

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors  
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences  
September 16, 2016 – Denver Coliseum

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 8:35 AM in the conference room of the Denver Coliseum.

Board Members Present included:

1. Sandy Ludlum – Secretary
2. George Winters – Administrative Director
3. Craig Kissick – Board Member
4. Brook Ricard – Board Member
5. Ed Rigel – Vice President
6. Aaron Miller – Board Member
7. John Issa –President
8. Rick Hebden – Board Member
9. Neal Larson – Past President
10. Ylnan Wang – Board Member
11. Jane Murray - Treasurer

Guests Present

1. Bill Murray

The minutes of the last board and general meetings were read by secretary Sandy Ludlum and approved. They may also be found on the AAPS website.

The Treasurers report with comments was read by Treasurer Jane Murray.

### Treasurer's Report

Well it has been a year now since we got our finances in order. Happily, the bank statements are getting easier to reconcile with improved access to receipts & invoices (through drop box) and procedures in place for their recording in Quick Books.

1. Our cash in the bank as of the end of August 2016 = \$ 42,239
2. Income through September 7, 2016 = \$ 21,949 (Ads = \$ 7,105; Auction=\$ 9,934; Banquet=\$ 9,930)
3. Expenses through September 7, 2016 = \$ 35,733 (Banquet=\$ 4,310; Director=\$ 13,935; Show Guide=\$ 10,593, Meeting Travel=\$ 3,262)
4. Net LOSS through September 7, 2016 = \$ 13,784

## Director's Report

- a) The new brochures/applications are finished and are available from George in whatever numbers you need. A large thanks to Craig Kissick and Heritage Auction House for printing the color brochures.
- b) Notices have been sent out to all past due members. Some re-upped but most chose to drop out rather than pay.
- c) The results of the election of officers at the February General meeting have been posted on the web site.
- d) Banquet and Auction: For this year we will have (need) additional persons at checkout, a more organized checkout system and we will be able to accept credit cards.
- e) Our auction donations have been less robust than in the past. Volunteers are needed to canvas for donations at the various hotels.

## Scholarship Committee

We need applicants, so if you know any students who would qualify give them a brochure which describes our grants and scholarships. Also pass them out to any university profs. that you know.

## Youth Fossils

Gary was unable to attend the Denver show but has passed out a large number of fossil bags in Wyoming and the Dakotas and is now in need of small pieces of Amber, Crinoid Stems, and Petrified Wood.

## Old Business

There was no old business to discuss.

## New Business

- a) George has instituted a new membership contest. Any member in current standing may enter the contest by writing their name in the upper right hand corner of the application for membership of a new member. The member responsible for the most completed and paid new members will receive either a one year's paid membership or 2 free banquet tickets. Details in the newsletter.
- b) George Winters moved that we have an Exchange Membership with other groups (for example WIPS) which would enable their members to join AAPS for \$10 annually. Presumably the other organization would offer reduced dues membership to their organization for our members. The motion was seconded by Craig Kissick. It was discussed and will be brought up at the general membership meeting.
- c) Our guest speaker for the 2017 Tucson Show will be **Mike Everhart** of the Sternberg Museum and his Oceans of Kansas website and book. He hopes to have a new book out for the Tucson show and if so, he will be available to sign it. The lecture will be held again at the YWCA on the Friday prior to the Auction.
- d) George moved that we propose Richard White, the retired Director of the International Wildlife Museum as an Honorary Member of our organization in recognition of his assistance in providing the museum facilities for our annual speaker event for many years. Seconded by Neal Larson.

- e) It was suggested that George pursue an Instagram page for AAPS. We currently have 800 followers on our Facebook page.
- f) Rick Hebdon stated that he wanted to put some collections into auction. He and George decided to discuss it further.
- g) CITES convention may add Mammoth and Mastodon material to a list of non-tradeable material. It is too late for comments to CITES. George is aware of this and will keep us informed through the newsletter.

## Bylaw Proposals

Three separate bylaw proposals had been email to the membership and they are submitted here for the approval of the board to bring them to a vote at the Membership meeting later this evening.

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### ARTICLE V. FUNCTIONS

#### C. Election of Officers

~~6) Nominees for each office shall be limited to no more than one third the number of Members represented at the Annual Meeting.~~ **Nominations for all Officer and Board positions will be accepted until the third Saturday of January and may be submitted either by phone, in writing or by email to the Administrative Director.**

**7) Only nominations for a position that are accepted by the nominee will be included in the ballot.**

~~7 8) Members running for and holding office must be current with their annual membership dues.~~

### ARTICLE VIII. PROVISIONS FOR AMENDMENTS

Proposed amendments to these Bylaws must be submitted in writing to the Members at least two months prior to the Denver or Tucson Annual Meeting. Amendments must be approved by at least a two thirds vote of all Members **in attendance and Voting.**

### ARTICLE V. FUNCTIONS

#### A. Meetings

1) The Annual Meeting shall be held in conjunction with the Tucson Gem and Mineral Shows, held in February of each year. **The mid-year meeting will be held in conjunction with the Denver Shows during September/October of each year.**

2) Special Meetings may be called at any time by two or more officers.

3) Notification of official meetings shall be made in writing or by email at least two weeks prior to meeting date.

4) Executive Board meetings shall be held as frequently as is required to carry out the activities and objectives of the Association.

5) Incurment of Income. No officer of AAPS shall take a wage for the execution of duties relating to the position of said officer. With exception that the Treasurer may receive a stipend approved by the executive board for data entry responsibilities during shows and monthly to balance the AAPS Financial Records.

The Board voted to approve all three Bylaw Proposals be brought to the floor this evening for a vote of the membership.

A motion for adjournment was made by Neal Larson and seconded by Craig Kissick.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Ludlam