

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

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 6:30 PM in the conference room of the Denver Coliseum.

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. Yinan Wang – Board Member
11. Jane Murray – Treasurer
12. Kirby Siber
13. Bill Murray
14. Thomas Lindgren
15. Tom Caggiano
16. Lee Caggiano
17. Christine Perner
18. Stefan Perner
19. Annette Rigel
20. Craig Nesbitt
21. Libby Prueher
22. Tracie Bennitt
23. John Bennitt
24. Terry Zunder
25. Rick Hebden
26. Becky Boyce
27. Japeth Boyce
28. Rick Hager
29. Lisa Hagar
30. Lowell Carhart.
31. Bill Murray

Guests Present

1. Elizabeth Winters
2. Rachel Miller

The minutes of the morning's board and February's general membership 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

## Committee Reports

### Directors Report- George Winters

#### Banquet and Auction

- a. George Winters discussed the new and organized manner for registering attendees and collecting charges as well as distributing packets to paid members. Detailed information can be found on the website.
- b. The auction will again be in two parts – a silent auction and a live auction. Because we must be out of the building by 10:00 PM we will be limiting the live auction to around 30 items and expect to finish the auction by 9:15. The silent auction will comprise a much larger portion of the auction. We will take a short break after auctioning off the lab coat during which time we will end the silent auction.
- c. George has devised a more efficient (and faster) check out system. This system will require additional volunteers to implement it.
- d. **We will be able to take Credit Cards this year.**
- e. Our auction donations have been less robust than in the past. Volunteers are needed to canvas for donations at the various hotels. George stated that it was imperative that we get out and canvas the hotels for donations for the auction. He would like volunteers, if even for a limited time. The auction revenues have been decreasing recently which is reflected in the decreased number and quality of specimens donated.
- f. **Cites and Fossil Ivory** - George gave a review of some possible changes in the CITES regulations that may affect us as well as a report on the current state of the Fossil Ivory Legislation. Please read these updates on the website as they are important to us all.

### Publication Committee

There are two articles ready to go in our on-line Journal. Other articles are solicited and it is recommended that we should read the articles in the Journal.

### Publicity Committee - George Winters

The Brochure/ Membership application is finished and they were made available to members present to deliver to customers and other prospective members. They are available to all from George Winters.

We owe a debt of thanks to Craig Kissick and Heritage Auctions for helping with the design and printing of this brochure.

There is also a contest going on for the member who signs up the most **new** members before the next meeting. Just place your name in the upper right corner of the application. The winner receives either a 1 year's free membership or 2 free tickets to the banquet.

### Scholarship Committee – Neal Larson

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 Committee

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

### Tucson Guest Speaker Announced

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.

### Honorary Membership

George Winters 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. Passed by acclamation.

### Reciprocal or Exchange Membership

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 passed by acclamation.

### By-Law Change Proposals

Three by-law changes were presented to the membership at the meeting and all 3 passed. The complete wordings of the amendments follow;

#### **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.**

**A motion for adjournment was made by Neal Larson and seconded by just about everybody.**

**Meeting Adjourned @ 7:25 P.M.**