

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences
February 2, 2023 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Kissick at 7:25 AM at Denny's Restaurant on South Freeway Drive.

Board Members Present included:

1. Sandy Ludlum – Secretary
2. George Winters – Administrative Director
3. Craig Kissick – President
4. John Issa – Past President
5. Neal Larson – Vice President
6. Tom Caggiano – Board Member
7. George Ast – Board Member

The following members were also present:

1. Andre Lujan – Incoming President
2. Alex Ruger – Incoming Board Member
3. Tracie Bennit – Incoming Treasurer

The minutes of the most recent Board Meeting (Zoom December 15, 2022) were presented in writing by Secretary Sandy Ludlum and approved by acclamation.

Administrative Director's Report
AAPS Board Meeting
February 2, 2023

Publication Committee:

Paul and I completed the 2023 AAPS guide in record time this year so that we could meet the new submission deadline set by the printer. We included an article on the AAPS advocate who this year was Luke Larson and Larson Paleontology. The articles are also posted on the AAPS website. We lost several full-page ads this year and hope to replace them next year if the guide is to continue. Happily, I can report that the Guides were delivered to the Tucson International Airport by Tuesday January 24th and are available at the *Welcome to Tucson* tables and booths. This is due in no small part to the cooperation of Michelle Bonita of Arizona Lithographers.

I will also add, that the AAPS Guide is the only guide with an accurate dealer listing, due to the fact we did a final editing nearly 2 weeks after the other guides went to press.

Membership Placards:

I resurrected the membership placards that were designed by John Issa and Canada Fossils back in 2014. I posted samples in a number of newsletters this year and encouraged business members to obtain one to display during the 2023 Tucson Shows. A dozen business members responded and ordered at least one placard. I created a number of other placards for prominent members that I purchased as a gift and presented them before the show started.

The placards are part of a membership campaign for 2023, with each placard, I delivered a dozen sponsored membership applications with instructions to sign up as many new members as possible. The AAPS member that signs up the most new members before October 2023 will receive two free dinners at our 2024 annual meeting in Tucson (or renew your membership for an additional year). If there is a tie, a drawing will be held during our 2024 annual meeting in Tucson to select the winner. Additionally, all members that sponsor at least 5 new members will be put in a drawing for a free paid dinner at the 2024 meeting/dinner. The drawing should take place before the start of the 2024 shows.

Alex Ruger at BHIGR was the first to respond by signing up 8 members the day after the newsletter was sent.

AAPS Records:

All correspondence, bank statements, deposits, invoices, receipts, credit card payment records, PayPal transaction records, membership applications, membership records and the records generated by our annual meeting and auction are stored in a Dropbox file accessible by the president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer. Original copies of all bank records are filed monthly, before reconciling the check register. Hard copies of all AAPS bank, tax and historical records are stored at my home in Logan Utah at 96 E 700 S.

All membership applications continue to be sent to the board members to be reviewed before membership is approved and the membership packets are mailed. I'm recommending that from now on, we require a response from all Board Members whether they accept or reject a member application within 5 days of receiving the application to review.

The membership packets include a welcome letter, photo scale or decal, and a membership pin. A membership card is sent when the new batch of cards are printed, usually within two months.

2023 Elections:

Nominations were opened for the following officers and board members that are up for re-election. 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 were on the Ballot.

President, Andre LuJan, PaleoTex nominated and accepted.
Treasurer, Tracie Bennitt, PaleoBond nominated and accepted.

The following members were nominated for one of the four vacant board positions, all accepted their nominations.

1. John Issa, Korite International
2. Mark Agostini, Brown University, Providence, RI
3. Tom Caggiano, Lost World Fossil
4. Alex Ruger, Black Hills Institute

Results of the 2023 Annual Election

This year we used eBallot for both our annual election of officers and to select awardees for the James C Welch Scholarship.

Only 56 members voted, another 16 looked at the ballot but did not vote (eBallot records, see Appendix B).

President – Andre LuJan.

Treasurer – Tracie Bennitt;

The Board Members elected for a two-year term,

1. Mark Agostini
2. Tom Caggiano
3. John Issa
4. Alex Ruger

2023 Grant and Scholarship Ballot Results:

The awardees of the 2023 Grants, Scholarships and Awards (64 Votes Total See Appendix A),

René M. Vandervelde Research Grant, Neil H. Landman (33% of the votes, 21), J. Kirk Cochran (30% of the Votes 19), Joshua S. Slattery (25% of the Votes, 16), Trevor H. Rempert (13% of the votes, 8).

