RMAA Annual Report, 2017-2018

The following summary covers the one year period since the 2017 Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference in Canmore, Alberta. RMAA Board and business meetings were held at the conference on September 22, 2017.

RMAA Board Meetings

Minutes of the board and business meetings held Sept. 22, 2017 were drafted for review, edited as requested, and the final versions sent to board members in December.

A post-RMAC board meeting was held via conference call on Dec. 13, 2017. The draft minutes of that meeting were made available for review, edited, and the revised final version sent to board members later that month.

Apart from routine board business, the major issues discussed included website update needs; bylaws update needs; RMAA finances regarding IRS limitations on individual and cumulative annual transactions; RMAA Board member term clarifications; RMAC locations in 2019 and beyond; a proposal from Flipcause to manage RMAC details such as registrations and contact lists; and archiving of RMAA and RMAC information.

RMAA Election

The election of open board seats held at the conference in Canmore resulted in the retention of current board members plus the addition of new board member Brad Andrews. Two candidates who were not elected to the board were notified of the results on Sept. 28 since they were not in attendance at the conference.

The terms of service of board members came into question during this period, and the issue was resolved during the Dec. 13 meeting. Board service terms then were posted on the RMAA web site.

RMAA Finances

William Eckerle, RMAA treasurer, forwarded questions about RMAA accounting practices and requirements to Debra Kisker of Labenz Associates on Nov. 9 and

subsequent conversations answered those questions in the following weeks. The invoice for Ms. Kisker's services was received in January 2018, and a copy was forwarded to other board members for their information.

RMAA Bylaws

Ken Cannon, vice-president, provided an editable version of the old bylaws in August 2017, and some suggested edits have been returned to him. The updated bylaws are to be posted on the web site after final changes are made.

RMAC 2019

Planning for the next conference in Logan, UT is in progress, led by Ken Cannon and David Byers. The e-mail contact lists from 2015 and 2017 have been collated and updated. Discussions about a prospective keynote speaker have included a suggestion for Reinhold Messner, who has been involved in museum development in the Tyrolean Alps. Dates of the next conference have been set for Oct. 3–5, 2019 at the Riverwoods Conference Center.

RMAA Web Site

David Rockwell assumed the role of webmaster; Kevin Black, secretary, became the lead contact for prospective changes and updates. During the year, all web pages were updated with new photographs, and a new page was created. Other changes are as follows:

Home page: In addition to two minor edits, brief news on the 2019 RMAC replaced the 2017 conference announcement.

"Member Projects": Two PowerPoint presentations from the 2017 RMAC were posted in December.

"Past Meetings": The 2017 RMAC program was added in November.

"News/Announcements": This new page was created in July, and the first content posted at that time.

"Links": One new link for an educational resource was added in April, at the request of a 6th grade student and her teacher.

"Contact Us": The list of current board members and positions was updated in December, with the addition of their terms of service.

Miscellaneous

In December, a request was made through SAA president Susan Chandler to add a "North America: Rocky Mountains" option in member profiles. This request was granted within a few days.

In late January, Ken Cannon renewed RMAA's corporation registration with the state of Utah.

In March, RMAA president Brian Vivian received an offer from the Plains Anthropological Society to co-host a vendor's table at the upcoming SAA annual meeting. The board voted to decline the offer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kevin Black
Secretary