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Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
SCAAS Board of Directors
February 27, 2017 6:00PM MST

Executive Committee meeting teleconference called to order at 6:00PM. Present on the line – Bryan Bates (President), Tony Hull (Vice-President), Ric Alling (Treasurer), Ray Williamson (Secretary) and Greg Munson.

Conference Updates

a. Big MACC – Ray Williamson and Greg Munson reported on their plans for attending this one-day conference at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center; Ray planned to present a short paper on SCAAS activities and a summary of our October 26-29 conference and Greg to report on his earlier work on structures in Mesa Verde and Walter Fewkes' notes on Sun Temple and Cliff Palace in Mesa Verde.

b. Annual Conference of the Council of Colorado Professional Archaeologists (CCPA) – Ray and Greg also reported on their plans for attending the yearly Conference of Colorado Professional Archaeologists. They plan to give pretty much the same talks there. Greg's paper will be delivered as part of a Symposium devoted to reviewing the contributions of Colorado archaeologists through history. The two also plan to set up a table with information about SCAAS and offer the last symposium volume for sale. Both members believe that SCAAS can improve the visibility of the society by attending both these conferences this spring and also gain some new members.

c. Additional conferences/meetings: We had a lively discussion of other conferences our members could attend. This resulted in suggestions of several upcoming conferences, including the Annual Pecos Conference, Pecos, New Mexico (very good for catching up on the latest in SW archaeology) and the Annual Society for American Archaeology 2018 meeting in Albuquerque. Tony suggested meeting in before or after the 2018 SAA meeting and offered to meet with SSA officials to see about the possibility of a joint effort with SAA.

Discussion Items:

1. An eclipse of the sun will take place this year across the U.S. from Oregon to Georgia on 21 August. (http://www.eclipse2017.org/2017/path_through_the_US.htm). This is of great public interest and something that members might want to study up on it and possibly make presentations. One suggestion was to offer a show at the Sunflower Theatre in Cortez.

2. Ric reported on the SCAAS workshop he is organizing for October or November in Tempe. It is coming along nicely. Resources in the Math and Geospatial Center at Arizona State are excellent. We should have access to numerous data sets and free software. He plans to offer training on QGIS and other open source software. Outreach to other organizations to join the workshop was discussed, though cautions were sounded about not getting too large (> 25 people) in order to make it manageable. Ric didn't have a cost estimate for the workshop. There are numerous places to stay in the area.
3. Officer e-mail accounts and duties—We need someone to take this on.
4. Publication Committee Update: Greg reported that we have received 10 paper submissions and expect to receive up to eight more in the near future.
5. Website improvements—Need someone to take this on, beyond Chris Dombroski.
6. Fundraising priorities and processes—Need to raise funds for the publication. Not much progress yet, though the intention is to seek some initial funding from the Balantine Foundation.
 - a. Status of fundraising prospectus – Tony reported that he and Beth have a draft prospectus in preparation which will be circulated in the near future.
7. New business—A question was raised re the need and costs for Board liability insurance. Will be taken up in the April Board Meeting.

A **Motion** was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:00PM. The motion was approved.

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Minutes submitted by:

Ray Williamson and Greg Munson
SCAAS Secretary
May 21, 2017

Minutes certified by:

Bryan C. Bates
SCAAS President
May 22, 2017