



2025 Association of Iowa Archaeologists Business Meeting

10 AM – 2 PM CST

Saturday, July 19th

Attendance options:

- In person, Office of the State Archaeologists, 700 South Clinton Street, Iowa City, Iowa
- Via Zoom
 - <https://uiowa.zoom.us/j/99433029941?pwd=taSHLUugaoYiw45j27qYCcxAYVVdbF.1>
 - Meeting ID: 994 3302 9941
 - Passcode: 695538

1. Call to Order
2. Minutes from 2024 – accepted into record
3. Treasurer's Report
 - a. 3992.04
 - b. Expenditures – food for meeting last year (47.96), P.O. Box (64.00), website (96.00)
4. Secretary's Report
 - a. 89 members
 - b. Reminder about dues and meeting attendance
 - c. New Members – Kay Young, Jake Rieb, Addison Kimmel, Maizy Fugate, Alexandra McFarland, Michael Betsinger
 - d. Adjunct – Matt Donovan and Joe Artz
5. Old business
 - 5.1 Website Updates – Current information is out of date; Bylaws, consultants list, membership list; domain is not released, will just keep the new one, when payment comes again we'll figure out how much we'll pay for website services (1-2 more years)
 - 5.1.1 Listserv – U of I getting rid of listserv management so new listserv service needs to be decided upon
 - 5.2 Google Workspace for shared documents- no movement on getting it set up
 - 5.2.1 All paper documents at the OSA have been scanned
 - 5.2.2 No movement on getting the Workspace
 - 5.2.3 Back up option – website storage or iArc; board will discuss
 - 5.3 Bylaws change, Board member nonresponsive-no movement
 - 5.4 Committee Wrangler
 - 5.4.1 Still needs to be added to duties list for President Elect
 - 5.4.1.1 What do we do when there is no President Elect? Should it switch to Past Pres?
 - 5.4.2 Still needs Bylaw language for splitting Secretary and Treasurer positions; Elizabeth Reetz will help with providing IAS language for the two different positions
6. New business
 - a. Website – create online payment system through the website; get it set up soon

- i. Email will be sent out saying when it is up and ready
 - ii. Receipts will be available once online payment is made
- b. Raising dues to \$20 starting next year (2026 meeting) – Ayes have it
- c. Lowell Blikre – needs IAS articles for the newsletter; whoever has information about Mark Anderson’s Key Orr nomination should be sent to Lowell
- d. Marlis Muschal – Any thought to put out an official statement on the CRM and NEPA landscape currently going on or should it just be on personal capacity; will create an advocacy listserv email chain; send emails address to Elizabeth Reetz

7. Committee Reports

- 7.1 Scholarship – Brennan – no movement; have criteria and advertisement piece ready; would like to name it the Leah Rogers memorial scholarship or the Lance Foster memorial scholarship depending on focus;
- 7.2 Guidelines – John – have put out request for language changes; no changes last year
- 7.3 GIS – James – landed on 3 separate issues they want to put forth to the Guidelines committee GPS in fieldwork, resolution of GPS, spatial metadata recommendations, looking for consistency in methods and data; adding Colleen to committee
- 7.4 Preservation Advocacy – Kathy – can’t react to everything happening on the federal level and will focus on the State Level; decision to close the Iowa City branch of SHSHI and the records being divvied up; ombudsmen’s office has been notified; issues in who own’s the collections and there’s language that there needs to be facilities in Iowa City and Des Moines; historical societies may want to reach out to see if any of the collections could be re-housed with them; Elizabeth generated a list of lawmakers to contact them directly for cultural and environmental laws
- 7.5 CRM in Schools – Veronica – no updates
- 7.6 Bylaws Committee – John – no updates

8. Agency Updates

- 6.1 SHPO – Heather – digitization efforts for ISIF; over 700 boxes have been scanned; low error rate; have been prioritizing records requests; Preserve Iowa was in Muscatine and heard from multiple people that they enjoyed the archaeological sessions;
- 6.2 Iowa DOT – Brennan – PA is being updated for 2026; FHWA Iowa Division is down to 8 employees and was greatly impacted by Federal Cuts; volume 5 year average is 480 and this past year was 720; do not foresee it slowing down by much; final year of statewide bridge survey; PA will list out the bridges identified as significant; Farmstead context is finalized and is on iArc; would like to get to the guidelines committee a table of contexts for Iowa; Jacob Woodcock architectural historian is moving and position will be opening up
- 6.3 NRCS - no longer an NRCS archaeologist in Iowa
- 6.4 DNR – Jake Rieb, on call for DNR but limited understanding of what is going on, PA with EPA has been stalled out; SHPO is working on PA with SRF program but it has slowed down and in tribal consultation
- 6.5 OSA – Personnel changes; new employees, Steve Lensink will be retiring; new members on the IAC – Allen Kelley and Randy Teboe and Bill Quackenbush; education team is busy; International robotics competition with a focus on archaeology; archives is making good progress on digitization; Colleen I-Sites – can now take credit card payments for I-sites payment and records searches; GIS portal if you click on archaeological site you can click on

site form and link to iArc information; requiring minimal site form information must be submitted within 6 months of requesting a site number

6.6 Others?

9. Other Business

9.1 Brennan – encourage to check out the America 250 calendar and events for next year;

10. Voting to adjourn - accepted

11. Adjourn