

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors  
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences  
February 2, 2018 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President John Issa at 7:35 AM in the restaurant of the Hotel Tucson City Center.

Board Members Present included:

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

Others Present

1. Bill Murray - Guest
2. Karen Taylor - Guest

The minutes of the last board and general meetings (Denver 2017) were read by secretary Sandy Ludlum and approved.

[The Treasurers report](#) with comments was read by Treasurer Jane Murray. In 2016 we showed a slight loss and implemented some budget restraints which led to a slight net income which essentially balanced out the net loss from last year. Our accounts show a balance of \$44,684.00.

The full Profit and Loss statement follows:

A.A.P.S.  
Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison  
January through December 2017

	Jan - Dec 17	Jan - Dec 16	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
Advertising Income	17,645.00	19,750.00	-2,105.00	-10.7%
Auction Income	13,059.00	9,394.00	3,665.00	39.0%
Donation Income	110.00	65.00	45.00	69.2%
Grants & Scholarships	1,000.00	275.00	725.00	263.6%
Other Types of Income	0.00	10.00	-10.00	-100.0%
Program Income				
Banquet Income	3,542.76	3,930.00	-387.24	-9.9%
Membership Dues	9,565.00	9,335.00	230.00	2.5%
Total Program Income	13,107.76	13,265.00	-157.24	-1.2%
Total Income	44,921.76	42,759.00	2,162.76	5.1%
Gross Profit	44,921.76	42,759.00	2,162.76	5.1%
<b>Expense</b>				
Advertising	0.00	110.00	-110.00	-100.0%
Annual Board Meeting & Banquet				
Barnders	347.38	4,309.98	-3,962.60	-91.9%
Dinner Expense	3,775.32	0.00	3,775.32	100.0%
Guest Speaker	256.74	0.00	256.74	100.0%
Total Annual Board Meeting & Banquet	4,379.44	4,309.98	69.46	1.6%
Awards and Grants				
Dan Rigel Memorial Ed. Grant	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	100.0%
James R Welch Scholarship	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-100.0%
Medals	83.15	0.00	83.15	100.0%
Total Awards and Grants	1,083.15	1,000.00	83.15	8.3%
Bad Debt	15.00	0.00	15.00	100.0%
Bank Fees	268.77	120.48	148.29	123.1%
Computer				
Software	1,035.28	888.75	146.53	16.5%
Total Computer	1,035.28	888.75	146.53	16.5%
Contract Services				
Accounting Fees	151.50	0.00	151.50	100.0%
Outside Contract Services	0.00	104.79	-104.79	-100.0%
Stone Jungle/George Winters	19,365.00	20,880.00	-1,515.00	-7.3%
Total Contract Services	19,516.50	20,984.79	-1,468.29	-7.0%
Equipment, Office	176.39	110.02	66.37	60.3%
Miscellaneous	0.00	92.00	-92.00	-100.0%

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Operations				
Books, Subscriptions, Reference	0 00	90 00	-90 00	-100 0%
Printing and Copying	600 12	483 29	116 83	24 2%
Supplies	283 53	478 59	-195 06	-40 8%
Telephone, Telecommunications	120 00	270 00	-150 00	-55 6%
<b>Total Operations</b>	<b>1,003 65</b>	<b>1,321 88</b>	<b>-318 23</b>	<b>-24 1%</b>
Postage & Delivery	197 89	425 14	-227 25	-53 5%
Show Fees	280 00	310 00	-30 00	-9 7%
Show Guide	10,357 66	11,243 09	-885 43	-7 9%
Travel and Meetings				
Travel				
Air-Fare	699 00	1,487 65	-788 65	-53 0%
Car Rental	774 96	497 33	277 63	55 8%
Fuel	73 13	59 60	13 53	22 7%
Lodging	1,294 49	2,614 86	-1,320 37	-50 5%
Meals	244 73	297 76	-53 03	-17 8%
<b>Total Travel</b>	<b>3,086 31</b>	<b>4,957 20</b>	<b>-1,870 89</b>	<b>-37 7%</b>
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Website	131 88	334 68	-202 80	-60 6%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>41,531 92</b>	<b>46,208 01</b>	<b>-4,676 09</b>	<b>-10 1%</b>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<b>3,389 84</b>	<b>-3,449 01</b>	<b>6,838 85</b>	<b>198 3%</b>
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## Administrative Director's Reports – George Winters

George presented an extensive director's report which is included below. We are now running as an organized organization with transparency thanks to the work of George and Jane.

