

## Special WAA Governing Board Meeting by Email April 13, 2015 – May 1, 2015

On Tuesday, April 7, 2015, at 6:20 pm, President Courtney Birkett emailed the members of the Board of Directors to initiate a special governing board meeting by email for April 13, 2015 at 8:00 pm E.D.S.T. regarding a proposal from Ron Mertz to standardize the date for payment of membership dues. A copy of the proposal was sent to all governing board members attached to the email. Not included in the proposal, but also open for discussion, are other suggestions that have been made concerning dues, including:

1. Whether the amount of dues should be reduced now that many people are receiving their newsletter via email
2. Related to the above, whether people who request a hard copy should pay a higher rate than those receiving the electronic newsletter
3. Whether the rate for individuals and families should be the same, since each household receives one newsletter (our main expense) no matter how many members live there

President Courtney Birkett called the meeting to order on April 13, 2015 at 8:08 pm EDST noting that a quorum had been reached. Members who participated in the discussion included: Courtney Birkett, Greg Mauer, Anita Lukes, Regina Dodson, Lori Majorsky, Justin Garnett, Bernard Bouffier, John Whittaker, Devin Pettigrew, Douglas Bassett, Kevin Ashley, and Gary Nolf.

Discussion of the proposal and other suggestions was held through April 16, 2015 at 8:00 pm EDST. Discussion centered on pro-rated dues, individual/family dues, and a possible reduction in dues. Standardization of dues dates was generally accepted.

On Sunday, April 19, 2015 Anita Lukes submitted a drafted motion as follows:

I move to standardize the payment of WAA membership dues to January 2 of each year and to include the following procedures:

1. Dollar amount of dues shall be the same for individuals and families.
2. The WAA Board of Directors shall determine the amount of the membership dues.

3. Dues for lapsed members or new members, paid anytime during the calendar year, shall be the full membership dollar amount.
4. During the first year of implementation any dues paid during 2015 shall be considered paid through 2016.
5. Starting in 2016, the Executive Treasurer shall include a reminder in the October issue of the ATLATL that dues for the following year should be paid by January 2.
6. An e-mail reminder of dues payable shall be sent to each individual receiving the e-mail edition of the October ATLATL.
7. The Executive Treasurer shall post a second reminder in the ATLATL April issue that dues not paid by May 1 will result in lapse of membership.
8. After May 1, the lapsed members shall be removed from the roll and mailing lists.
9. If an individual or family rejoins during the year that the membership has lapsed, that membership will be reactivated and the next dues owed will be payable January 2 of the following year.

Justin Garnett seconded the motion.

Formal discussion of the motion was started on April 19, 2015 at 6:30 pm EDST to last until April 22, 2015 at 8:00 EDST.

Bernard requested a clarification of item 4 of the motion.

On April 21, 2015, Courtney moved to amend the motion as follows:

4. During the first year of implementation any dues paid after October 1, 2015 shall be considered paid through 2016.
5. Starting in 2015, the Executive Treasurer shall include a reminder in the October issue of the ATLATL that dues for the following year should be paid by January 1.
7. Starting in 2016, the Executive Treasurer shall post a second reminder in the ATLATL April issue that dues not paid by May 1 will result in lapse of membership.

8. Starting in 2016, after May 1, the lapsed members shall be removed from the roll and mailing lists.

Devin Pettigrew seconded the amendment on the motion. Formal discussion of the amendment was held from April 22, 2015 until April 25, 2015 at 8:00 EDST.

The amendment to the motion passed. Discussion on the amended motion was open until 8:00 pm EDST on Saturday, April 25, 2015.

A recap of the amended motion is as follows:

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3. Dues for lapsed members or new members, paid anytime during the calendar year, shall be the full membership dollar amount.
4. During the first year of implementation any dues paid after October 1, 2015 shall be considered paid through 2016.
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The final amended motion was put to the vote, which lasted three days, from 8:00 pm EDT April 28, 2015, until May 1, 2015 at 8:00 pm EDT. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Andrews  
Executive Secretary  
September 12, 2016

## **World Atlatl Association Annual Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 11, 2015**

**Cahokia Mounds, Illinois**

The meeting was called to order by WAA President Courtney Birkett at 6:00 p.m.

WAA Board Members Present: Courtney Birkett-President, Justin Garnett-Treasurer, Regina Dodson-Secretary, Douglas Bassett, Anita Lukes, Lori Majorsky, Glen Oechsner, Devin Pettigrew, John Whittaker, Leonard Reimersma.

### **Agenda Items**

**Approval of last meeting minutes:** Lori Majorsky made a motion to accept minutes, second by John Whittaker.

**Treasurer's Report:** Justin reported we currently have \$6,200.00. It is costing approximately \$140.00 to mail out the newsletter. This amount reflects a considerable reduction in cost since it is now predominately being sent out via email. There was a discussion on whether people joining in September 2015 would again need to pay at the beginning of 2016. It was decided by the Executive Board that this one time only those paying at the annual would be covered through 2016 since there was confusion for many as to when they were to pay their dues. In the future memberships must be paid at the beginning of the year and unless you are a paid member, you will not receive the newsletter. Anita made a motion to approve and Doug second.

