

Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
The Association of Applied Paleontological Sciences
February 2, 2022 – Tucson, Arizona

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Kissick at 6:33 PM 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. Ed Rigel – Vice President
6. Neal Larson – Past President
7. Tom Caggiano – Board Member
8. George Ast – Board Member
9. Rick Rolater - Treasurer

The minutes of the last combined Board and General Membership meeting (Denver 2021) were read by Secretary Sandy Ludlum and approved by acclamation.

Treasurers Report - Rick Rolater

Rick stated that he had not yet found an acceptable investment for our funds so they will remain where they are. The advertising revenue is good and show a profit of \$9,000.

Administrative Director's Reports – George Winters

George presented an extensive director's report which is attached below. We are continuing to operate as an organized organization with transparency thanks to the continued work of George and the Officers.

Membership - George

We have added 36 new members.

Election Results - George

Vice President - Neal Larson

Secretary - Sandy Ludlum

Board Members 2-year term

1. Anthony Lindgren
2. Amanda Cantrell
3. Japheth Boyce
4. Walter Stein

Board member to fill remaining year of Neal Larson's term - Luke Larson.

The Board thanked Ed Rigel for his service as Vice President and for his continued support for AAPS over the years

The board approved by acclamation for the requested award of \$1,400.00 for the William Mason III Preparators Grant.

Neal Larson moved that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Tom Caggiano.

The motion was passed by acclamation.

President Kissick adjourned the meeting at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathaniel Ludlum", is written over the typed name.

Nathaniel 'Sandy' Ludlum, Secretary

Administrative Director's Report
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Publication Committee:

Paul and I completed the 2022 AAPS guide very late this year because of the delay of dealers to return their completed forms and ad copy. Once again, we included an article on the AAPS advocate who this year was Dr. Kendal Martyn and Moussa. The articles are also posted on the AAPS website. If we don't run out of Guides, we will place them at the Tucson Convention Center during the AGTA and Tucson Gem and Mineral Society shows. 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 Friday 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.

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 in a temperature-controlled storage unit paid for by StoneJungle, LLC in Nibley Utah.

All membership applications continue to be sent to the board members to be reviewed before membership is approved and the membership packets are mailed. The packets include a welcome letter, Photo Scale, and a membership pin. A membership card is sent when the new batch of cards are printed, usually within two months.

2022 Elections:

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

Vice President, Neal Larson nominated and accepted
Secretary, Sandy Ludlum nominated and accepted

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

1. Anthony Lindgren, Lindgren Paleontology LLC
2. Japheth Boyce, Japheth Boyce Fossils
3. Luke Larson, Larson Paleontology
4. Amanda Cantrell, Badlands Scientific Expeditions
5. Ed Rigel, Applegate Lapidary
6. Walter Stein, PaleoAdventures

Results of the 2022 Annual Election

This year we used eBallot for both our annual election of officers and to select an awardee for the James C Welch Scholarship. Initially there was a few support issues that, due to covid took a while to resolve, But the eBallot was activated on January 20, and was open for members to vote until the close of business (6 pm) on the 28th. Preparations to use a paper ballot at the meeting were discussed with the president in case the issues with eBallot could not be resolved. Members had a full week to respond and ballot. Every voting member was notified, and two reminders went out before the ballot closed. At the end of the voting period, less than 50% of our members responded and voted. Ten members only voted on one of the three ballots.

The results,

Vice President – Neal Larson with two write in votes, one for a non-member
Secretary – Sandy Ludlum, with one write in vote

The Board Members elected for two-year terms,

1. Anthony Lindgren
2. Walter Stein
3. Japheth Boyce
4. Luke Larson

And the member elected for one-year to fill the chair vacated by Neal Larson, Amanda Cantrell

The awardees of the 2022 Grants, Scholarships and Awards are,

A Allen Graffham Grant, Deak A Allen

Dan and Hope Rigel Educational Grant, Kelly Pierson

René M. Vandervelde Research Grant,

William H. Mason III Preparators' Grant, Dr. Adiel A Klompmaker (Requested \$1,400)

Charles H. Sternberg Scholarship, Trevor H. Rempert

James R. Welch Scholarship, Samantha Arsenault (selected by the membership)

Charles H. Sternberg Medal, Thomas Witherspoon, posthumously

Award checks will be mailed to recipients after their names are announced at the annual meeting and their mailing addresses are confirmed

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 2nd when I need to place the order with Arizona Catering. I will collect all the volunteer sheets by the 2nd and will have several board members verify the count before it is placed. We will order 5 extra meals to be on the safe side.

Cache Bar

This year, the University and Arizona Catering took over the Cash Bar. Outside venders have been banned by the University, and the university will control wine and beer pricing and selection. This is another reason to find a new location for our annual event

New AAPS Banners

Cost has come down on display banners and after discussing the idea with our president, it was decided to purchase 4 new banners, to be displayed at the Mineral Fossil Co-op with Neal, at the Mineral Fossil Market Place with Brook, One at the 22nd Street Show. Due to a problem with manufacturing, the banners were not received in time for this year's show.

Annual Meeting

We are moving the registration table inside the ballroom to save rental costs on tables and extension cords which have been raised again by the university. 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, will be available at the AAPS Booth at the Fossil Mineral Marketplace and the registration table during the meeting.

Annual Meeting Location

I continue to search for a new meeting location and have help from several Tucson Residents and companies. To date I have not found a suitable facility that is centrally located and will allow catering and a cash bar. If anyone has suggestions, please share them.

Once again, the University of Arizona changed their policy, and are requiring us to pay for our dinners in advance, and 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. Additionally, they were again going to charge us 70 cents for each linen napkin placed at the settings, which would have cost AAPS an additional \$105.00. I told them to use paper napkins this year.

I did book the ballroom for the 2023 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. Donations are down this year. We need more help at the shows to collect donations and hope members will provide items for the Heritage Auction.

2022 Show Report

As you may be aware, The Hotel Tucson City Center was sold and there will be no future shows at that location. This year, Sandra Gonzales created a new Tucson Show in two locations, the RMGM-Promotions Tucson Mineral and Fossil Show, at the La Quinta Inn – Reed Park, and a tent show on Oracle Road. We will report on those locations in the February post show newsletter. Lowell Carhart, Eons Expositions is also planning a new Tucson show, The Star Pass Show in 2023. This will be a second hard sided tent show across the freeway from the 22nd Street Show. He also has a new show in Hawaii, the Honolulu Show to be scheduled in November of 2023. This is a brand-new venue.

Newsletters

We continue to use Constant Contact to send out the newsletter and special notices. Newsletters are sent out to all of 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. Only approximately 70% of the membership regularly opens and reads the email

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.

Respectfully Submitted

George F. Winters, Administrative Director