

Draft Minutes
2022 Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Board of Directors Annual Meeting
Friday, October 14, 2022
Noon to 1:30 pm
Boardroom A (2nd floor, La Crosse Center)

Call to Order (Brashler) (12:16 pm)

- Welcome to our new Board Members:
 - Katy Mollerud (Secretary Elect)
 - Jessica Yann (Treasurer Elect)
 - Heather Walder (Executive Officer)
 - Rob Cook (MCJA Editor)
- Approval of 2021 minutes (Dunham)
- President's Report (Brashler)
 - See attached report
- Treasurer's Report (Lee)
 - See attached report
- Secretary's Report (Dunham)
 - See attached report
- Editor's Report (Emerson/Cook)
 - See attached report
- MAP Editor's Report (Gaff)
 - See attached report
- Awards
 - Distinguished Career Award (see President's Report)
 - Dissertation Award (see President's Report)
 - Student Paper Award (see President's Report)
- MAC Image Policy Committee Report (Doershuk)
 - See attached report

Old Business

- 2022 Conference (Arzigian)
- Future Conferences
 - 2023 Bowling Green, KY (Gwynn Henderson and David Pollack organizers)
 - 2024?
- Anti-harassment Task Force, if necessary (Doershuk)
- MAC Image Policy (see report)
- Other Old Business

New Business

- Increase Student Participation – tbd by board
 - MAC Student Travel Fund
 - Revise student paper competition timing an protocol
- New Awards – tbd by board
- MAP book distribution.

- The MAC board receives 10-copies of the MAP series books. Distribution of complimentary copies:
 - Dissertation Award Winners – 1 to 2 per year
 - Student Paper Award Winners – 1 to 2 per year
 - Distinguished Career Award Winners – 1 to 2 per year
 - Outgoing Board Members and tech/web support – 1 to 3 per year
 - Student Registration Incentive (randomly select from first 10 student registrations) – 1 per year
 - Annual Meeting Banquet Raffle – raffle remaining copies

Thank you for your service to MAC Susan, Jan, and Tom!

Adjourn (1:20 pm)

Attendees:

Jan Brashler, President

Mark Schurr, President Elect

Sean Dunham, Secretary

Anne Lee, Treasurer

Jessica Yann, Treasurer Elect

Thomas Emerson, MCJA Editor

Susan Kooiman, Executive Officer

Kat Sterner, Executive Officer

Heather Walder, Executive Officer

Don Gaff, Map Editor

Angela Collins, Webmaster

Connie Arzigian, 2022 Annual Meeting Host/Organizer

Peter Geraci

Gwynn Henderson (2023 Annual Meeting Organizer/Host)

David Pollack (2023 Annual Meeting Organizer/Host)

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
President's Report
Submitted by Janet G. Brashler
October 14, 2022
La Crosse, Wisconsin

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

Midwest Archaeological Conference/University of Notre Dame Press

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.



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October 11, 2022 – **Revised February 5, 2023**¹

To: MAC, Inc. Executive Board
From: Anne B. Lee, MAC, Inc. Treasurer
Re: MAC, Inc. Treasurer’s Report

I would like to thank the staff from the University of Iowa, Office of the State Archaeologist, Angela Collins and Josiah Salsbury, for assisting with website maintenance, assisting with MCJA mailing list preparation, and managing use of PayPal for on-site Point of Sale card readers and app set up.

MCJA

Reminder that there is an October 31, 2022, cut-off date for 2022 membership submittals.

Membership

2022 membership renewals peaked in late December through January with a second peak between July and September that coincided with annual conference abstract submissions. The biggest increase in student memberships coincided with the conference. This pattern is consistent with past years. Membership exceeded 2021 and is almost at pre-pandemic numbers, but still below 2017 numbers.

Membership Numbers (as of 10/20/22)

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Regular	207	207	204	210	218	246
Student	42	35	22	58	85	99
Retired	40	35	44	35	39	37
Joint	13	12	17	22	22	24
Lifetime	23	19	19	9	9	9
Total	325	308	306	334	373	415

2022 Membership Renewal Income

PayPal ² :	\$ 10,919.20
Checks:	\$ 1,230.00
Total 2022 Membership dues income:	\$ 12,116.43

¹ Revised in February 2023 because final conference accounting was delayed as a result of late invoices and reimbursements.

