

CNEHA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

Sunday, October 9, 2016

Ottawa City Hall, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada

Karen Metheny called the meeting to order at 7:38 AM and asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the 2015 annual business meeting, held on Sunday, November 8, 2015, Fredricksburg, VA as posted on the CNEHA website

Motion to approve the 2015 minutes made by Sara Mascia

Seconded by Ed Morin

All approved

Old Business

1. Chair's report: Karen Metheny

There has been an effort to planning CNEHA's 50th anniversary. We are still looking for images from previous conferences; anyone having images, please send to Karen through her email on website.

The CNEHA Board is still working on efforts to maintain and increase membership, in particular reaching out to students, communities and the public.

The Journal office is undergoing transition from Susan McGuire at Buffalo State to Maria O'Donovan, Binghamton State University, after the publication of the next two volumes.

Overall membership is increasing by \$5 to cover CHENA operating costs, particularly the publishing and mailing of the Council's journal.

2. Treasurer's report: Sara Mascia (US) and Joe Last (Canada)

There is \$20,579.00 in the US checking account for 2016. To date income is \$14,956.00 and expenditures are \$13,574.00 leaving \$1,382.00 in budget. There is \$10,100.00 in the CD/reserve fund. This will be used to help public two journals by the end of 2016.

Sara noted that insurance, postage and publication costs continue to rise prompting an increase in membership fees.

Joe reported the Canadian account started with \$6,897.98. In 2016, the account has received \$1730 in membership. There was no bank interest and the addition of \$226 in book royalties for at total revenue of \$ 8,853.98, which will help with the publication of one journal this year.

Motion to accept the Treasurers' reports made by Lynn Evans

Seconded by Richard Schaefer

All approved

3 **Membership reports:**
a. US: Ed Morin

Membership totals are slightly better than last year although membership is still down from the 2014 level of 343. Currently membership totals 269. Joint membership did increase to 43 from 40 but Fellows are down from 25 to 22 and Retired are down to 13 from 16. This year only emails were sent out for renewals and it is unclear if the drop is related to this. In 2017, there will be email reminders as well as two paper mailings.

CNEHA is trying to boost student membership because the organization depends on new blood.

Dues will go up \$5 for Individual to \$40; Student to \$25; Joint to \$55; Fellow to \$35; all will increase except the "Life" category.

b. Canadian: Joe Last

This year total Canadian membership consists of 82 individuals, including eight Student, 11 Business and 1 Retired, which is, overall, down three from last year. Joe did a membership drive targeting the universities but that did not quite pay off.

c. Institutional/Business: Meta Janowitz

Institutional/Business memberships are up from 26 Institutional and 7 Business from 25 and 2 respectively. Meta requested that any Institution/Business who wanted to join should contact her via email.

Motion to accept the membership reports was made by Richard Schaefer

Seconded by Stephane Noel

All approved.

4. **Publications reports:**

a. Newsletter: David Starbuck

David requested that anyone that has copy should send to him immediately. A third newsletter will be going out this weekend. David has had some feedback on the electronic newsletter. People love color photos and the editions come out very quickly. There are no real length constraints; and the newsletter can include a number of photos. There has been a savings by having electronic newsletter.

b. Journal: Sue Maguire

Sue is transitioning to other projects at Buffalo State. The editorial office will move to SUNY Binghamton. Maria O'Donovan will be taking over as journal editor. The transition should be completed this fall.

Two journal volumes will be coming out. The subject of the 2015 journal will be the War of 1812. The 2016 journal will be an open volume full of material cultural articles, such as expanded information on Turlington bottles, a bead articles by Karlis Karlins, and a window lead article by Tim Riordan.

In the Digital Commons, there have been 3000 download per month, indicating that people are finding the research/data and the articles are very popular. The journal will stay on Buffalo State Digital Commons for the foreseeable future. Buffalo State and Binghamton will work on DOIs /permanent markers if a transition is determined to be necessary.

Sue thanked the membership for being able to do journal and for their patience and assistance; it was a great experience.

Karen thanked Sue for her efforts, noting the great volumes that have been produced, especially the Foodways volume

c. Web page: Silas Hurry

Silas did not have much to report. Thanks to Kristi Morgenstern, the web continues to perform well. Kristi still manages to keep up it and running and its holding its own in its 19th year.

d. Posters: Ed Morin

. There are no updates. Previous posters are still for sale. There are no new maps planned for the immediate future.

e. Facebook: Christa Beranek

The Council has a Facebook page and a Twitter account; both will carry forward. These will be used as an outreach mechanism for updates and announcements. If anyone has any material, news about projects, local events, please either post directly or send to Laura, Travis (for Twitter) or Christa.

5. Programs and Meetings:

a. 2016 Ottawa—Joe Last

Joe thanked the membership for its attendance. The City has provided a great service. Joe also thanked Martin on the City Hall staff for his assistance.

There are 142 attendees: 128 advance registrations; 14 registered at door. There are 96 individual or joint members, 24 students, 11 spouse, and 11 nonmembers.

Everyone seems to enjoy the Lord Elgin. Sixty-eight attendees are staying at the hotel for a total of 150 room nights. There are 10 papers sessions with 56 papers and 8 posters in the poster session. There will be 73 people at the Banquet; about half of total attendees.

The workshop was well attended with twenty attendees. Thirteen attendees went on the museum tour and 25 went on the Parliament Hill tour. Ten people are signed up for the Diefenbunker Tour.

