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CENTRAL STATES ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY 70TH ANNUAL MEETING SATURDAY, 7:00 P.M. March 16, 2024

President Dave Miller calls the meeting to order AT 7 PM Officers of the society introduced themselves. Then state delegates then introduced themselves. Greater St. Louis, Peach State, Volunteer State, Kentucky, Indiana, Wisconsin, Piedmont, Illinois, Kansas and Iowa were represented. . Minutes of previous meeting were passed around at the start of the meeting. They were approved. Phyllis Goodrum gave the treasurer's report. The society had \$109,765 ending balance. Total income \$80,781.00. Total expenses were \$63091. Approved by the delegates. Steven Cooper gave the editor's report. He emphasized the Wisconsin Special Issue that came out in October 2024. Our membership in JSTOR netted us an extra \$3700 royalty payment. He noted we had lots of submissions. He also discussed the late delivery of the January Journal and hoped the issues that contributed to that were over. He had a short discussion of the new NAGPRA rules and how they apply to professional government funded institutions. Dave Miller then asked for a motion to approve the rest of the reports together, which was approved. Joe Campbell gave the business manager's report. He said we had 2969 members in Quarter 4 – 2023 and 2565 in Quarter 1 2024. He appreciated the help of the officers in assuming his duties. He noted that we had finished up regaining our “non-profit” status. Discussion then revolved between Phyllis and Joe regarding this and the final report to be filed. Kevin Lilly then gave the librarian's. 9122 Journal in inventory. Sold 606 Journal during the year. Inventory valuation \$62678. We sold a little over \$3000 in journals, and had 23 members join via the online portal. He purchased over 50 of the hard to find journals by purchasing them through the year. Ray Fraser gave the Publishing and Finance report. He noted that due to our good financial health, they saw no reason to raise dues in the coming year. Then delegates Tristen Arnold and Jeremy Cobble made the motion to accept the reports. Vote was unanimous to approve. Nominating Committee Stephen Beasley then stated the same officers were running for the same positions. He then asked for a motion to approve these officers, rather than vote, since none were opposed. Terry Goette and Mr. Beasley made a motion to accept, and it was voted by the delegates to approve unanimously.

Next came the second half of the meeting, and a discussion of donations to the society as part of a fund raising program. Discussion was then made by Norm Jepsen of people donating tax deductible annual contributions annually. Leroy Irons expressed concern that we might get too many assets via a donation program that could hinder our non-profit status. It was mentioned that it would not. No decision was made.

Then our “Mission Statement” developed by the committee formed at the previous meeting was read and open for discussion. Various members contributed ideas and changes. Nothing was decided. There were many ideas of wording thrown around, including not utilizing the word prehistoric and instead using pre-contact. Nothing was fully decided after many lengthy thoughts and suggestions. It was decided to table the idea for the time being.

Next was a presentation on adding Matt Dorso as the “Membership Coordinator.” He would receive \$125/month as a contractor to promote the society constantly on the internet. The reason for creating this position is to increase membership. Matt Dorso presented a paper that highlighted what he would do for the society. Stephen Beasley mentioned that he thought it was a good idea and recommended we accept Matt Dorso's proposal. It was decided to move forward with this on a trial basis for one-year after Dave Miller had a show of hands for approval. Approval was unanimous.

Tommy Bryden then gave the legislative report. He discussed repatriation in regards to state museums. He mentioned that cultural items were no longer on display in many of these museums, and mentioned that there were numerous articles in the media about this issue. He mentioned that certain activist groups were pushing this agenda, which was evolving to repatriate everything. He also brought up the STOP act that was enacted a few years ago. He ended that we need to keep up with what is transpiring with this in the future. Steven Cooper discussed the lack of prehistory research within the modern archaeological community. A motion was made to create a committee. Motion was approved. Leslie Pheiffer volunteered, along with Ray Fraser and Tommy Bryden to be part of the committee.

Dave Miller then closed the meeting. Announced the next meeting was March 15, 2025. It was brought up that extra Journals were available for any society to take at the back of the room. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30.