

State of Wisconsin

BURIAL SITES PRESERVATION BOARD

Minutes of the State of Wisconsin Burial Sites Preservation Board
March 7, 2024
10:30 am to 1:00 pm
Wisconsin Historical Society Murphy Room
816 State Street
Madison, Wisconsin
and
Virtual Meeting

I. Welcome and Call to Order (*Board Chair, Jennifer Haas*)

Board chair Jennifer Haas called the meeting to order at 10:30am.

II. Roll Call, for Determination of Quorum (*Board Secretary, Paul Reckner*)

- Present, In Person: George Christiansen, Dr. Jennifer Haas, Dr. Amy Rosebrough, Dr. Kathy Stevenson, Lawrence Plucinski, Amy Wyatt, Paul Reckner
- Present, Virtual: Dave Grignon
- Absent: Melinda Young
- WHS Staff Present: Dr. Tyler Howe, Taylor Lambrigger, Kay Romanin
- Guests, In Person: None
- Guests, Virtual: Doreen Dybevik, Ken Muss, Mark Geronime, Mark Houston, Ryan Duffy, Jonathan Piel

Roll call indicated quorum was met, and the board moved to the next agenda item.

III. Approval of Agenda

Upon motion of Paul Reckner, seconded by Dr. Kathy Stevenson, and no discussion by the board, the agenda for the March 7th, 2024 meeting of the Burial Sites Preservation Board was approved unanimously.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Dr. Kathy Stevenson, seconded by Larry Plucinski, and no discussion by the board, the agenda for the March 7th, 2024 meeting of the Burial Sites Preservation Board was approved, with an abstention from George Christiansen.

V. Introduction (*Board Chair, Jennifer Haas*)

Chair Dr. Jennifer Haas welcomed new board member George Christiansen and gave introduction of the board and board responsibilities.

VI. Public Comment

Note: A total of 15 speakers will be allowed a maximum of two minutes each on a first come, first served basis.

- Descendant Community President, Judy Houston
- Mark Houston
- Jonathan Piel

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- Ken Muss
- Judy Houston
A motion by Larry Plucinski to extend Ms. Houston's time by 2 minutes, seconded by George Christiansen, and no discussion by the board, was unanimously passed.
- Michele Gerlach
A motion by Dr. Kathy Stevenson to extend the speaking time by 2 minutes, seconded by George Christiansen, and no discussion by the board, was unanimously passed.

VII. Chair Report

Dr. Jennifer Haas reported that chair activities were limited to preparation and coordination with SHPO staff and Dr. Paul Reckner for the March 7th board meeting, as well as coordination with Cynthia Stiles to finalize SOP and bylaws documents.

VIII. New Business

1. Consideration of Applications for Completion and Entry to and/or Removal from the Registry of Interested Persons

a. Johnny Johnson, applying on behalf of the Prairie Island Indian Community, under Cultural priority of interest for all catalogued Native American burial sites.

A motion to accept the application was made by Dr. Kathy Stevenson, seconded by Dr. Paul Reckner. Discussion included questions about additional application materials being included, and it was noted that a cover letter and document showing federal register listing of the Prairie Island Indian Community as being federally recognized, were submitted but not distributed to board members. The cover letter was read by Taylor Lambrigger. A further suggestion to amend the application to include the specific counties outlined in the cover letter was made. The board voted to approve the motion to accept the application.

2. Officer Elections

Dr. Jennifer Haas first outlined the three positions open for elections:

Chair – Currently held by Dr. Jennifer Haas, who will serve through the end of the calendar year, and the new chair will serve beginning in January 2025

Vice Chair – Cynthia Styles was vice chair, however at the end of her term in December 2023, the position is currently vacant

Secretary – Dr. Paul Reckner is the current secretary, and is willing to both continue in the position as well as hand it off if a current member is interested

Dave Grignon left meeting, board is still in quorum

A brief round of introductions was given.

Dr. Jennifer Haas then opened the meeting to take nominations from the floor, and Dr. Tyler Howe noted that according to the board's General Operating Procedures, the chair position should alternate between a survey representative and a tribal representative where possible.

Dr. Amy Rosebrough asked if nonvoting members can nominate for positions, and Dr. Jennifer Haas confirmed. Dr. Rosebrough then nominated Lawrence Plucinski for chair.

Lawrence Plucinski declined the nomination.

Dr. Jennifer Haas nominated Dr. Kathy Stevenson as chair and Lawrence Plucinski as vice chair

Dr. Stevenson declined the nomination.

Lawrence Plucinski requested to table elections until June 2024 meeting.

Dr. Kathy Stevenson requested that a summary of positions and requirements, as well as a timeline of when new members would be coming into position could be sent out.

Confirmed that those documents could be sent out to board members.

Agenda item was tabled for June 2024 meeting.

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Training for Board Member Update

Discussion regarding an annual conflict of interest form to be signed by board members for the calendar year. Taylor Lambrigger will look into that form and have it sent out for board member signatures.

2. Board Members – Open Positions

Dr. Jennifer Haas' position will open in July of 2024, a new member will need to be nominated by the Wisconsin Archaeological Survey.

Dr. Melinda Young's position will open in July of 2024, and already has a new member to fill the position and has been sent to the Governor's office for appointment.

X. WITRC Report

Bill Quackenbush reported that WITRC was working on pending dispositions offered to the WITRC by WHS. Further mentioned that the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers was bringing the national meeting to the Wisconsin Dells in August. Finally noted that the WITRC has received funding donations to help ensure meetings are able to continue to be held, and encourages face to face interactions at those meetings.

XI. Wisconsin Historical Society Staff Reports

1.State Historic Preservation Officer Report (*Daina Penkiunas, WHS SHPO*)

A written report provided to the board.

2.State Archaeologist Report (*State Archaeologist, Amy Rosebrough*)

A written report provided to the board.

3.Compliance Section Report (*WHS Compliance Section Head, Tyler Howe*)

A written report provided to the board.

XII. Announcements

Upcoming meeting dates and locations will be sent to board members by Dr. Paul Reckner.

XIII. Adjournment (*Board Chair, Jennifer Haas*)

Upon motion of Lawrence Plucinski, seconded by George Christiansen, and no discussion by the board, the meeting was adjourned at 11:42am