng and Mammoth Site tours and to David Wolfe and Rose Fosha for the Deadwood Tour. We would like to thank Brian Fagan, our banquet speaker.

We appreciate the work by Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn staff in providing for the conference needs.

Be it resolved that the Plains Anthropology Society thanks outgoing board members Margaret Kennedy, Jacquelin St. Clair, who served as Secretary for three years, and Marcel Kornfeld, who served an extra year on the board as Past President over the last year. We express special thanks to Dale and Barbara Henning, Society Treasurer, Richard Drass, *Plains Anthropologist* editor, Mary Ann Drass, assistant editor, and Brad Logan, book review editor for their dedication and many hours of work.

Be it further resolved that the membership of the Plains Anthropological Society expresses its condolences to the families, friends, and colleagues of those members of our anthropological community who passed away this year including the following: Stanley A. Ahler, Ann S. Johnson, Rhoda Owen Lewis, Carling Malouf, Timothy Nowak, and David White.

Alice M. Tratebas
Committee Chair

8. Report Approval - Motions were made and seconded for the approval of all reports. All were approved.

9. Forthcoming Conferences

- a. 2008 - Laramie, Wyoming October 1-5 in the new conference center.
Field trip possibilities include Lindenmeier, HellGap, or Jimmy Allen sites and possibly High Plains Archaeological Project and the new University of Wyoming Anthropology Building.
- b. 2009 - Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

10. New Business

Recognition was made for the efforts of the Public Affairs Committee and former chair, Ruthann Knudson who, with the society, wrote letters to the Secretary of the Interior ultimately resulting in budget appropriations which will allow three American Indian museums to stay with the Indian Arts and Crafts Board, but be elevated to a place within the Interior, to be partly managed by the National Park Service.

The next Public Affairs Committee will address leaving artifacts in the field. The Board will report back on this issue.

Discussion of membership, increasing costs, producing fewer journals. A motion was made and seconded that conference presenters (both senior authors and students) be PAS members. The motion carried.

11. A motion to adjourn was made seconded and approved at 5:47 pm.