Twenty-two umbrellas have been sold; there are still some left - buy one before you go.

b. Reports on future venues (Portsmouth 2017, Halifax 2018)

Ellen Marlatt is the conference organizer for the Portsmouth Conference. Ellen and her team are working on tours and workshops in and around Strawberry Banke and its collections and in southern Maine

In 2018, the Council is going to Halifax. The hotel will be the Lord Nelson. They are working on developing workshops and tours.

It is likely that 2019 will be in Lake George – via David Starbuck

Future locations potentially include CT, Plimouth Plantation (after the Boston SHA) and St Mary's City in 2021?

Other Old Business

Bud Wilson expects to be around a long time to haunt the Council.

New Business

1. Nominations and Elections Committee:

Five people were nominated for five positions: Henry Cary, Amanda Crompton, Ed Morin, Travis Parno, and Patricia Samford. Survey Monkey was used to tally votes and paper ballots were mailed to those with no email. The votes were anonymous and electronic voting was closed on September 25, 2016. A total of 89 electronic votes and two paper ballots were received. All nominees received votes and were elected to the Board.

To accommodate the use of survey monkey without paying for survey results, three surveys with the same ballot were sent out. The majority of the voting – about 80% - was done the first day voting was open across all three surveys. The rest of the votes were cast within the next four days. No electronic voting was done after the fifth day across all three surveys.

2. Election of officer Karen (Secretary and vice chair

Nancy Brighton will replace Ellen Blaubergs as Secretary; Ed Morin was re-elected to serve as Vice Chair.

3. Resolution of Thanks

Travis Parno delivered the resolution of thanks for the Conference organizers.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR CONFERENCE ORGANIZERS:

Good Morning

Whereas, the 2016 Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology Conference has been a resounding success;

Whereas, Ottawa has proven to be a most spectacular venue for a conference;

Whereas, we have all enjoyed the informative tours of

The Canadian War Museum and the Canadian Museum of History,

Parliament Hill and Ottawa Locks, Rideau Canal,

and later this afternoon, Diefenbunker National Historic Site;

Whereas the Lord Elgin and the Ottawa City Hall provided welcoming venues for toasts and talks;

Whereas the entire conference has been conducive to the dissemination of knowledge and stimulating exchange of ideas;

Now therefore let it be resolved that the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology wishes to express its appreciation and gratitude for all of the hard work, long hours and excellent effort of the conference committee:

Joseph Last, Conference, Registration, and Finance Chair

Suzanne Plousos, Conference Chair

Sue Bazely, Program Chair and Tour Organizer

John Grenville, Program Chair and Program Layout

Allison Bain, Student paper coordinator

Kylee Best, Facebook and social events advisor

Ellen Blaubergs, book-room coordinator

Dena Doroszenko, raffle organizer

Nadine Kopp, Facebook and social events advisor

Erica Laanela, website coordinator and logistic support

Barbara Leskovec, tour coordinator and logistic support

Eva MacDonald, sponsorship coordinator

Aaron Mior, logistic support

Ben Mortimer, OAS liaison and logistic support

Stéphane Noël, poster session coordinator and translation

Virginia Sheehan, translation and logistic support

Heather Tulloch, registration desk and volunteer coordinator

Tour Guides and Workshop Leaders:

Doug Beaton;

Charles Bradley;

Hugh Daechsel;

Peter MacLeod;

David Morrison;

Jean Luc Pilon;

James Witham;

To all of the volunteers and students who have provided invaluable support and general go-fer services to ensure the conferences ran smoothly, including

Kylie Best;

Myriam Chercuitte-Leblanc

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Marie-Joëlle Desrosiers

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Randy Hahn

Natasha Joannis

Judy Logan

Chis Tulloch

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To Ottawa City Hall for an excellent opening session and reception site on Friday Night

To the staff of the Lord Elgin Hotel for a sumptuous banquet and the Rhondas for their toe-tapping entertainment;

To the session chairs who have kept or will keep their sessions organized and running time

To all the contributors to the raffle, including but not limited to

Suzanne Ploussos;

Dena Doroszenko;

Mima Kapches;

Kristin and Peter Thor;

Shan Ling;

Karen Metheny;

and the many publishing houses who have donated publications from the bookroom, including CNEHA.

To the Staff of the Lord Elgin and Ottawa City Hall for the excellent and expeditious service,

And finally special acknowledgement of the wonderful 50th anniversary cake, complete with the beaver and eagle conference logo, that we enjoyed at the reception, which was baked by Nadine Kopp.

Let us give a round of applause for the organizers, students, presenters and supporters of this wonderfully informative and most enjoyable conference –

The motion to approve the resolution was made by Sara Mascia. Second by Christa Beranek.

Travis also delivered the resolution of thanks for the outgoing members.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS FOR OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

Whereas the term of office for a certain members of the Executive board for the Council for North East Historical Archaeology is expiring, the Council acknowledges and appreciates the long term and unfailing contributions of Ellen Blaubergs, who has been the organization's secretary for the past eleven years; and

And Richard Veit, who has worked steadily on the organization's archives helping to track our own history;

And Sue Maguire, who has served us admirably as the editor of the wonderful journal of the Council for North East Historical Archaeology;

Therefore be it resolves the Council expresses its sincere appreciation and thanks to these individuals.

The motion to approve the resolution was made by Craig Lukezic. Second by Ed Morin.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Schaefer; Second by Stephane Noel. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10AM.