

## Summary of CSAS meeting, 2019

The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M., March 16, 2019 held at the Comfort Inn, Collinsville, Ill.

Each CSAS officer and everyone in attendance gave their name, state and whether they were a state officer, delegate or visitor. The meeting room was filled to capacity.

The 1<sup>st</sup> order of business was the presentation of Service Awards given to Dr. Jeff Pyle, Mr. Terry Stumpt and Mr. Ray Fraser for their many years of continued service to CSAS. Mr. Fraser was unable to attend.

**Ms. Phyllis Goodrum, Secretary**, gave the report of our CSAS meeting held in 2018. The report was approved and voted on via a show of hands by the delegates. The report included the election of two new States and territories as members of CSAS. The report was unanimously approved.

**Ms. Phyllis Goodrum, Treasurer**, gave the financial report which had received approval by Dr. Jeff Pyle and the Finance Committee beforehand. The financial report was approved by the delegates.

**Mr. Steve Cooper, Editor-in-Chief**, gave his report concerning the quarterly journals. **1)** In the previous 12 months, for the first time, the journals had articles from individuals in every state. **2)** J. Store and EBSCO forward our journals all over the world which has created a new flow of money we receive at CSAS. **3)** The Tennessee October journal, which was paid in total by Tennessee, was one of the largest journals which had ever gone to print. Thanks Tennessee for a great state piece.

**Mr. Terry Goette, Business Manager**, gave his report concerning membership which continues downward. **1)** Current membership is at 2,917. This total includes the addition of two new states and territories. **2)** We continue to have state officers which are not members of CSAS. This will be addressed later in our meeting.

**Mr. Kevin Lilly, Librarian**. He reported that we no longer have old journals spread out over the country. Thanks to Dr. Jeff Pyle and others, we now have a manageable stockpile of past and present journals.

**Dr. Jeff Pyle, Publishing and Finance Committee**. He reported that our current balance without our back-up reserve will cover our CSAS expenditures for this year. In order to fully cover expenses for future years, we need our membership total to be at least 3,200. We learned from Terry Goette, that our membership is well below that and continues to decline. A motion was raised by the Finance Committee that we need to raise our yearly dues to make up for the loss in membership and the increased cost of items related to our journals. This was discussed by all at the meeting and the final decision was made to increase membership dues by two dollars which will go to CSAS starting in 2020. The motion was voted on and approved by the delegates.

Mr. Goette earlier mentioned that we have a serious problem at the state level concerning unpaid memberships in CSAS by the state officers. We have ten state officers who are not current in their CSAS dues. In some cases, membership dues have not been received for years. The governing body of CSAS, per the by-laws, does not have jurisdiction over the states. After a long discussion on this matter, a motion was presented and approved that **1)** In order for a state officer's name to be registered in the CSAS journal, he/she must be a current paid member of CSAS. For 2019, dues must be paid by June 1, 2019 or their name will be dropped from the journals. For all subsequent years, the dues must be paid by December, which is the normal deadline for membership to the following year. **2)** If there are no officers listed in the journal for a state that is part of CSAS, a member of that state can still send in dues for his state or any other state he chooses. Be sure each officer in your state is informed of these changes. These changes will also be published in the journal.

Another area of consideration that Mr. Goette and Mr. David Miller brought to my attention several months before our meeting was that CSAS should immediately stop putting pictures of human remains in our journals. As we know, it seems there are many groups and even our government that would like to see the collection of American Indian artifacts completely stopped. CSAS does not condone digging up or collecting any human remains. After a thorough discussion, a motion was passed that Central States will not print a picture in the CSAS journals or any state journals that CSAS prints depicting any form of human remains no matter how old the subject.

Before the break, Dr. Pyle, spokesman for the nominating committee, handed out a sheet listing the current officers of CSAS along with a spot next to each name for a write-in candidate. At the conclusion of the break, all the sheets were collected. No write-in candidates were added. A vote of 100% was taken to re-elect all the officers to their current positions for the 2019 year. Previously, all of these officers had stated they would continue in 2019 if re-elected.

President – King Ross

1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Jim Spears

2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – David Miller

Secretary/Treasurer – Phyllis Goodrum

Business Manager – Terry Goette

Librarian – Kevin Lilly

Editor-in-Chief – Steven Cooper

My position as President will end at the next annual meeting in 2020. The 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President will move up which means we will need to elect a new 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President. If you have a member who you feel would be a great officer, please let me know. Remember, the normal progression is that the 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President moves up to 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President and then to President. Each of these positions is held for 3 years.

Last, but certainly not the least of importance to all of us, is the legal collection of American Indian artifacts. Mr. Dick Austin, our Legislative and Monitoring committeeman, strives to keep CSAS informed of all upcoming laws at the federal level so we can address them. Mr. Austin stated that the Stop Act is not on the congressional agenda at the present time but will let us know when it reappears. He also made us aware of two groups that we should know. One is AAIA (Association of American Indian Affairs), a group that wants to stop the sale of many items related to Indian culture and related grave items. At present, their focus appears to be on the auction houses. If you hear of them in your area, please contact Dick. The second group is the American Tribal Art Dealers Association. This group has our interests in mind because they want to uphold our legal rights to collect American Indian Artifacts. The Ohio state congress is tentatively considering a law which would negatively affect collectors of American Indian artifacts. If it passes in Ohio, other surrounding states may follow. Let Dick know of any laws up for consideration in your state that would affect collecting American Indian artifacts.

The date of our next meeting has been set for March 21, 2020. The meeting was adjourned.