**Arizona Site Steward Program Foundation**

**Board Meeting**

**Minutes**

**6-15-2020**

Present by phone or web-ex: Chair Nicole Armstrong-Best, Secretary Ruthanna Battilana,

Treasurer Kent Ennis, RC Rep Dave Salge, RC Rep Doug Newton,

SS Rep Jeri Meeks, SS Rep Tee Cervantes, SS Rep Steve Boley,

Tribal Rep Jill McCormick, , SS State Coordinator Sean Hammond

Absent: Vice Chair J. Scott Wood, At-Large member Shelley

Rasmussen, SHPO Rep Kathryn Leonard, Advisor Brooke Wheeler,

Joanna Brace - SHPO

1. Meeting called to order at 10:02 am by Chair Armstrong-Best

2. Minutes: Battilana

no corrections

motion to accept minutes as submitted by Salge, seconded by Newton,

approved by Board vote

3. Treasurer’s Report: submitted by email, Ennis

balance remains $5,135.93

clarification: $1,000 grant for Project Archaeology was from IHE – Institute

for Heritage Education, a new organization offering grants, applied for

by Joanna Brace/SHPO, group located in Bozeman, MT

motion to accept report by Newton, seconded by McCormick, approved by

Board vote

4. Update on Site Steward Program: Hammond

a. database – migration is going on now, SSs should be able to submit hours

this month, usage guides are being developed by LMs, RCs, and SSs,

regions by groups of three will access the system

b. Meeks: will update website so SSs can access database from there also

c. The Watch will be out this week

d. re: issues of social media posts online, i.e., Black Flag – John Welch of

Archeo SW talked with Black Flag owner, gave him feedback on laws, etc. and told them they have to take down video of Texas Hill site because it is

partly owned by Archeo SW (other part is privately owned);

“education is the key”

other LMs are also talking/going to talk to them re posting videos

McCormick: would like to see all videos removed

Newton: what is State Lands doing? illegal video of Picacho area online

Hammond: phone conference set for Tuesday on this issue,

plus issues of trespassing and no permits

e. a committee will be formed to work on ways to mitigate damage by

social media groups and a marketing plan for the SS Program,

issue of leadership on this issue to be determined – GAAC or SS Program

Salge: GAAC will not be the leader as they are advisory group only

f. asking for feedback from tribes, very much needed

g. what does the Foundation think? what are the objectives?

h. Cervantes: need discussion on clarifying identity of the SS Program,

where are we going? before we get to marketing

(continue this discussion to Old business)

5. Conference Update: Hammond

a. SS yearly conference: no update, conference is now set for March 12-14, still

set to be in Yuma, still working on a contract with Hilton Pivot Point Hotel as conference center (it is central to area and between Colorado River Historic Park and other points of interest – making everything walkable), committee is meeting once a month, working on speakers

Cervantes: problems with idea of opening her office due to death of

a co-worker + other staff have tested positive for covid

b. multi-state conference set for October – decide on a virtual conference

but it will not be canceled, Hammond & Salge will be presenting,

and State Parks will be providing videos

c. recent conference – John Welch/Archeo SW gave a presentation on damage

will be a virtual conference in November on recent issues, volunteer

management for ARCs

6. Project Archaeology Update: Meeks

a. no in-person activities or workshops for now, instead – professional

development videos, State Parks has offered a videographer,

developing an AZ based curriculum for Hohokam-based pit shelter

b. 2 grants: can be restructured so will use money for videos and buying

downloads from the national program, Joanna Brace and ?

working on this

7. Elections: Armstrong-Best

should be for officers NOT elected last time: Vice Chair, Treasurer, 1 RC,

4 SS (Meeks elected 2018, Boley’s seat + 2 vacant SS positions),

2 LMs (both vacant), 1 Tribal Rep

8. Old Business:

a. continuing discussion on fund raising – need to delineate the Foundation

“brand” vs the Site Steward Program “brand”

Cervantes: what are the boundaries

Hammond: example of fundraising issue with APS

Ennis:

Salge: support volunteers

Cervantes: maybe we need to tweek the Foundation name

Armstrong-Best – matter will go to a separate conversation,

sub-committee meeting set for June 23 via phone/webx

b. re: putting Minutes on website instead of just a summary

all agree this is appropriate, Meeks will do it

c. Meeks: email from group in Utah that wants to form a SS program,

they only have regional groups now

Hammond: working on it

9. New Business: none

10. Next Meeting: July 20 @ 10 am

11. Adjourn: 11:34 am

submitted 6-16-2020/amended 7-20-2020

Ruthanna Battilana, Secretary