

**MINUTES**  
**Plains Anthropological Society**  
**Annual Business Meeting**  
**66<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference**  
**Friday, October 3, 2008, 5:00 PM**  
**The Garden Room**  
**Hilton Garden Inn**  
**Laramie, Wyoming**

1. President Joe Tiffany called the meeting to order at 5:04 PM and distributed the agenda.
2. Agenda - **A motion was made and seconded for approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved with revisions.**
3. Minutes of the 2007 Business Meeting - **A motion was made and seconded for the approval of the minutes for the October 2007 Business Meeting as published in the May 2008 issue of *Plains Anthropologist*. The minutes were approved.**
4. Treasurer's report – (Dale Henning)
  - a. The Financial Statements prepared by Micek and Crouch, P.C., Certified Public Accountants, for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2007 will be published in an upcoming issue of the *Plains Anthropologist*. Copies were distributed at the first PAS Board meeting on October 1, 2008.
  - b. At the beginning of 2008, the Plains Anthropological Society (PAS) enjoyed adequate financial standing with total assets of \$97,144. This figure is down by \$13,657 from 2007.
  - c. The PAS had liquid assets as of January 1, 2008 of \$26,010. Long-term assets as of the same date were \$71,134. Long-term assets were down from the previous year because it was necessary to dip into them to pay expenses.
  - d. Current liquid assets as of September 15, 2008 are \$17,303 in the University of Iowa Community Credit Union account and \$8,707 in the Pinnacle Money Market in Lincoln.
  - e. PAS membership as of September 15, 2008 stands at 744, about the same as last year. We might reasonably expect a few more memberships to come in before the end of the year. New memberships thus far amount to 75.
  - f. PAS income and expenses for the period starting September 15, 2007 through September 15 of this year is shown on the accompanying table. The report shows a gain of \$5,537.12 for the 12 month period. In order to cover expenses in a timely fashion, it was necessary to withdraw \$20,000 from a certificate of deposit when it matured and for the Hennings to make a short term loan of \$4,000 to the Society. The latter has been repaid.

INCOME

Advertisement	100.00
Back Issue Sale	1,513.45
Unrestricted Contributions	538.00
Interest	295.96
Membership	34,157.74
Miscellaneous	418.12

Payment for Printing Memoir 39	3,571.43
Reimbursement Plains Conference	18,250.00
Reprint Sale	1,332.49
Royalties	<u>1,084.64</u>
	61,261.83
EXPENSES	
Expense reimbursements	1,060.23
Award, Native American	1,000.00
Award, Student	500.00
Bank Service Charges	36.19
Copyright Registration	225.00
Insurance	3,082.00
Office Supplies	958.65
PA Assistant Editor	15,000.00
PA Print-Mail	29,274.95
Postage & Delivery	434.95
Professional Fees-Accounting	4,088.00
Return of Overpayments	6.00
State Sales Tax (NE)	<u>58.74</u>
	<u>55,724.71</u>
NET INCOME	5,537.12

**A motion was made and seconded to approve the treasurer’s report. It passed unanimously.**

5. Membership dues

The President announced that the Board had voted to raise dues as follows:

Student memberships would remain the same

Domestic:

Currently \$45 individual, raise to \$55

Currently \$55 institutional, raise to \$75

Foreign:

Currently \$50 individual, raise to \$60

Currently \$60 institutional, raise to \$80

Currently \$5 joint, raise to \$10

Currently \$750 lifetime, keep this the same for this year, next year raise to \$1000

Currently \$250 lifetime joint, it will remain the same

**The motion was made and seconded to accept the Board’s proposed dues increase. The vote: 39 aye, 14 nay**

6. Editor’s report – (Richard Drass)

a. Vol. 52, #204, Memoir 39 (issue edited and prepared by Matt G. Hill) was mailed to members in January 2008.

b. Vol. 53, #205, (seven articles, 158 pages), was mailed to Augstums on March 9, 2008 and was mailed out to members in April 2008.

- c. Vol. 53, #206, (six articles, 120 pages) was mailed to Augstums on April 25, 2008 and was mailed to members June 1 2008.
  - d. Vol. 53, #207 (five articles, 96 pages) was mailed to Augstums on August 5, 2008 and was mailed to members September 10, 2008.
  - e. Vol. 53, #208, Memoir 40 is expected to be mailed to Augstums by November 1 and mailed by the end of the year.
  - f. The Editor notes the submission of 19 manuscripts for review. There currently are 42 manuscripts in hand in various stages of review and completion. Twenty-two manuscripts have been accepted for publication and the authors' revisions have been returned. Five manuscripts are accepted and 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.
  - g. There will be four regular issues in 2009; no memoir is planned.
- A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Editor's report.**

7. Report of the Nominations Committee – (Matthew G. Hill)

Over the past several months, board members and individuals from the general membership provided names of several individuals who might be interested in running as nominees for the Board. Jason La Belle, the Secretary and the Nominations Committee chair also identified several other individuals who might be interested running for the board. This group settled on a pool of six individuals, who the Nominations Committee chair then contacted. Two individuals declined to run; two other individuals were then asked, and accepted. The Nominations Committee secured commitments from the following nominees to run as Board members:

