

MAC Business Meeting
Lakeshore A, Hyatt Regency Hotel
Milwaukee, WI
October 18, 2024

President Schurr called the meeting to order at 5:06 pm.

- Welcome
- MAC Business Meeting minutes and Officer Reports will be posted on the MAC website
- Election Results
 - Thank you to departing Board Member Heather Walder (Executive Officer)
 - Welcome to new Board Members G. Logan Miller (Editor-Elect) and Aaron Comstock (Executive Officer)
- Changes to *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* (MAP) monograph series
 - Moving forward with a new publisher, the University of Alabama Press
 - The MAC, Inc. Dissertation Prize, which is supported by the MAP monograph series, will restart once MAP has been established at the new publisher
- Thank you to conference host and organizers Brian Nicholls and Bob Jeske, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
 - Brian Nicholls provided stats for this year's annual meeting, and announcements related to monetary support for student participation
 - Conference registration total 298, with 80 students registered
 - Student participation was supported through travel grants totaling \$5,000.
 - An anonymous donor will be establishing an endowment over the next two years, up to \$10,000 in matching funds, to encourage student participation in the annual conference. MAC members are invited to contribute.
 - A link will be established on the MAC website to allow interested members to donate and match funds through the organization.
- Future Meetings
 - 2025 joint meeting of MAC-Plains Anthropological Society in Iowa City, IA
 - 2026 MAC annual meeting in Mankato, MN
 - 2027 joint meeting of MAC-SEAC in Louisville, KY
- Student Paper Competition Winners (presented by Eve Hargrave, President-Elect)
 - Thank you to Heather Walder for organizing the Student Paper Competition
 - 2024 Student Paper Award winner is Crystal Morgan (UW-Milwaukee) for the paper "Talking Dead: Public Archaeology and Keeping Burials in the Living Memory at Maple Grove Cemetery"
 - 2024 Student Poster Award winner is Laurel Anderson (Northwestern University) for the poster "Manufactured Color: Analysis of the Euro- American Decorated Historic Ceramics of the Montgomery Site"
- Distinguished Career Award (presented by Mark Schurr)

- 2024 Distinguished Career Award recipient is Dr. Timothy Pauketat, University of Illinois - Urbana Champaign
- Announcement of new Ex-Oficio Board Member position, Website Content Manager
 - Angela Collins is the new Website Content Manager
- New Business
 - Announcement regarding the passing of archaeologist Dan Morse a couple of weeks ago (Lawrence Conrad)
- Mark Schurr turned the presidency over to Eve Hargrave
- Eve Hargrave remarks
 - Thank you to departing Board Member President Mark Schurr
 - Brief inaugural remarks

Meeting adjourned at 5:26 pm.

MAC, Inc. 2024 President's Report
Submitted by Mark Schurr, MAC President
October 18, 2024

I would like to thank all the members of the Board for their service this year and to thank Secretary to Angela Collins for her work on the MAC website.

General Activities

- The Board held several Zoom meetings throughout the year to discuss upcoming conferences, elections, and other issues. There was significant discussion about how to restructure the student paper award. Heather Walder agreed to chair the 2024 Student Paper Award Committee.
- Heather Walder revamped the procedure for selecting the winners of the Student Paper Awards. She developed a rubric that will be used to score presentations and volunteers from the Board will use a Google Sheet to sign up for papers to evaluate and then score them as they are presented at the Conference.
- At our 2022 and 2023 Board meetings, there was discussion about changing the MAC dues structure. No progress was made on this.

Annual Meetings

- The MAC has agreed to host a joint meeting with the Plains Anthropological Conference in 2025 to be held in Iowa City with John Doershuk serving as our local host.
- The University of Louisville offered to host a meeting in 2026. Aaron Comstock, who would be our local host, explored the possibility of a joint meeting with the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Although this initially seemed like a good possibility, SEAC was not able to hold a joint meeting in 2026 but can host one with us in 2027.
- In 2023, the Cincinnati Museum of Natural History and Science was willing to consider hosting a future meeting that would coincide with a new exhibit somewhere in the 2027-2029 timeframe, with 2028 or later being more likely.
- We will therefore need to seek hosts for the 2026 meeting and perhaps consider asking the Cincinnati Museum if they can host in 2028, although this would put two meetings back-to-back in the same part of the Midwest.

