

**NCAS BOD MEETING  
PULLEN PARK  
12 OCT 2019  
10:00 A.M.**

*Attendance: LCM, Petersen, and Bailey. At 10:40 Fitts, Cranford and Krizmanich arrived to make a quorum. Absent: Costa, Lapham, Davis, Daniel, Bell, McArdle and Smith*

*Guests: Charles Ewen and Randy Daniel from ECU and three of their students. One student from Wake Tech Community College also stopped in for a visit (Beaman student). Brian Overton stopped by.*

Petersen (rotating in as President) called the meeting to order at 10:00 but since a quorum was not in attendance we began informal discussions. Potential new board member Celeste Purvis stopped by to meet the BOD members but could not stay longer.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS:**

Petersen began the discussion by noting the very low attendance of the BOD meeting and attributed it to overall miscommunication due to members not receiving their newsletters electronically (which also included the ballots). LCM noted that several messages had been received from other BOD members wishing to cast a vote but had not received either. She suggested that from henceforth we send ballots separately and not combine it with the newsletter mail-outs. Petersen said he'd like to see us use electronic balloting in the future (e.g. using SurveyMonkey software). LCM also noted that membership renewals apparently never happened during this most recent transition of the membership database handoff. This is reflected low membership numbers for several reasons. Petersen asked who typically does the reminder notice to the membership, who maintains the records and contacts for that, is there another POC or the treasurer? We discussed how this needs to be reviewed and fixed asap.

Petersen noted that an organization is only as healthy as its communication and the NCAS clearly needs improvement in this realm.

At 10:40, BOD members Cranford, Fitts, and Krizmanich arrived to create a quorum so formal business continued. Cranford proposed New Business re: a potential partnership for the OSA to join with NCAS and Town Creek Indian Mound SHS to host public digs on site and make it a seasonable and/or multi-day event. Cranford pointed out that most of our membership wishes to be actively engaged in archaeology and enjoy and "experience" by helping to dig on a site. The OSA vision would be for people to sign up to participate in the field and then return to the OSA lab to help process the artifacts, making it a full cycle experience. LCM mentioned that the NCAS and the RLA-UNC in partnership with TCSHS had previously done such day-digs on site and it was successful. She mentioned that agreement would need to be in place re: collections management, long-term and short-term. This was exciting news and the BOD agreed to further explore the possibility of such partnerships.

Petersen also mentioned that he'd like to explore the doing pod casts on some media network to advertise the NCAS and what we do. Bailey recommended that we also solicit the NCAS membership to gain more input and ideas about events, venues and activities they would like to explore. LCM

mentioned that about 6 years ago we initiated group tours at the request of our membership and we did three, one to the mountains, one in the piedmont and then one in the NE region of the state. Those were also successful. Petersen mentioned that Bell stated in the previous BOD meeting he'd like to explore opportunities and venue to engage the NCAS membership with Native American communities, as partners in archaeology. LCM mentioned that Town Creek Indian Mound SHS also hosts seasonal pow-wows and that might be a good location to seek partnerships with Native American groups.

#### **REPORTS:**

Finally, the BOD minutes from the August 18, 2019 meeting were distributed, reviewed and discussed. As there were no corrections to address, Cranford made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Fitts and approved by the BOD present.

Fitts then presented a brief treasurer's report and updated the costs of the fall meeting. Receipts for the cookies (LCM) and stickers (Bailey) were passed on to the treasurer for reimbursement. As the meeting was also intended to celebrate the NCAS 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary, special cookies and stickers and balloons were brought to pass out to the public. After review, a vote was taken to approve the treasurer's report, made by Bailey, seconded by Cranford and approved by the BOD present.

LCM reviewed the final count for the election results and ask for any votes present. Ewen and Daniel and two others voted then. LCM presented the final count and the new at large BOD members are Nicholas Henderson and Celeste Purvis, the new president-elect is Emily Nisch, the new editor is David Cranford, and the associate editor is Paul Mohler. Petersen will send thank you notes to those BOD members leaving and welcome letters to the new arrivals.

LCM then explained the history and purpose do the Whitey Graham Endowment and how to apply for it and submit an RFP. Total award is now at \$500 for the approved application.

There was some general discussion about the draft brochure and how to get that project completed in the near future. Petersen will work with Beaman to get the NCAS files of the draft layout and content.

Petersen adjourned the BOD meeting at noon to join the fall meeting festivities for Archaeology Day.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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