

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
President's Report
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Welcome to the 21st annual business meeting of the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. I am happy to report that MAC is alive and well financially and we are continuing to sponsor a great meeting, excellent journal and informative website. Last year we decided to shorten the business meeting and merge it with the banquet. Individual reports from Anne Lee - Treasurer, Sean Dunham - Secretary, Tom Emerson - MCJA Editor, and Don Gaff - MAP Editor, can all be found on the MAC website. In addition, John Doershuk provided a report on the activities of the Image Use Policy committee that addressed the publication of images and/or line drawings related to human remains in MAC publications. I invite anyone who has questions for the Board to raise them after the awards and music to follow or send us an email and we will be happy to respond.

Organizers

Please join me in thanking our local host and annual meeting organizers Connie Arzigian and Vicki Twinde-Javner who developed the Conference Theme, Sharing Perspectives and as usual have provided a variety of experiences and terrific program. Our 2023 meeting will be in Bowling Green Kentucky at Western Kentucky University hosted by David Pollack and Gwynn Henderson. If you are interested in hosting in 2024 and beyond please make yourselves known when the call for New Business comes up after the awards. We'd be especially interested in someone from Indiana or Ohio to volunteer to host.

I would also like to acknowledge the participation of several THPOs and other indigenous guests and musicians who have enriched our program significantly.

The meeting would be possible without Angela Collins and Josiah Salsbury at the University of Iowa Office of the State Archaeologist who provided their often wizard like support for the MAC website and membership database and deserve our sincere thanks.

Student Paper Competition

The undergraduate student paper competition winner is Lauren Brewer, U W. La Crosse for her paper Collaborative Historical Archaeology: Spatial Analysis of the Apostle Island Indian Pageant Ground.

The graduate student paper competition winner is Tyler Feree from UC Santa Barbara for his paper Oneota Migration and the Multi-ethnic Occupation of the

14th Century Central Illinois River Valley. Both students will receive a cash award and books.

Student Workshop

The Student Workshop was attended by approximately 20 students Friday noon was titled Bridging the Gap: Collaboration Among Professionals and focused on building collaboration among avocational, professional and descendant communities.

MAC Sponsored Symposium

Sadly, there were no submissions for a Sponsored Symposium this year.

New Image Policy

A committee chaired by John Doershuk and Mark Shurr, and including George Milner, Kat Sterner, Susan Kooiman, Jeremy Wilson, and Don Gaff, developed a policy for both MAC publications and MAC annual meeting presentations especially with regard to images of human remains and associated mortuary items. That policy was developed with input from a number of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from our region, was approved by the board and is on the MAC website.

Elections

Melissa Baltus-Zych chaired the Nominations Committee assisted by Jennifer Picard and Michael Strezewski. We had three excellent candidates for Executive Officer, and the winner is Heather Walder who will begin her duties at the conclusion of this meeting. In addition, we elected Rob Cook to be MAC Editor replacing (hardly seems possible) Tom Emerson who has served as MCJA Editor for at least 10 years. The Secretary-Elect is Katy Mollerud and the Treasurer-Elect is Jessica Yann. Please join me in welcoming these new officers to the MAC executive board. Tom Emerson, Susan Kooiman and I will be going off the board. Please join me in thanking Susan and Tom and all the candidates and new officers for their willingness to serve MAC.

Awards

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Dissertation Award

It is a pleasure to announce that Dr. Eric Drake, Heritage Program Manager for the Hiawatha National Forest is the award winner for his dissertation from Suny Binghamton titled Working to Stay Together in “Forsaken Out of the Way Places”: Investigating Anishnabeg Family Logging Camps as Sites of Social Refuge and Resilience During the Era of Assimilation in Michigan’s Upper Peninsula 1880-1940. Dr. Drake will receive the cash award and offer to publish in the *MAP* series through UND Press.

Distinguished Career Award

There were a number of exceptional nominations for MAC Inc. Distinguished Career Award. The Board unanimously approved two of the nominations. The MAC, Inc. Distinguished Career Award, recognizes individuals who have demonstrated excellence and contributed significantly and regularly to the advancement of Midwestern archaeology and MAC. This award is the highest one made by MAC and truly honors someone with a lifetime commitment to Midwestern archaeology and achievement in areas such as research, publication, collection and site preservation, program development, and education.

The 2022 Distinguished Career Award recipients are Jodie O’Gorman and Ernie Boszhardt.