A. Allen Graffham Paleontology Research Grant, Brennan P. Martens (70% of the votes, 45), Trevor H. Rempert (30% of the Vote, 19)

William H. Mason III Preparators' Grant. Janusz Kucharski (elected by the AAPS Board)

James R. Welch Scholarship, Cariad Williams (64% of the votes, 41), Trevor H. Rempert (36% of the votes, 23)

Charles H. Sternberg Medal, David Kronen, posthumously and Rick Hebdon
Gita Kronen will be in attendance to receive the award during the annual meeting.

Banquet Tickets

The tickets were printed by Arizona Lithographers this year, and the file for the tickets is now maintained in the AAPS office. During the shows, each of the volunteers received a supply of tickets and a sheet to record the name and contact information of those buying tickets. They were also given a bank bag and \$100.00 change to get them started. All dinner orders need to be communicated to me by Wednesday February 1st when I need to place the order with Arizona Catering. I will collect all the volunteer sheets by the 1st and will have several board members verify the count before it is placed. We ordered 5 extra meals to be safe.

Cash Bar

This year, the University and Arizona Catering is providing the Cash Bar. The AAPS Officers and Board members participated in both the menu and bar selection.

Annual Meeting

The registration table will be inside the entrance to the North Ballroom. I will man the auction registration table inside the door and collect dues inside if offered. I will also help to collect payments this year to speed up the check out, we need to be out of the hall by 10:00 p.m. and clear the loading dock before 10:30 pm. Dues Cards not paid for, are available at the AAPS Booth at the Fossil Mineral Marketplace and the registration table during the meeting.

Annual Meeting Location

We continue a suitable new location for our annual meeting. If anyone has suggestions, please share them. Every place we have reviewed either does not allow alcohol, cannot accommodate over 150 people, does not have suitable parking or is too far from the concentration of shows.

Once again, the University of Arizona changed their policy, and are requiring us to have a meal count in a week in advance. This is impossible for us, as many of our members fly in on the Wednesday days before the meeting.

I did book the ballroom for the 2024 show on Saturday February 6th, the date is confirmed but we can back out if we find a better location.

Auction Donations – Once again, Heritage Auctions will host an online live auction for AAPS. Items collected for the annual auction will be screened by Craig Kissick who will select which items to place in their auction. We need more help at the shows to collect donations and hope members will provide items for the Heritage Auction.

Newsletters

We continue to use Constant Contact to send out the newsletter and special notices. Newsletters are sent out to all the members every 5 weeks or sooner. We also send out periodic newsletter to non-members who have signed up for the service. When bounced emails are reported by Constant Contact, the member is contacted to obtain a new email address, or we try and work through the issues causing the bounced email. Approximately 70% of the membership regularly opens and reads the newsletter.

Web Sites – Both the AAPS and Journal websites are updated 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.

Proposals for Discussion

1. That AAPS create a new membership category, Non-profit Museum, for paleo and natural history museums that do not sell fossils but support Professional (commercial) Paleontology. Reduced rate of \$25.00.
2. That AAPS consider reducing the number of Board Members from 8 to 4.

Our Bylaws will have to be amended and the membership should have a say and ballot on the change

Respectfully Submitted
George F. Winters, Administrative Director

Appendix A
Members Who Voted, Grant and Scholarship Ballot

Only 64 of 298 Members voted, 13 Members viewed the ballot but did not vote.

mem04	John Issa
mem05	Neal Larson
mem06	Anthony Lindgren
mem07	Tom Caggiano
mem08	Sandy Ludlum
mem10	George Winters
mem102	Andreas Kerner
mem105	James Honert
mem11	Rick Hebdon
mem112	Michael Jackson
mem117	Joseph Kchodl
mem119	Craig Kissick
mem121	Jon Kramer
mem130	Jay Ladin
mem135	Luke Larson
mem138	Tom Lindgren
mem144	Andre Lujan
mem149	Linda McCall
mem150	Patrick McCarthy
mem155	Hassane Mhamdi
mem156	Jennifer Milani
mem158	Eric Miller
mem16	John Adamek
mem160	Douglas Miller
mem166	Craig Nesbit
mem173	Dusty Rhoads
mem187	Niall Stallings
mem194	Edward Rosenwasser
mem200	Brian Watkins
mem211	Walter Stein
mem214	Samuel Stubbs
mem22	Charles Ball
mem224	Dave Ehlert
mem229	Yinan Wang
mem242	Mark Agostini
mem244	Tracie Bennitt
mem252	Thomas Wiewandt
mem271	Peter Heaton