² Gross minus PayPal fees.

Annual Conference

Final Registration

	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
MAC, Regular	100	85	0	116	101	158
MAC Retired	29	17	0	20	13	10
MAC, Student	33	18	0	52	63	72
MHAC, Regular	-	5	-	-	-	-
MHAC, Student	-	3	-	-	-	-
Non-Member, Regular	44	8	0	23	9	14
Non-Member, Student	4	9	0	8	0	17
Single Day	21	3	0	20		
Single Day, Student	8	-	-	-	-	-
Guest	1	2				
TOTAL	240	150	0	239	186	271

Accounts Summaries

Current account balances are as follow:

US Bank checking account: \$13,270.56 (+ \$6006.26 checks to be deposited)

US Bank money market (savings): \$101,732.99

PayPal: \$996.78

MAC funds (as of 2/5/23): \$122,006.59

Respectfully,



Anne B. Lee, Treasurer

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.

MAC Activity 2021-2022
(January 1, 2021 – December 31, 2022)

Expenses	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2021	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2022	
MCJA			
University of Illinois Press	\$ 8,828.91	\$ 19,634.07	
MCJA Editor Assistance	\$ 7,841.73	\$ 11,204.54	
Independent Editor	\$ -	\$ 561.36	
MAC Annual Conference			
Student Paper Award	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00	
Dissertation Award	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	
Distinguished Career Award reimbursement	\$ 180.20	\$ 190.80	
Student Workshop Lunches	\$ 335.00	\$ 175.20	
Student Workshop Honoraria	\$ 335.92	\$ -	
Card Readers	\$ -	\$ 63.53	
Conference Insurance	\$ -	\$ 162.13	
Conference App	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	
Conference Center	\$ 25,898.26	\$ 12,745.18	
Conference Expenses (2021)	\$ 1,089.65	\$ -	
Conference Expenses (2022)	\$ -	\$ 34,341.14	
Other Expenses			
Website/Database overall (Iowa OSA IT)	\$ 3,017.90	\$ 500.00	
Website Domain Name	\$ 60.00	\$ 48.00	
MailChimp	\$ -	\$ 34.98	
Society of Black Archaeologists	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	
Flexibility, LLC (Diversity Training)	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
US Bank Charge / Checks	\$ 146.88	\$ 422.37	
State of Wisconsin Nonstock Corp annual fee	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00	
Total	\$ 51,469.45	\$ 81,983.30	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 133,452.75
Revenue	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2021	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2022	
MAC Membership Dues (net)	\$ 11,871.83	\$ 12,804.74	
Member payment for back issues	\$ 180.00	\$ -	
Member Donations	\$ 5.00	\$ 45.00	
Annual Conference			
Registrations + add-ons (net)	\$ 15,506.09	\$ 28,155.40	
Conference Table Vendors (net)	\$ 220.92	\$ 343.06	
Conference Sponsorships/Donations (net)	\$ 8,024.20	\$ 12,826.99	
Royalties/Interest			
University of Illinois Press	\$ 6,230.92	\$ 8,052.98	
Interest - Checking	\$ 4.80	\$ 0.80	
Interest - Money Market	\$ 1.62	\$ 9.22	
Total	\$ 42,045.38	\$ 62,238.19	
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 104,283.57

MAC, Inc. 2022 Secretary's Report
Submitted by Sean Dunham, MAC Secretary
October 14, 2022

I would like to thank Angela Collins and Josiah Salisbury for their work maintaining the MAC website. Further thanks to Angela for her assistance with the mailing system on the MAC webpage.

General Activities

- Completed minutes for 2021 Executive Committee and Business meetings
- Emailed requests for nominations for the Nominations Committee (Melissa Baltus, Jennifer Picard, and Michael Strezewski) for candidates for the upcoming 2022 Executive Board positions - Secretary Elect, Treasurer Elect, Executive Board Member and Editor Elect
- Emailed requests to the membership for nominations for the 2022 Distinguished Career Award nominations
- Emailed requests for 2022 Sponsored Symposium proposals
- Posted notices, general information, open job positions, and links to events on the MAC Facebook page and Twitter feed throughout the year.