### Administrative Director's Report

#### Fossil Ivory Update:

After I completed the article for the Guide, I learned late in December, that Nevada had passed Ivory legislation, S.B. 194 which went into effect on January 1 and includes restrictions on the sale of any part of extinct Mammoth, including teeth, skin and bones. Nevada has become the 6<sup>th</sup> state to ban the sale or purchase of Fossil Ivory and Mammoth material. Bills in Arizona and Colorado have not been resubmitted and there is no movement on those legislations.

The planned action in California to repeal the current law has not proceeded, and that law is still active.

#### Publication Committee:

Paul and I completed the 2018 AAPS guide and after selling nearly \$18,000.00 in advertisement, with the approval of the board, we increased the run to 15,000 copies. The article on the AAPS advocate was included, and we will continue this in future issues. In addition to the locations where the guide has been available, this year we received permission to distribute at the Tucson Convention Center during the AGTA and Tucson Gem and Mineral Society shows.

#### AAPS Records:

Improvements on record keeping continues to evolve. Since last year, all correspondence, bank statements, deposits, invoices, receipts, credit card payment records, PayPal transaction records, membership applications and membership records are stored in a Dropbox file accessible by the president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Original copies of all bank records are filed monthly and reviewed by Treasurer Jane Murray before entering the records into QuickBooks and reconciling the check register.

All membership applications continue to be reviewed by the board and approved before membership cards are mailed.

#### 2018 Elections:

Nominations were opened for the following officers and board members that are up for reelection. Any member of AAPS in Good Standing can accept a nomination, or nominate themselves if they would like to run for an office. Notice of the upcoming election was sent out in our last two newsletters. If a member has accepted a nomination, it is noted and they are on the Ballot;

John Issa, President, accepted nomination

Jane Murray, Treasurer, accepted nomination

George Ast, Board Position accepted nomination Richard Hagar, nominated, but no response

Blanch Farrar, nominated, refused nomination

Tom Caggiano, nominated, accepted

Gary Olsen, Board Member, refused nomination

Yinan Wang, Board Member, accepted nomination

Brook Ricard, Board Member, accepted nomination

Kirby Siber, Board Member, accepted nomination

Report on NPS Casual Collecting I was hoping to give you a more formal update on PRPA departmental rulemaking before the AAPS meeting, but the federal government shut down has forced me to give you a more abbreviated one for now. We don't have a lot to report, but we are moving forward on writing a final rule. We are working to either heavily revise the casual collection portion, or else omit it for now and return to it later. Either way, more than 80% of the 1600 comments we received on the proposed rule dealt with casual collection and there is a strong consensus that there needs to be a more avocational-friendly approach to the section on casual collection. I'm sorry I don't have more details now, but many of your members (AAPS) submitted very helpful letters and we are considering all of them.

Also. A couple of us are hosting a short course at SVP in Albuquerque next fall (October 16, 2018) on ethics and field paleontology. Part of the discussion will center around the contribution of avocational paleontologists to scientific discoveries. I would like to invite AAPS to send a representative to participate in the workshop and discussion. Please contact me directly (after the federal government shut down is over) to discuss details. Please forward this information as appropriate. — Scott Foss

## Annual Meeting

During my meeting with the event planner at the Student Union, I was informed that our alcohol use permit had been rejected for 2018 because someone brought in airline bottles of alcohol and was mixing drinks at one of the tables. I had to meet with the unit's administrator, and she agreed to approve the application for our cash bar, but put us on notice, if this happens during this year's dinner, AAPS will not be welcomed back.

For the 2018 meeting, we have done away with the membership packets to save money. Dues Cards and Ballots will be available at the registration table during the meeting. Brook Ricard accepted the responsibility to manage the payment tables during the dinner/auction and will explain during our meeting exactly what she needs during the event.

Auction Donations — Donations are down again this year. And we need more help at the shows to collect donations.

Web Sites — Both the AAPS and Journal websites are updated weekly as needed. I continue to research state legislative sites for additional information that will affect our members. Information is shared in the newsletters and on our AAPS Facebook page.

## Old Business

### A. Youth Fossils

- a. Gary Olsen again asked for the donation of large quantities of small fossils such as crinoid stems, small shark teeth, petrified wood chips, and small invertebrates.

### B. Banquet

- a. Brooke reported on the changes in the organization of ticket sales and changes in the receiving of payment for auction items.

### C. Scholarships and Grants

- a. Neal reported that we had:
- b. 2 applications for the Dan Rigel Memorial Education Grant,
- c. 1 application for the Rene Vandervelde Research Grant
- d. 1 application for the James R. Welch Scholarship.

D.

## New Business

### A. SVP annual meeting

- a. It was suggested that we should have a representative at the meeting. John Issa and Canada Fossils will be leading a field trip to their ammonite locality.

**Neal Larson moved that the meeting be adjourned and seconded by Jane Murray. The motion was passed by acclamation.**

**President Issa closed the meeting at 8:13 A.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary