

Saskatchewan Archaeological Society

Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday February 5, 2025

Present (via Zoom): Clint Blyth, Bruce Crouter, Wendy Fitch, Chris Foley, Denise Huynh, Erica Maier, Jody Pletz, Cara Pollio, Alyshia Reesor, John Thompson, Paul Thomson, Karmen VanderZwan, Loni Williams, Gary Wowchuk

Regrets: Connor Probert

Staff: Karin Steuber, Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons

President Loni Williams called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

1. Approval of Agenda

MOTION to approve the agenda. Carried.

2. Approval of the last meeting minutes

MOTION to retain the wording from the previous meeting under #2 – approval of last meeting minutes (for Policy 5). Eight votes yes to four no. Carried.

MOTION to accept the December 4, 2024 meeting minutes. One opposed. Carried.

3. Interim Executive Director's Report

MOTION to approve the Interim Executive Director's report. Carried.

4. Financial Report

MOTION to accept the financial report. Carried.

5. Policy Review

MOTION to approve Policy 11 monitoring report. Carried.

Policy 16 – note that committee will be formed post 2025 AGM

MOTION to approve Policy 16 monitoring report. Carried.

MOTION to send Policy 21 to governance working group for rewording. Carried.

MOTION to approve Policy 21 monitoring report. Carried.

MOTION to approve Policy 22 monitoring report. Carried.

MOTION to approve Executive Limitation Policy 30 monitoring report. Carried.

6. Bylaw Changes

MOTION to approve bylaw changes as presented. One opposed. Carried.

MOTION to approve a special election within 60 days from the 2025 AGM to elect the two member-at-large candidates if the bylaw changes are passed by the membership. Carried.

7. Nominations Committee Report

All open positions have candidates: President – Loni Williams, First Vice-President – Denise Huynh, Second Vice-President – Wendy Fitch, Members at Large – Faith Boser, Jody Pletz and Alyshia Reesor.

MOTION to accept slate of candidates. Carried.

MOTION that for this election, to amend the President and First-Vice President terms of office be for one year to ensure that all the executive is not up for election at the same time.

8. Executive Director Search Update – In Camera

MOTION to spend up to \$2,500 on the initial Executive Director search. Carried.

9. APSAS Chapter Notice

At their March 26 AGM, their membership will be voting to discontinue their membership with the SAS, effective December 31, 2025.

10. Other Business

11. Announcements

Belinda mentioned she will be a grandma again in August.

Gary mentioned their obsidian project data will be submitted to a peer-reviewed journal for publishing, with thanks to the SAS member grant.

ASA is hosting APALA conference (March 1) and CHARM.

Clint said the Water Security Agency announced their updated agricultural stewardship policy, to assist producers with removing water sources. This can be seen as a threat to archaeological resources too.

Adjournment

Loni Williams adjourned the meeting at 9:04 pm.

Next Board meeting is Saturday March 22 in Saskatoon at 9:30 am.

Minutes taken by Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons

*****Note there is an amendment to agenda item #9 that will be reflected in the March 2025 Board Meeting Minutes.***