Social Media

MAC continued to make use of its Facebook page to share general information, job postings, and information about presentations pertaining to Midwestern Archaeology. Community members also share similar information on the page. We currently have 2,800 followers of the FaceBook page (an increase of over 500 over the past year) and over 2600 "likes" (an increase of over 200).

We reactivated the Twitter feed and currently have 3,336 followers (an increase of over 100 over the past year). The same sorts of information shared on the Facebook page are also shared via Twitter.

2022 Executive Committee Elections/Officer term updates

Elections close on October 7, 2022. Please welcome Heather Walder (Executive Officer), Katy Mollerud (Secretary-Elect), Jessica Yann (Treasurer-Elect), and Rob Cook (MCJA Editor) to the board!

The Nominations Committee (Melissa Baltus, Jennifer Picard, and Michael Strezewski) identified a slate of excellent candidates. Please thank the committee and all those who were candidates!

Jan Brashler (President ex-officio), Susan Kooiman (ex-officio Executive Officer), and Tome Emerson (ex-officio MCJA Editor) will be leaving the board. Please thank Jan, Tom, and Susan for their service!

Communications/Web Master's Update

We are transitioning to Mail Chimp for mass emails because many members, mostly Gmail users, are not getting updates.

MAC Conference

The 2023 MAC Conference will be held in October at Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, KY.

We are looking for hosts in 2024 and beyond.

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Incorporated
Executive Committee October 14, 2022
Terms begin and end at annual conferences

Office	Name	Period (Yrs)	Term	Next Election year
President	Schurr, Mark	2	2022-2024	2024
President Elect		1	2023-2024	2023
Secretary	Dunham, Sean	3	2020-2023	Term ends 2023
Secretary Elect	Mollerud, Katy	1	2022-2023	2025
Treasurer	Lee, Anne	3	2020-2023	Term ends 2023
Treasurer Elect	Yann, Jessica	1	2022-2023	2025
Editor	Cook, Robert	3	2022-2025	Term ends 2025
Editor Elect		1	2024-2025	2024
Exec Office	Sterner, Kat	2	2021-2023	2023
Exec Officer	Walder, Heather	2	2022-2024	2024

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 10/15/2019*

January

- Finalize accounting for previous calendar year following reconciliation of December bank statement and prepare draft annual budget including editorial and website support for Board approval (Treasurer)
- Early January: remind membership to renew ASAP (Treasurer)
- Form Nomination Committee (President)
- Prep MCJA first issue mailing list for T&F (Treasurer)

February

- Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so ASAP (Treasurer)
- Notify Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)
- Student Workshop Liaison (first-year Executive Officer) initiates planning for Annual Meeting (carry through as necessary coordinating with Annual Meeting Organizer; let President know plan by September 1)
- Student Paper Competition Liaison (second-year Executive Officer) initiates planning for judges and issues first call for submissions; set submission date in coordination with Annual Meeting Organizer.

March

- Prepare MAC, Inc. corporate tax return (Treasurer)
- Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so ASAP (Treasurer)
- March 1 solicit proposals for the Annual Meeting Sponsored Symposium with a due date of May 15 (Secretary)
- Solicit Distinguished Career Award nominations from members (July 15 deadline) (Secretary)

April

- Promote fall annual meeting in national and regional publications, via social media, and through list serves (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary)
- Publicize Student Paper Competition and finalize judging committee (second-year Executive Officer/Annual Meeting Organizer/Webmaster/Secretary)
- Reminders re Distinguished Career Award nominations and Sponsored Symposium applications to membership (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Notify Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)
- Submit corporate taxes (due April 15) (Treasurer)
- Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so ASAP (Treasurer)
- Reimburse Iowa OSA for domain name and web hosting annual fee (Treasurer)
- Prep MCJA 2nd issue mailing list for T&F (Treasurer)
- Send information on Book Reviews - # added online and # books ready for review (Secretary)

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 10/15/2019*

May

- Early May - Reminders re Sponsored Symposium applications to membership (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Develop MAC website annual meeting online registration forms including abstracts for papers and posters; send annual meeting “save the dates” reminder including membership renewal reminder (Webmaster/Annual Meeting Organizer/Treasurer)
- May 15: deadline for Sponsored Symposium applications (Secretary)
- Select the Sponsored Symposium for the year’s Annual Meeting from among submitted proposals (all Board); President notify applicants by end of May
- E-990 Electronic Filing for Tax exempt status (Due May 15) (Treasurer)
- Remind Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)