Margaret Beck  
Bob Dawe  
Erik Gooding  
David Kilby  
Brad Logan  
Mark Muniz

Ballots were recently sent out before the conference. They are to be returned to the Nominations Committee chair by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The Immediate Past-President and the Nominations Committee chair will count the ballots. The new Board members will be announced in the next issue of PA. The Nominations Committee chair will notify all the candidates of the election results as per the bylaws. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Nominations Committee report.**

8. Student Paper Award – (Laura Scheiber)

Laura Scheiber thanked Richard Drass, Scott Brosowske and Edward Knell for their work on the Student Paper Award Committee, and thanked Mary Ann Drass for web updates related to the award. She noted changes to the award since 2004: Giving two banquet tickets to each participant, the positive effect of faculty mentors, especially Larry Todd of Colorado State University and Shawn Bubel of the University of Lethbridge; the participation of students from small institutions, and the separation of graduate and undergraduate wards that has increased participation. She notes that 6 of 11 Student Paper Award winners have had their papers

published. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Student Paper Award Committee report.**

9. Native American Student Award – Bill Billeck and Jacquelin St. Clair  
The Committee received one nominee for the award, the nominee is well qualified and will be presented with the award at the banquet. **A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the Native American Student Award Committee report.**
10. 2008 Plains Conference Resolutions - Alice Tratebas

The Plains Anthropological Society expresses thanks to the conference committee, Julie Francis, Pam Innes, Marcel Kornfeld (co-chair), Mary Lou Larson (co-chair) Patrick Mullen, Willa Mullen, Robert Kelly, Mark Miller, Charles Reher, Dora Ridenour, Danny Walker, and Judy Wolf.

The conference hosts were:

George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology  
University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology  
Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist  
State Historic Preservation Office  
Wyoming Department of Transportation  
University of Wyoming Graduate Students

The University of Wyoming Conference and Institutes department coordinated the organization of the conference. Denise Marquiss served as conference coordinator, and her staff, Pam Brekken, Vicki Henry, and John Scozzafava helped immensely. We appreciate the work by the Hilton Garden Inn staff in providing for conference needs. Volunteers have been essential and we are grateful for the time and effort they donated.

We would like to thank Jason LaBelle for organizing the Lindenmeier field trip and Chuck Reher for the Pine Bluffs tour and open house. We would like to thank the Department of Anthropology and the Frison Institute for hosting the Thursday reception in the new anthropology building. We would like to thank Dr. Gustavo Politis, our banquet speaker, and Jan Crossland for post-banquet entertainment.

Conference sponsors were:

University of Wyoming Foundation  
University of Wyoming Academic Affairs  
University of Wyoming Arts & Science  
University of Wyoming Office of Research and Economic Development  
The George C. Frison Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology  
SWCA Environmental Consultants  
Current Archaeological Research  
United States Bureau of Reclamation  
Western Archaeological Services  
Metcalf Archaeological Consultants  
Bureau of Land Management  
Centennial Archaeology Inc.

University of Wyoming Graduate School  
University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology  
ASM Affiliates  
Entrix Environmental Consultants  
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Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists  
June Frison Chapter – WAS

Be it resolved that the Plains Anthropology Society thanks outgoing Board members Leland Bement, Fern Swenson, and Alice Tratebas. We express special thanks to Dale and Barbara Henning, who took on the difficult task of Society Treasurer. We express special thanks to Richard Drass, *Plains Anthropologist* editor, Mary Ann Drass, assistant editor, and Brad Logan, book review editor, for their dedication and many hours of work. We thank Mary Ann Drass, our Web Master, Doris Peterson, our Society Archivist, and LuAnn Wandsnider, registered agent for our non-profit status in the state of Nebraska.

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: Reid Bryson, Melvin Fowler, James Novotny Gundersen, Thomas F. Kehoe, and Jerome E. Petsche.

**A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to accept the resolutions developed by the Resolutions Committee report.**

11. Marjorie Duncan announced that she would serve as Treasurer of the Plains Anthropological Society for a three year term.
12. Forthcoming conferences
  - a. Kent Buehler confirmed that the University of Oklahoma in Norman will host the 2009 conference, October 14-17, and that a tour would follow the conference.
  - b. Fern Swenson offered Bismarck, North Dakota for the 2010 conference, contingent on securing a hotel contract
  - c. Colorado was put forth as a possible conference location in 2011
13. New business
  - a. Membership discussed means of solving the Society's current fiscal problems. They discussed publishing fewer issues of *Plains Anthropologist* (the bylaws require three issues annually), and printing a memoir only if it is subsidized.

**It was moved and seconded that the membership dues be raised higher than those proposed by the Board in the first Board meeting, recommending this dues structure:**

**Student memberships would remain the same**

**Domestic:**

**Currently \$45 individual, raise to \$65**

**Currently \$55 institutional, raise to \$85**

**Foreign:**

**Currently \$50 individual, raise to \$70**

**Currently \$60 institutional, raise to \$90**

**Currently \$5 joint, raise to \$15**

**Currently \$750 lifetime, no change in 2009, raise to \$1,000 in 2010**

**Currently \$250 lifetime joint, no change**

**Of 53 present, 4 abstained, the rest voted aye. The motion passed.**

b. Steve Holen launched an initiative to raise funds for the endowment to raise it to \$50,000, the amount needed to fund the Student Paper and Native American Scholarship awards on interest instead of from the general fund.

**14. A motion to adjourn was made seconded and approved at 6:30 PM.**