Student Travel Award

- In 2023, Jan Brashler chaired an ad hoc committee on travel support for students attending meetings. The committee proposed establishing a fund of \$20,000 as an endowment and using the annual interest from the fund for student travel awards to support attendance at the annual meeting. The Board accepted that proposal. An anonymous donor has offered to donate \$10,000 to start the fund and if that donation is received, the Board agreed to raise the rest of the funding through various appeals to members. We are currently awaiting the donation.

Midwest Archaeological Perspective Series

- In 2022, we were informed by the University of Notre Dame Press that would no longer consider or publish additional volumes in our Midwest Archaeological Perspectives series, which is closely tied to the MAC Dissertation Award. I worked with Don Graff to develop a publishing agreement for the series with the University of Alabama Press. The Board approved the agreement and Alabama will publish the series going forward. This agreement will be reviewed every three years.

MAC, Inc. 2024 President's Report, Continued

Website

- Our webpage is hosted by the University of Iowa and uses a content management system (CMS) called Drupal. We are currently using Version 7 which will no longer be supported in January 2025. We have also been told that the University of Iowa would like us to move our website to another host. Although our website will continue to function, there could be serious security issues in the future.
- After some discussion, the Board considered several options, and decided the easiest path would be to upgrade the website the latest version of Drupal and move it to a new host.
- The people who have been managing the website at the University of Iowa recommend working with Codelift to update the CMS, obtain future technical support, and consider hosting at Pantheon.io. The Board should decide on a pathway forward for the website, and hopefully make any changes before new membership dues are due in January.

2024 Executive Committee Elections/Officer term updates

- The Nominations Committee consisted of Richard Edwards (Chair) assisted by Susan Kooiman and Gwynn Henderson. They recruited two people to run for Executive Officer and one to run for Editor-Elect. They also obtained candidate statements. Elections closed on October 8, 2024. Please welcome Aaron Comstock (Executive Officer) and Logan Miller (Editor-Elect) to the Board! Eve Hargrave will move from President-Elect to President.

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
2024 Secretary's Report
Submitted by Katy J. Mollerud, MAC Secretary
October 16, 2024

I would like to thank Sean Dunham for graciously sharing his experience as Secretary. Gratitude is extended also to Angela Collins for her service towards maintaining the MAC website and assistance with the mailing system.

Routine Activities

- Completed minutes for 2023 Executive Committee and Business meetings
- Sent email correspondence to MAC membership requesting nominations for the 2024 Distinguished Career Award
- Sent email correspondence to MAC membership requesting proposals for the 2024 Sponsored Symposium
- Mark Schurr and Angela Collins organized the 2024 Executive Committee elections via the MAC website. Sent email correspondence to MAC membership related to the election.
- Promoted the 2024 Annual Meeting on social media
- Posted notices, general information, open job positions, and links to events on the MAC Facebook page and Twitter feed throughout the year.

2024 Executive Committee Elections

An election was held in September-October 2024 for two positions: MCJA Editor-Elect and Executive Officer. Ballot notifications were emailed to membership on September 17, and a reminder email to vote was sent on October 7. The election closed on October 8, 2024. 25% of the membership voted in the election (95 votes). Election results were reported to President Mark Schurr on October 8.

The Nominations Committee (Rick Edwards, Gwynn Henderson, David Pollack, Susan Kooiman) identified a slate of candidates for two positions.

Please welcome Aaron Comstock (Executive Officer) and G. Logan Miller (MCJA Editor-Elect) to the board!

Mark Schurr (President ex-officio) and Heather Walder (Executive Officer ex-officio) will be leaving the board. Please thank them for their service!

2024 Sponsored Symposium

Emailed an announcement for the 2024 Sponsored Symposium on May 20, 2024 with a due date for proposals June 28, 2024. This resulted in a single proposal submitted by Michael Aiuvalasit and Timothy Pauketat (ISAS) entitled "The Future of our Past: Assessing the Impact of

Climate Change on Cultural Heritage in the Midwest.” After Executive Board review, the proposal was approved in late July 2024.

2024 Distinguished Career Award

Emailed membership on May 26, 2024 requesting nominations for the 2024 Distinguished Career Award by July 26, 2024. One nomination was submitted to President Schurr and distributed to the Executive Board for review. The nomination was selected: Timothy R. Pauketat.