mem282	John Fox
mem286	Brian Buckmeier
mem288	Mark DuBois
mem291	Paul Freitag
mem294	Lauren McClain
mem295	Alan Simpson
mem299	Keely Sweeney
mem302	Christoph Kein
mem304	Mat Herrell
mem305	Seth Soronsen
mem32	Japheth Boyce
mem33	Becky Boyce
mem37	Amanda Cantrell
mem38	Lowell Carhart
mem44	Michael Coghlan
mem54	David Evans
mem59	Robert Farrar
mem61	Bruno Fectay
mem68	Barbara Fite
mem70	George Frandsen
mem76	Yale Goldman
mem79	Heather Grana
mem80	Colleen Grawburg
mem92	Mark Havenstein
mem93	Karen Havenstein
mem98	Thomas Hendershot

Appendix B
Members Who Voted, Election Ballot

Only 57 of 298 Members voted, 11 Members viewed the ballot but did not vote.

mem03 George Ast
mem05 Neal Larson
mem06 Anthony Lindgren
mem07 Tom Caggiano
mem08 Sandy Ludlum
mem09 Brook Ricard
mem10 George Winters
mem102 Andreas Kerner
mem105 James Honert
mem11 Rick Hebdon
mem110 Leven Jester
mem112 Michael Jackson
mem117 Joseph Kchodl
mem119 Craig Kissick
mem121 Jon Kramer
mem130 Jay Ladin
mem132 Peter Larson
mem135 Luke Larson
mem138 Tom Lindgren
mem144 Andre Lujan
mem149 Linda McCall
mem156 Jennifer Milani
mem158 Eric Miller
mem16 John Adamek
mem160 Douglas Miller
mem166 Craig Nesbit
mem173 Dusty Rhoads
mem194 Edward Rosenwasser
mem200 Brian Watkins
mem211 Walter Stein
mem22 Charles Ball
mem224 Dave Ehlert
mem229 Yinan Wang
mem237 Walton Wright
mem242 Mark Agostini
mem244 Tracie Bennitt
mem286 Brian Buckmeier

mem288 Mark DuBois
mem294 Lauren McClain
mem295 Alan Simpson
mem299 Keely Sweeney
mem304 Mat Herrell
mem305 Seth Soronsen
mem32 Japheth Boyce
mem33 Becky Boyce
mem37 Amanda Cantrell
mem38 Lowell Carhart
mem44 Michael Coghlan
mem54 David Evans
mem60 Blanche Farrar
mem68 Barbara Fite
mem70 George Frandsen
mem76 Yale Goldman
mem79 Heather Grana
mem80 Colleen Grawburg
mem92 Mark Havenstein
mem93 Karen Havenstein

Motion: Neal Larson moved that if 1/3 or more of the membership of the Board of Directors is present that would constitute a quorum. The motion was seconded by Tom Caggiano and passed by acclamation.

Motion: George Ast moved that the Administrative Directors hourly wage be raised to \$25.00 per hour. The motion was seconded by Neal Larson and passed by acclamation.

Motion: Tom Caggiano moved that the per diem rate for the Administrative Director be set at \$60.00 when attending the Tucson and Denver annual shows. The motion was seconded by Neal Larson and passed by acclamation.

Motion: Andre Lujon moved that the AAPS fund a scholarship for Paleo Artists and Scientific Illustrators honoring Greg Sweatt for the amount of \$1,000.00. The motion was seconded by George Ast and was passed by acclamation.

Discussion: A discussion was initiated by Tom Caggiano concerning an initiative by AAPS to pursue a closer affiliation between Museums and Commercial Collectors. This discussion will be ongoing.

Discussion: A dialogue ensued concerning the formation of an AAPS "Hall Of Fame" for members for exemplary service. Neal Larson and Tom Caggiano volunteered to spearhead the project.

Adjournment: Neal Larson moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by George Ast.

As there was no further business before the Board, President Kissick adjourned the meeting at 8:30 AM

Respectfully Submitted



Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary