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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Saturday, December 5, 2015**

Present: President Gregory Munson; Vice-President Tony Hull; Secretary Coni McCall; Kim Malville, Bryan Bates, Andy Munro, and Ric Alling. Absent: Ken Zoll.

The Meeting was called to order by the President at 9:02 am. Tony Hull was asked to moderate the meeting to keep the time to an hour or less.

***Action Items:***

1. Approval of minutes from 1/11/2015 board meeting, made available to all before the meeting. Kim Malville moved to approve the minutes, Tony Hull seconded, and all agreed by saying “aye.”

***Discussion Items:***

1. SCAAS Membership Review Report by Greg Munson
  - a. As of this time, we have 45 active members, losing about five after the 2014 conference. All of the members sent renewal notices to date have renewed including all the Founder Members. This represents a good level of commitment to the Society by its members.
  - b. Ray Williamson, has joined the Society as the last Founder level member. It was moved and seconded to approve Ray eligible for service on the Board of Directors. The vote was unanimous.
  - c. Ken Zoll had signed on to be Treasurer for one year, ending in June of this year. He cannot continue in the office due to commitments at the Verde Valley Archaeology Center. Greg Munson said we need nominations for Treasurer, Coni McCall respectfully declined when asked. This discussion was tabled pending nominations or volunteers.

2. <u>Treasurer’s Report</u>	Report by Greg Munson
SCAAS General Fund	\$3,191.23
Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund	<u>\$5,330.63</u>
Total	\$8,521.86

A full year-end report with annual income and expenses will be prepared and submitted.

3. SCAAS Website

Report by Greg Munson

- a. Modifying the website is somewhat complicated and includes a membership and event database and management system. Coni McCall volunteered to help keep up the website and to help create and maintain a Facebook presence. Board members expressed appreciation.

4. Native peoples involvement in SCAAS

- a. There is an interest among the membership to have more Native American involvement in the Society. It was expressed by the board members that there are a number of resources that we can contact including professionals at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, regional Native American conferences, and Native American studies programs at universities in the Southwest.

It was also expressed that we must be sensitive to Native American concerns in this process. We need to listen to their voices to get them involved and conduct outreach to Native American academic scholars, tribal elders, and students. We must also include indigenous cultures, past and present, throughout the Southwest and Mesoamerica.

Ric Alling agreed to head a Native American Resources Committee to address this need in the Society. Bryan Bates volunteered to assist him on this committee.

5. Journal of Skyscape Archaeology

- a. Kim Malville is on the editorial board of this new journal. There are no page charges, the pictures are in color, an internet subscription is \$68 and a paper copy is \$89. There are 11 archaeologists on board, as well as astronomers. The Journal will be publicized with our members and it should be considered for future publications by our Society and its members. More information is available on their website at <https://journals.equinoxpub.com/index.php/JSA/index>.

6. SCAAS 2016 Conference

- a. Greg Munson looked at facilities at Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in Cortez, CO and found the following. There are two conference rooms, one holding 75 and one holding about 100. Greg said the facility is available September - late October, after the programs have finished for the season. Lodging is available in Hogans that sleep six and smaller student dorms. Camping is available. Costs for facilities, lodging and meals were reviewed and found to be very reasonable.

It was suggested that two conference organizing committees be established, a local organizing committee and a scientific organizing committee. Greg Munson offered to head the local and asked Tony Hull to lead the scientific organizing committee. Ray Williamson, Bryan Bates and Andy Munro have expressed an interest in assisting in conference organization. These committees and their membership will be delineated in future meetings. Greg Munson will be in contact with Crow

Canyon to reserve conference dates. SEAC is holding their conference in Bath, England Sept. 12-16, 2016 so those dates should be avoided.

It was agreed by all that this conference will focus more on invited papers and it will maintain high academic and scholarly standards. It was suggested that we pay travel and lodging costs for one or two invited speakers. Archaeologists and other prominent speakers may be persuaded to attend if they were sponsored for the event.

A motion to end the meeting was made by Bryan Bates. Tony Hull seconded the motion. All indicated approval by "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 am.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Coni McCall  
Secretary, SCAAS

Greg Munson  
President, SCAAS