Annual Executive Committee Schedule

I have attached to this report an annual Executive Committee schedule, which includes several suggested updates (highlighted in yellow) to the timeline for Board discussion.

Officer Term Table

I have attached an updated MAC Executive Committee term table to include this year’s election results.

Social Media

MAC continues to use its Facebook page to share general information, job postings, field schools and other events pertaining to Midwestern Archaeology. Community members also share similar information on the page. Currently, the MAC Facebook has 3,204 followers (an increase of 167 over the past year). Facebook is no longer tracking “likes”, but the MAC Facebook page did have over 502 content interactions in the last year, which includes the number of likes or reactions, saves, comments, shares and replies on our content.

MAC continues to use the X (formerly Twitter) feed and currently has 3,185 followers (a decrease of 59 over the past year [traffic on the X platform has declined by approximately 23% since it was rebranded as X in 2022]). The same types of information shared on the MAC Facebook page are also shared via Twitter.

Future MAC Conferences

The 2025 MAC Conference will be a joint conference with the Plains Anthropological Society held in Iowa City, IA, date TBD.

We are looking for hosts in 2026.

The 2027 MAC Conference will be a joint conference with the Southeastern Archaeological Society held in Louisville, KY, date TBD.



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October 18, 2024

To: MAC, Inc. Executive Board

From: Jessica Yann, MAC, Inc. Treasurer

Re: MAC, Inc. Treasurer's Report

Membership

2024 Membership renewals got off to a late start, with renewal notices not going out until January 24. There was a peak in renewals in late January and early February, and then again in September and October ahead of the annual meeting. Due to the transition to a new treasurer, several memberships were processed quite late, as checks had been mailed prior to/during the transition.

Membership Numbers (as of 10/15/24)

Type	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Regular	206	171	207	207	204	210	218
Student	73	30	42	35	22	58	85
Retired	46	32	40	35	44	35	39
Joint	15	7	13	12	17	22	22
-Secondary	15	7	13	12	17	22	22
Lifetime	24	23	23	19	19	9	9
Total	379	270	338	320	323	356	395

2024 Membership Renewal Income

PayPal ¹ :	\$ 12292.26
Checks:	\$ 1460.00
Total 2024 Membership dues income:	\$ 13,752.26

Accounts Summaries

Current account balances are as follow:

US Bank checking account: \$ 5343.45

US Bank money market (savings): \$91,636.67

PayPal: \$2541.01 (as of 10/17/24, 11 am)

MAC funds (as of 10/17/24): \$99,521.13

Respectfully,

Jessica Yann, Treasurer
Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.

¹ Gross minus PayPal fees of \$602.76

MAC Activity 2023-2024
(January 1, 2023 – October 15, 2024)

Expenses	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1 – October 15, 2024	
MCJA			
University of Illinois Press	\$ 21,873.71	\$ 17283.65	
Independent Editor	\$ 6718.12	\$ 10261.25	
2020 Thames &Hudson Invoice	\$ 10,500.00	\$ -	
MAC Annual Conference			
Student Paper Award	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	
Distinguished Career Award reimbursement	\$ 95.40	\$ 95.40	
Card Readers	\$ 46.64	\$ -	
Conference Graphic Design	\$ 400.00	\$ TBD	
Conference Center/Catering	\$ 9961.00	\$ 34661.31	
Conference snacks and beverages	\$ 291.33	\$ TBD	
<i>Total Conference Expenses (2023)</i>	\$ 11,763.35	\$ -	
<i>Total Conference Expenses (2024)</i>	\$ 3000.00	\$ 35056.71	
Other Expenses			
Website/Database overall (Iowa OSA IT)	\$ 500.00	\$ -	
Website Domain Name	\$ -	\$ 60.00	
MailChimp	\$ 317.15	\$ 248.04	
US Bank Charge / Checks	\$ 60.01	\$ -	
State of Wisconsin Nonstock Corp annual fee	\$ -	\$ 50.00	
Total	\$ 54063.36	\$ 62959.65	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 117,023.01
Revenue	Jan 1 - Dec 31, 2023	Jan 1 – October 15, 2024	
MAC Membership Dues (net)	\$ 15875.21	\$ 13752.26	
Member Donations	\$ 65.00	\$ 95.00	
Annual Conference			
Registrations + add-ons (net)	\$ 19805.27	\$ 32610.25	
Conference Table Vendors (net)	\$ 114.34	\$ 895.00	
Conference Sponsorships/Donations (net)	\$ 578.57	\$ 9750.00	
Royalties/Interest			
University of Illinois Press	\$ 9403.74	\$ 6501.79	
Interest - Checking	\$ 0.52	\$ 0.16	
Interest - Money Market	\$ 382.84	\$ 2335.26	
Total	\$ 46225.49	\$ 65939.71	
		TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 112,165.21

2024 Editor's Report, Midcontinental Journal of Archaeology

This year continued with the invaluable assistance of our copyeditor Mary Lou Wilshaw-Watts. Her expertise continues to amaze me.

After a year of catchup in 2023, this year we were completely on track from start to finish. Two issues focused on Chicago area precontact and historic archaeology, respectively. And the third contained a series of articles of varying regional and methodological topics.

In 2024, there were a total of 10 submissions, not counting the two themed issues that were under the purview of a guest editor. Of these there were two rejected manuscripts, four have been accepted, and four are under review. The struggle remains to obtain reviewers who complete reviews in a timely fashion; however, many have obviously done so and I am very grateful for this service.

As has been my approach, I will continue to seek out one issue per year focused on a special theme by working with a guest editor when possible. There are two in the works, so we should be right on track over the next two years.

Lastly, at the request of our press, we migrated to a new OJS this year – Scholastica – which has been a great change. The process is much better as a result as we were encountering many glitches in the old system.

My Book Review Editor, Richard Edwards, had one book review published and two more under review. He's expecting an additional three by the end of the year if the reviewers finish on time. He has had two new books sent by publishers in the last three months and has requested another that will be published early next year and already has reviewers lined up. There are still two outstanding reviews from before his tenure, and the authors have expressed an interest in finishing.

In closing, the journal is in good shape, and I am pleased to continue through 2025.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. A. Cook', with a stylized, cursive script.

Robert A. Cook, MCJA Editor

Annual Report of the Editor
Midwest Archaeological Perspectives
October 4, 2024

Submitted to:

Mark Schurr, President, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Wendi Schnauffer, Senior Acquisitions Editor, The University of Alabama Press

I am pleased to report that after a lengthy delay, the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* book series has now been successfully moved to its new publishing home, The University of Alabama Press. In summer 2022, changes at University of Notre Dame Press resulted in the decision to end the press' relationship with *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*, a process of dissolution that was completed in the summer of 2024. Shortly after receiving notice releasing the series from UND Press, MAC formalized an agree for The University of Alabama Press to take over publication of the series.

Since last year's meeting and after completing the move to a new press, the MAP Series Editor has worked with The University of Alabama Press to migrate "in progress" manuscripts from UND Press to their new home. Both editors—press and series editor—have reviewed existing materials and drafts and then have begun reaching out to these authors. This includes familiarizing authors with the new process that comes from Alabama wherein an author prepares and submits a prospectus for consideration.

Over the past year, the MAP editor only received a few queries about publishing in the series or the dissertation award. With no publisher in place for most of the past year, there has been no active solicitation of dissertations.

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

- Discussions at this year's MAC meeting in Milwaukee on timelines and actions, notably constituting a new iteration of the editorial board and when to resume the dissertation award.
- The Editor will continue to work with Alabama and authors on moving the first two manuscripts to publication.
- The Editor will look also work with Alabama to get the other two outstanding projects into the publishing pipeline.

Submitted with all due respect,



Donald Gaff, Ph.D.
Editor, *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives*

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Incorporated
Executive Committee October 18, 2024
Terms begin and end at annual conferences

Office	Name	Period (Yrs)	Term	Next Election year
President	Schurr, Mark	2	2022-2024	Term ends 2024
President Elect	Hargrave, Eve	1	2023-2024	2025
Secretary	Mollerud, Katy	3	2023-2026	Term ends 2026
Secretary Elect	n/a	1	2022-2023	2025
Treasurer	Yann, Jessica	3	2023-2026	Term ends 2026
Treasurer Elect	n/a	1	2022-2023	2025
Editor	Cook, Robert	3	2022-2025	Term ends 2025
Editor Elect	G. Logan Miller	1	2024-2025	2027
Exec Officer	Walder, Heather	2	2022-2024	Term ends 2024
Exec Officer	Sasso, Bob	2	2023-2025	2025
Exec Office	Comstock, Aaron	2	2024-2026	2026