World Atlatl Association Board Meeting
Via Zoom
September 3, 2025

CALL TO ORDER 2:30 pm CST
Board Members in Attendance: Devin Pettigrew (led the meeting), Dave Patterson, Frank Lukes, Margie Takoch, Steve Barnett, John Whittaker, Anita Lukes, Debbie Andrews, The quorum was met.

OLD BUSINESS

Secretary's Report – Deb Andrews – No Report

Treasurer's Report – Anita Lukes
The surplus of $1600 is not accurate due to contributions, dues, and expenses not paid in the last year. The surplus is closer to $600. There is a small decline in membership, with 145 paid entities (individual, family), with 225 people on the roster. There were 15-20 new members. The report is skewed due to the timing of payments, and has not affected the membership.

Committee Reports
Annual Meeting Committee Report (Len Riemersma, Gary Nolf, Ron Mertz) The 2026 Annual Meeting is set for Montana, with the date and actual location in Montana not yet finalized. It is hoped that the date in time for the fall newsletter. The 2027 Annual Meeting is tentatively scheduled for Cahokia, in Illinois. It was requested that the dates for the Annual Meetings not occur in June or September.

ISAC Committee Report (John Whittaker, Deb Andrews, Dave Patterson) As reported earlier, John is moving to California and will be unable to receive mail at the Grinnell address. The ISAC score sheet has been changed to reflect the new address for those who are unable to use the email address to submit sheets electronically.
The issue of the Junior Short Range Scores was brought up. John reported that not many scores were being submitted at this time. He felt that these scores really don't need a reward, as the costs of awards at this time is very high for the top ten places in Men's, Women's and Youth. He would like to consider the Junior scores have a minimum score of 30 to include in the reporting. Another issue brought up was that parents may not approve of their child's name being included on the website. Even a disclaimer on the scoresheet saying "Scores above 30 will be posted on the website." Is not beneficial because most parents will never see the scoresheet. It was agreed that the topic be tabled until the annual meeting in Vermont.

Nominating Committee (Ron Mertz, Margie Takoch, Len Riemersma) – no report

Election Results – Election Manager: Lori Majorsky. As of today, paper ballots are still coming in. The directions say ballots must be posted by August 30, and depending on the USPS delivery, the ballots should all be in by the weekend. It was noted that any votes cast for the European

member will not be counted, and the person who receives the next most votes will take that place. This is due to the fact that the bylaws need to be amended, as they currently say only one European representative can serve on the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Changes to the Bylaws
   A) Article 5, Section 4: Add verbiage for an increased number of non-US residents, such as "The Board should have at least one but no more than four members that are non-residents of the United States."
   Article 5, Section 8: Add non-payment of dues as a reason for removal from the Board or Office. This should be done after several notices/reminders that dues have not been paid.
   B) Article 6: All Board Members and Officers will serve a term of three years, with the election of the members and officers staggered for cohesiveness.
   C) Article 7, Section 1: The Board Meeting before the Annual Meeting will be held virtually, at least two weeks prior to the Annual Meeting.
   Article 7, Section 8: replace the 2nd Edition of Robert's Rules of Order with the newer 3rd edition of the same.

   All Board Members at the Zoom meeting voted in favor of the changes to the Bylaws.

Items of Note:

Frank Lukes will be stepping down from his position as Newsletter Editor, with the Fall Edition of The Atlatl being his final edition. The Board needs to find a new person to edit The Atlatl.

Members would also like to see a social media position, paid if possible. With the current budget, a paid position may not be possible.

Debbie asked that those people designated to answer questions via website email to please delete the request when they have answered the questions. There have been a large number of non-WAA postings put on the site, and we are trying to keep it as clean as possible. If you cc her in your response to the question, she can delete the contact for you.

Anita is also stepping down from the Treasurer position at the end of the year. She will take the Bylaw amendments to the annual meeting for adoption.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54 CST.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Andrews
Executive Secretary