June

- Non-Stock Corporate reporting to State of WI due June 15 (Treasurer)
- By June 30: open online registration for annual fall meeting via MAC website; send information to membership (Webmaster/Annual Meeting Organizer/Treasurer)
- Remind Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)

July

- Promote meeting registration via email and social media (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary)
- Remind Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)

August

- Finalize Election ballots (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Prep MCJA 3rd issue mailing list for T&F (Treasurer)
- Select Distinguished Career Award Recipient and request that John Doershuk order the plaque(s) (All Board/Secretary); President notify nominators and arrange Annual Meeting award plan
- Promote meeting registration and send weekly deadline reminders via email and social media (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary/Webmaster)
- Send information on Book Reviews - # added online and # books ready for review (Secretary)
- Run 30-day Election (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Send weekly reminders about voting for Board members (Secretary)
- MAP Editor/UND and President confer re Dissertation Prize winner; arrange Annual Meeting award plan

September

- President notify candidates of election outcomes and invite winners to Board lunch at annual meeting
- Promote meeting registration and deadline reminders via multiple emails and social media throughout the month (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary/Webmaster)

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 10/15/2019*

- President receives MAP/UND – Dissertation Award information and coordinates for Award Ceremony (\$500 prize from MAC – Treasurer prepares check)
- Prepare Officer reports (President, Treasurer, Secretary, Editor)
- President prepares draft Board meeting agenda; Secretary circulates to current and incoming Board members for corrections/additions
- Board Annual Timeline circulated by Secretary to current Board members for additions/corrections; Secretary compiles update for distribution at Board lunch meeting

October

- Secretary forwards agenda, reports, and timeline to current and incoming members of the Executive Board (timing as appropriate to the Annual Meeting dates; typically, one week beforehand if possible)
- Annual Meeting
 - Board lunch meeting (typically Friday 11:30 am to 1:00 pm but can be adjusted)
 - Annual Business Meeting and Award Ceremony (typically Saturday starting ~4:00 pm)
- Update website and MAC letterhead with new board member contact information (Secretary/Webmaster): “elect” positions on website but not letterhead

November

- Update website with Annual Meeting award photographs and winner names (Webmaster/Secretary/President/Annual Meeting Organizer)
- Pay outstanding bills from Annual Meeting/transfer funds as appropriate (Annual Meeting Organizer/Treasurer)
- Send T&F final “catch-up” list for mailing the year’s MCJA issues 1–3 to late-renewing members missed in previous mailings
- Prepare minutes from Annual Business Meeting (Secretary)
- Send thank you letters to Annual Meeting sponsors (Annual Meeting Organizer provides list; Secretary prepares, President sends)
- Update website as needed (Webmaster)
- Send information on Book Reviews - # added online and # books ready for review (Secretary)

December

- Send membership renewal reminder/instructions for next calendar year (Treasurer)
- Finalize annual meeting accounting (following reconciliation of November bank statement); report to Board (Annual Meeting Organizer/Treasurer)
- Post printable MAC membership renewal form for the coming calendar year to website for those preferring dues payment by check (Treasurer/Webmaster)

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Annual Editor's Report 2021–2022
September 2022

To: MAC Board

From: Thomas E. Emerson, Editor, mcjaeditor@gmail.com; Tamira Brennan, Book Review Editor, tbrennan@illinois.edu; Mary Lou Wilshaw-Watts, Editorial Assistant, <wilshaww@illinois.edu>; Robert Cook, Associate Editor <cook.426.edu>

(Administration) Building on last year's efforts (see Editor's Report 2020–2021), the transition to MCJA's new publisher, the University of Illinois Press; the implementation of the new Open Journal System (OJS) editorial software; and the use of the web staff of the Office of the Iowa State Archaeologist for the new MCJA system and the MAC website were successfully completed and put in place.

We are glad to announce that the first print issue of the 2022 MCJA Volume 47(1) was recently delivered. In 2021, working with the UIP journals staff, we were able to transition to full color production at no extra cost to either the MCJA or the authors. This has been a significant upgrade to the journal and provides authors with an expanded opportunity for high-quality images. Unfortunately, the printer mistakenly ran Volume 47(1) in black and white. Since this was an error on the printer's part, we have insisted on a new run in full color for this issue. This should be arriving soon.

As the membership were notified in a past MAC announcement, the MCJA Early Access system is now up and functioning, and current members can access these digital articles prior to their printing by logging on the MAC website and entering <<https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/mcja/digital-access>>. Members will need to log in for access. This same portal will also allow members to access archival copies of the journal as well as Supplemental Data from the articles. This process has been made possible by the joint efforts of Angela Collins and Josiah Salsbury at the Office of the Iowa State Archaeologist and the UIP journals section.

With the move to the UIP, we have adopted the Open Journal Systems, Editorial Software ver. 3. It is user-friendly and generally straightforward, especially for authors and reviewers. Furthermore, MCJA editorial staff will have much greater control over manipulating the software. This means that MCJA or UIP staff should be able to directly assist users. This is also true for the production process housed at the UIP.

While this transition to a new publisher will change how the editorial office interacts with the production process, MAC members will experience little difference. The journal will continue in its current format and style consisting of three issues (Spring, Summer, and Fall) per volume, with an annual length of about 312 pages, and continue to provide early online digital access to accepted articles. The individual member rates will continue to be \$45.00 per annum.

(Editorial Office Changes) The 2022 publishing cycle has completed the change in staffing. The Illinois State Archaeological Survey will no longer serve as the MCJA editorial office. We have appreciated their past assistance, especially during this period of transition. With guidance from ISAS's Sarah Boyer, Mary Lou Wilshaw-Watts, who has been a longtime copy editor for MCJA and for ISAS, stepped up to assume editorial assistant responsibilities. This allowed a seamless transition in the production process. Additionally, Dr. Robert Cook, Ohio State University, was appointed by the MAC Board to serve as associate editor of the MCJA. This appointment will allow for a smooth transition in the editorial office when Emerson steps down in 2022.

(OP series) Members should be aware that the cost and staff time expenditure involved in the Occasional Paper series has led to several changes in current practices. First and foremost, the Board has decided that the OP series will no longer be automatically tied to the Sponsored Symposium. The editor will create a subcommittee of the Editorial Committee to review any manuscripts submitted for consideration for the OP series. Such manuscripts are also strongly encouraged to include a monetary subvention as part of the submission package or to consider the papers for submission as a thematic issue.

(Thematic Issues) MCJA will now return to the practice of accepting, on a limited basis, thematic sets of papers. Initially, we will set a limit of one thematic issue per volume in order to avoid having an impact on the timely publication of individual articles.

(Open Access Book Reviews) Tamira Brennan, book review editor, has been productive, with 16 book reviews posted in 2021–2022. These continue to be Open Access and can be reached at <https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/mcja/book-reviews>. She also has numerous volumes that need reviewers. If you are interested, please send her a copy of your vita, a summary of relevant expertise, and an indication of the volume(s) you wish to review. The list is available at www.midwestarchaeology.org/files/Jan2020_Titles%20available%20for%20review.pdf. Please note that Dr. Brennan can be reached at tbrennan@illinois.edu.

(Call for Papers) The manuscript submission, review, and acceptance process is now in place and functioning smoothly. Authors can submit their manuscripts via the MCJA website at <https://ojs-mcja.press.uillinois.edu/index.php/mcja/about/submissions>. To thrive, the MCJA depends on manuscript submissions as well as willing reviewers. We encourage members, their students, and fellow researchers to continue submitting their work to MCJA. We also encourage MAC symposium organizers to consider if their session might be suitable for a thematic volume. For all those past contributors and reviewers, a Big Thank You. MAC and the MCJA editorial staff appreciate your past and future support.

(Editorial Change). The 2022 annual meeting will see a change in MCJA editorship. These last 10 years with the multiple changes in publishers (four different ones) and editorial systems have been challenging, but since I enjoy being challenged, they were also gratifying and fulfilling. I believe that the current UIP and OJS agreements in place have positioned the MCJA to successfully move forward over the long term. I have appreciated the support

of the MAC officers, the membership, the editorial board, and the editorial staff (especially Sarah Boyer and Mary Lou Wilshaw-Watts) during this process — all were essential in making it work. Thank you.