**Membership:** Justin reported a drop in membership, which may be attributed to people just not renewing their memberships as yet. However, the system is in place to renew and pay from the website. One of the ways in which to address recruitment of members was to look at designing a new website. Currently Devon and Justin have been maintaining this website on their own and using their own funds to pay for it. The Executive Board approved a \$3,000 to be put toward the development of a new website, which will also include the Events Calendar. There was discussion spearheaded by Ron, about how old members were notified that they were no longer members. Justin indicated he sent emails to all members listed on the most current membership list he had informing them that it was time to pay and that if they didn't, they would no longer receive the newsletter. Margie let everyone know she has some magnets still for sale. I was also suggested that there be a youth page on the website to encourage participation and growth in our youth membership.

**Newsletter:** There was discussion on the need for articles and pictures to be sent in for the newsletter. Everyone was reminded that since the newsletter is in electronic form, we are not limited on the number of picture that can be submitted. Everyone is encourage to send news about what is happening in their states and regions. There was discussion about putting the minutes in the newsletter and on the website.

**Annual Meeting:** After discussion it was determined the 2016 annual meeting will be at Meadowcroft on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of June. There was further discussion of having the 2017 annual meeting at Valley of Fire and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary annual meeting at Letchworth in 2019. As part of this discussion, the idea that there needs to be a proposal form completed by those who want to host an annual meeting. The form should include the historical significance of the site, safety, access, camping and hotels in the area.

At \_\_\_\_ p.m. \_\_\_\_\_ made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by \_\_\_\_\_, Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Dodson

WAA Executive Secretary

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(edited by Debbie Andrews)

## **World Atlatl Association Membership Meeting Minutes**

**September 12, 2015**

**Cahokia Mounds, Illinois**

President Courtney Birkett called the meeting to order. (Time not available)

Members in attendance: not available

### **Items for Discussion:**

**Website:** The Executive Board approved a \$3,000 to be put toward the development of a new website, which will also include the Events Calendar.

**Annual Meeting:** The 2016 annual meeting will be at Meadowcroft on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of June.

**ISAC Rules:** It was recommended that the ISAC rules need reviewed and updated. The review committee will consist of John Whittaker, Courtney Birkett, Ron Mertz and Mary Reimersma. A motion was made by XXX and seconded by Mary. Passed

**Other Committees:** Charles Swanson requested information about other standing committees, such as who are the current members and the purpose and function of each committee.

**Election of Officers:** Election results were revealed.

Jerry Nevins from Jefferson MO was elected to the Board of Directors.

Douglas Bassett was elected as Vice President.

Justin Garnett was elected to continue as Treasurer.

At 8:45 p.m. Doug made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Courtney, Board meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Regina Dodson

WAA Executive Secretary

3/1/16

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**TO: WAA President Gary Nolf**

I am honored to submit for nomination to the position of WAA Fellow of the WAA, John Whittaker and Ronald Mertz.

John has contributed substantially to WAA through his leadership and service as a Board Member, Vice President, and official ISAC score keeper/chair of the ISAC Committee. He has conducted outstanding original research regarding the history and function of the atlatl and has contributed substantially to the atlatl literature with publications in the ATLATL, on the WAA website, and in professional journals/newsletters. He has mentored numerous students regarding the atlatl through the formation and continued support of the Grinnell College Atlatl team. Some of his former students have gone on to provide leadership roles in the WAA.

Ron has provided many years of organizational leadership in WAA through serving as Board member, Vice President, and President. During his presidency he worked with Richard Lyons, Robert Sizemore, and others to develop guidelines for conducting meetings via email. He also worked with Lloyd Pine and others to clarify behavioral guidelines for the ISAC competitions. Since serving as President, he has been asked by Presidents Scott Van Arsdale, Leonard Reimersma, and Gary Nolf to chair the Nominating Committee. In consultation with Len Reimersma and others, he developed guidelines for hosting the Annual Meeting, and in consultation with World Atlatl Day founder Linda Brundage, Gary Nolf and others, he modified the WAD competition to make it more inclusive for participants of varying skill levels.

In addition to his leadership in the WAA, he founded the Missouri Atlatl Association in 1996 with John Whittaker and Ray Madden, and served as its President during its formative years. Since 1996, he has hosted numerous demonstrations and events, including the annual event at Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site and three WAA Annual meetings.

He led successful efforts in Missouri to legalize the atlatl for fishing, small game, deer, and turkey through establishing a positive working relationship with both the Conservation Federation of Missouri and the Missouri Department of Conservation. (The MAA continues to be an affiliate member of the CFM.) His efforts and success in Missouri should positively impact efforts by WAA members in other states to legalize the atlatl for hunting and fishing.

In summary, both John and Ron possess a breadth of experience and level of maturity that will enable them to continue to contribute to the WAA effectively. Both have shown exemplary professionalism representing the WAA for many years around the country and abroad and through continued service to our organization. Both have been an inspiration of others to excel and have been responsible for continued success of many WAA members and other associated atlatl organizations.

For these contributions as well as many others, please accept and support this nomination of John Whittaker and Ron Mertz to the status of WAA FELLOW.

Sincerely,

Jon Wood,

**President, Missouri Atlatl Association**

**Former WAA Board Member and 2014 member of the WAA Nominating Committee**