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**Board of Directors Meeting**  
Teleconference 9:00 to 10:00 am MDT  
Thursday October 9, 2014

Present: President Gregory Munson; Vice-President Tony Hull; Treasurer Ken Zoll; Secretary Coni McCall; Todd Bostwick, Kim Malville, Bryan Bates, and Ric Alling. Absent: Andy Munro

Andy Munro submitted comments on agenda items by email and those comments were represented by Greg Munson during the board meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by the President at 9:05 am.

***Action Items:***

1. Define membership levels, their qualifications, and fees.  
The Society offers Business, Full, Regular, and Student memberships. Full and sustaining members are subject to board approval and are eligible for election to the Board of Directors. Three levels of sustaining memberships and benefits in a Skywatchers Society were suggested – Full Moon, Equinox, and Solstice. Comments from Andy Munro via e-mail suggested caution in using the term Equinox. Others felt the term appropriate. Other names suggested for sustaining memberships include Heliacal and Shaman. Some were apprehensive about the title “Shaman”. Bryan said sustaining membership should be available at the conferences. Ric confirmed that the Founder membership is closed now. Kim said that we should have a category of Honorary membership giving one year free. Todd said that the same Honorary membership should be available for Native Americans as well. Attracting new sustaining members was discussed. Conferences are the best places to attract new members. Greg tabled the discussion as this item would require more work.

***Discussion Items:***

1. Member Services
  - a. Newsletter – Todd said this would be a great way to connect with all members, and quarterly is better than twice a year. It would be also a vehicle to announce all conferences and to be used as information to the press. Eleanor Large is a member who wants to help with the newsletter. Kim suggested the newsletter would provide a summary of global information and abstracts of current international research can be used as well. Todd suggested book reviews. Bryan suggested to feature a member in each newsletter and his research and that would involve more of the membership. Tony suggested publishing the field forms that Todd created. A newsletter committee would be made up of Greg, Coni, and Eleanor.

- b. Website – As of now, we have no webmaster per se. We need content and to make sure we comply with 501(c)(3) regulations for nonprofit status. Ken said that the updating is a short amount of time; the problem is in finding content. He updates the website for another volunteer organization. Greg and Coni will be looking further into this item.
2. Registering the SCAAS logo  
Coni’s research identified Legalzoom.com, who offers an online service to register the logo for about \$100. Ken said that if we want the logo registered nationally, he found the figure to be \$700. This item was tabled for further discussions.
3. General Liability – Directors and Officers insurance  
Ric knows nonprofits and will gather information and report back to Greg and Bryan who will discuss further.
4. Planning for CAASW 2016  
Several outstanding suggestions were made. Greg supplied a draft conference plan. Tony said in identifying an objective, we should decide if we want an academic vs. avocational conference, and who we want to include. The conference objective should be kept internal. Andy warned against “self-marginalizing” and Todd said the conference should be “user friendly” for archaeologists. We might want to change the name to include not just archaeoastronomy. People would come with landscape interests, and then astronomy. Tony suggested the name Michael Graves and to have a larger focus on the ceremonies. Kim suggested a collaborative conference covering more than just the Southwest. Tony suggested to broaden the scope to include other areas, papers, and a larger audience. Kim suggested we might want to collaborate with Theoretical Archeology Group conference in Reno the summer of 2016. Todd suggested that it is not productive to have too big a conference covering too many areas. Bryan said that cultural landscape and traditional knowledge would be good subjects to cover. Tony suggested Universities might be interested as well. Greg, Kim, Tony, Todd and Andy will be working on this further. It was also suggested a Scientific Organizing Committee be formed with Tony Hull as Chair, including Todd Bostwick, Kim Malville, Andy Munro, and Greg Munson, and others. A Local Organizing Committee should be formed with Greg Munson as Chair, to include Bryan Bates and prospectively John Ninnemann.
5. Administration of the Carol Ambruster Memorial Fund  
Tony has done a lot to manage this fund. He will be taking over donor contacts. Donations can be made by cash or check to the Post Office Box and can also be mentioned in the newsletter. Todd asked about a Policy Statement and Tony replied we have one already but it needs further development. Tony, Kim and Beth Jewell are to discuss this subject further.
6. Financial report

PayPal Balance	\$ 159.85
Wells Fargo Balance	<u>\$8041.99</u>
SCAAS Total Balance	\$8201.84
Carol Ambruster Fund	- <u>\$5069.83</u>
SCAAS Net Balance	\$3132.01

### ***New Business***

1. Development of research methodologies.

It's important to recognize research. Kim mentioned mentoring in various societies, and team or group projects. We could then include the updates in our newsletter. For the conference, Andy, Tony, and Kim will work together to draft objectives. Greg said we all need to become more active.

2. CAASW 2011 Publication.

Greg said that there are about 300 copies of the 2011 conference proceedings available. A box of 34 copies is about \$550 plus shipping. This is at a 45 % discount. It was felt that a box for SCAAS sales would be a good investment.

A motion to end the meeting was made by Tony Hull. Bryan Bates seconded the motion. All indicated approval by "aye". The meeting was adjourned at 10:05 am, with the call ending soon after.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Coni McCall  
Secretary, SCAAS

Greg Munson  
President, SCAAS