Thomas E. Emerson

Annual Report of the Editor
Midwest Archaeological Perspectives
14 September 2022

Submitted to:

Janet Brashler, President, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Rachel Kindler, University of Notre Dame Press

I am pleased to report that the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* book series and the MAC/ University of Notre Dame Press Dissertation Prize has had an active year.

The Editor would like to express his continued gratitude to the series' Editorial Board. Given that the past year continued to see the ongoing after-effects of COVID, especially in regards to volunteer work, the commitment to *MAP* demonstrated by the board is commendable. The current *MAP* Editorial Board members are Gayle Fritz, Megan Kassabaum, George Milner, Krysta Ryzewski, Sissel Schroeder, Bonnie Styles. Including the Editor there is a seven-member *MAP* Editorial Board.

Since October 2021 the editor and *MAP* Editorial Board reviewed several dissertations. These came to *MAP* as either self-nominations or were recommended for review by others. The Editor also reviewed additional manuscripts for UND Press for the series and worked with last year's dissertation winner on manuscript revisions.

The solicitation of dissertations and other manuscripts was facilitated by notifications on the Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. website as well as by e-mail from MAC, Inc. and advertising by University of Notre Dame Press. This is the first year that SEAC was also notified of the award so as to increase nominations. The Editor also continued the practice of e-mailing department heads and graduate program coordinators at Midwestern institutions.

It was with great pleasure that the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* Editorial Board was able to select a recipient for the 2022 Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. – University of Notre Dame Press Dissertation Prize. The recipient is Dr. Eric C. Drake with a SUNY-Binghamton Dissertation, *Working to Stay Together in "Forsaken out of the Way Places": Investigating Anishinaabeg 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. This dissertation was thought to embody the intent of the award in its attempt to explore a little examined part of the archaeological record.

This report also marks a turning point in the history of the book series. In summer 2022, changes at UND Press resulted in the decision to end the press' relationship with *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*. The press indicated a commitment to continue with projects that are in process and will commit to publishing this year's dissertation winner as their last contribution to the series. The press also signified an interest in supporting a search for a new publishing house. The press deserves thanks from MAC for launching and supporting the series as well as continuing to work with us through this upcoming year.

In anticipation of searching for a new press, the Editor has secured the services of the Editorial Board for the coming year on the premise it will be easier to find a new publisher with an intact, experienced board in place. Again, the *MAP* Editorial Board deserves kudos for their dedication.

In the interests of continuing the success of the *MAP* series and Dissertation Award, the editor, in conjunction with the Editorial Board and MAC leadership, expects the following future activities:

- UND will not send a representative to the annual meeting in La Crosse, but will send sample books and order forms. The Editor will work with MAC leadership to promote the series while at the meeting.
- The Editor will begin a search for a new press to assume publication of the series after consultation with MAC leadership at the annual meeting.
- Continue to offer the Dissertation Award as a monetary one only, with no promise of publication.

October in La Crosse promises to be an enjoyable venue for the annual meeting and the Editor looks forward to working with the MAC Board to advance the prospects of *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*.

Submitted with all due respect,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Gaff', written in a cursive style.

Donald Gaff, Ph.D.

Editor, *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*

Cc: *MAP* Editorial Board: Gayle Fritz, Megan Kassabaum, George Milner, Krysta Ryzewski, Sissel Schroeder, and Bonnie Styles

MAC Inc. Image Use Policy Committee Report

In November of 2021, MAC Inc. President Jan Brashler assembled a committee drawn from the membership to develop a draft image use policy for both MAC publications and MAC annual meeting presentations especially with regard to images of human remains and associated mortuary items. The committee included:

Mark Schurr, John Doershuk, George Milner, Kat Sterner, Susan Kooiman, Jeremy Wilson, and Don Gaff, with Schurr and Doershuk serving as co-chairs.

The committee meet multiple times via Zoom, assembling and reviewing policy examples from several publication outlets—primarily anthropological¹. Each committee member also independently consulted with Tribal contacts with whom they had connections. Additionally, committee members reached out to SEAC and PAS leadership contacts about how these organizations were approaching this issue. By design, a deliberately slow-paced approach was followed to allow committee members and their contacts ample time to consider existing policies and formulate thoughtful responses. By late spring 2022, many useful existing policies had been thoroughly considered and many informative responses from Tribal contacts² were received and discussed by the committee. Most of the Tribal contacts who responded requested to comment on the written draft policy once it was available.

