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Minutes of a Meeting of the General Membership October 28, 2016

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center – Cortez, CO

In accordance with the By-Laws of the Society for Cultural Astronomy in the American Southwest, Inc. a General Meeting of the membership was convened by Greg Munson, President of the corporation, at 1:00PM. By a show of hands it was determined that 36 members being present a quorum was established and the meeting proceeded.

Discussion Items:

1. **Organizational Summary** – Greg Munson provided a summary of membership. The Society currently has 69 active members. This is the highest in the organization's history. We have 20 Founder members, 5 Full members, 42 Regular members and 2 Student members.
2. **Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund** – Tony Hull and Beth Jewell provided a history of the Fund and a short biography of Carol Ambruster, the fund's namesake. The principal goal of the fund is to provide assistance to researchers and speakers focusing on the Native American community and to support research in the field of cultural astronomy. Like our 2014 conference, this conference featured a silent auction to benefit the fund and raised \$1,040.00.
3. **2016 Conference Finances** – The conference was attended by 36 members and 15 nonmembers of which nine were sponsored Native American participants. Total revenue for the conference was \$6,795.05 and expenditures were \$8,287.65 resulting in a deficit of \$1,492.60. The origin of the deficit is principally lodging, registration and dinner expense fee waivers granted to our Native American participants totaling \$1,289.00 and was paid by contributions to the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund. The remaining deficit of \$203.60 was paid by the SCAAS general operating fund. A SCAAS 2016 year-end financial statement including a conference income/expense statement will be posted on the Administrative page of our website.
4. **Board of Directors Election** – The slate of nominees presented to the membership and recommended for election to the SCAAS Board of Directors is Ric Alling, Bryan Bates, Chris Dombrowski, Tony Hull, Elizabeth Jewell, Greg Munson, and Ray Williamson. A Motion was made and seconded from the floor to elect the Board of Directors as recommended. The Motion was approved unanimously by popular acclaim. Greg Munson tendered his resignation as President of the Society. It was announced that the new officers of the corporation would be: Bryan Bates – President, Tony Hull – Vice President, Ric Alling – Treasurer and Ray Williamson – Secretary.

5. **Future Direction and Activities of the Society** – Bryan Bates has been working on a *Visioning* process for future development of the Society. Key elements of the process are increasing member participation in the goals and operation of the Society and developing an ongoing dialog between cultural astronomers, Native Americans, archaeologists and anthropologists. He anticipates accomplishing this objective by instituting a *Visioning* committee made up of noted anthropologists joined by a Native American Advisory Council. Ideas for increased participation by the membership could be derived through a discussion forum on our website.

6. **SCAAS Lifetime Achievement Award** – Von Del chamberlain was awarded the SCAAS Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the fields of anthropology and cultural astronomy. An engraved crystal trophy was presented with a check for \$300.00 from the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund. In his true spirit of generosity, Von Del donated the check back to the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund and donated an additional \$100.00 in cash. We thank Von Del for his many years of academic service and contributions to this Society.

Certified by:

Bryan Bates – SCAAS President
December 1, 2016

Ray Williamson – SCAAS Secretary