The committee presented a draft policy in June to the MAC Inc. Board which approved it for sharing with the Tribal representatives who had expressed an interest. The Tribal representatives were provided the written draft policy mid-June and requested to provide comments by phone call or email as they preferred by July 30. The committee met via Zoom in August to review the comments received, which were minimal. These fell into two categories, the majority reflecting approval as written. The other comments didn't directly address the MAC draft policy per se but rather voiced the opinion that all photographic documentation of Indigenous skeletal material is inappropriate regardless of storage venue, access, or intended use. While the committee agrees the latter position is part of a much larger societal conversation than the MAC Image Use Policy can address, the policy as written clearly directs prospective authors to consult with appropriate Tribes about potential image use prior to submitting manuscripts for consideration.

The committee communicated its activities with the Board which adopted the policy August 16, 2022, and arranged for posting to the MAC Inc. website under the MCJA tab (<https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/mcja/image-policy>):

¹ Society for American Archaeology, American Anthropological Association, Taylor and Francis, SAPIENS, Kiva, British Museum, American Journal of Physical/Biological Anthropology, International Journal of Paleopathology, Bioarchaeology International.

² Tribes contacted represented include: Pokagan Band of Potawatomi, Miami of Indiana, Nottawaseppi Huron Potawatomi, Saginaw Chippewa, Osage, Menominee, Delaware, Peoria Tribe of Oklahoma, Quapaw, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Sac and Fox Tribe of the Mississippi in Iowa, Citizen Pottawatomie, Choctaw, Lakota (note, not all individuals who provided the committee feedback are officially designated spokespersons for their Tribe).

Midwest Archaeological Conference Image Policy

The Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc. (MAC) publishes the *Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology* (MCJA). The journal presents original research on all periods of Midwestern archaeology. The MAC believes human remains, funerary objects, and items of cultural patrimony must be treated with respect and that may include limiting their depiction in publications.

The MCJA will not publish photographs of Native American skeletal remains or burials, but may publish line drawings if they are necessary to convey essential information. It is the author's responsibility to provide satisfactory justification that explains why it is beneficial to the journal's readership that burial-related imagery is included. This justification is addressed to the MCJA Editor, and it is done when the manuscript is submitted with updates accompanying manuscript revisions as necessary.

If the remains are affiliated with a Federal or State recognized tribal group(s), the author must consult with the group(s) to obtain their views on the portrayal of ancestral remains and funerary objects prior to submission. The only exception to the prohibition on publication of photographs of Native American burials would be when the remains are affiliated with a Federal or State recognized tribal group(s) and written permission from the group(s) accompanies the submission. It is the author's responsibility to conduct the consultation and provide documentation.

If the publication of a photograph of a portion of a human bone with a specific feature (e.g. a pathological lesion, breakage from trauma, etc.) is the only way to present essential information, the photograph must be limited to the specific feature in question.

While photographs of funeral items are currently acceptable if justified as essential, line drawings are strongly preferred if they can adequately convey the necessary information. Authors should limit photographs to specific features if possible.

Authors may include images as on-line supplemental figures. Supplemental information will be reviewed by the MCJA editor and will be subject to external review along with the submitted manuscript.

The article abstract must include a notice that portrayals of burials, funerary objects, or objects of cultural patrimony covered by this policy are presented in the article.

The committee strongly recommended to the Board that it work with La Crosse annual meeting host Connie Arzigian to create an analogous policy for images used in presentations (posters or verbal) that include the requirement for some sort of disclosure along the lines of what SEAC and SAA have recently adopted-probably best included in the program listing as the well as the presentations themselves. This led to the following statement on the MAC, Inc. website:

*Special note on the use of images of human remains: The MAC recognizes that images of human remains have the potential to be offensive and unsettling to some members of our community and those communities with whom we work. MAC policy encourages presenters NOT to use photographs of human remains but that if essential, line drawings are preferred. We ask that presenters please indicate on their abstract submission that your presentation will include any such images of human remains. We will mark these with an asterisk in the program and on the conference app. We also request that presenters disclose at the beginning of their presentations if such images are included. These measures are intended to create a more respectful environment for all.

[<https://www.midwestarchaeology.org/annual-meeting/upcoming>, accessed 10/4/2022]