

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Annual Business Meeting
Presidents Report
Submitted by Eve A Hargrave
October 17, 2025
Iowa City, Iowa

Welcome to the 2025 MAC Annual Business meeting. I hope everyone has had an enjoyable, memorable experience during this joint Plains Anthropological Society/Midwest Archaeological Conference meeting. In many ways, this year has been a year of transitions.

Two Board members will be leaving the board this year – Robert Cook who took over the Editor position from Tom Emerson and Bob Sasso who has served as Executive Officer these past 2 years. Also leaving the position as Webmaster which she has held for over 10 years is Angela Collins. The website is the main source of communication for our organization and she has accomplished the job with diligence and finesse throughout the many years of challenges she faced. We want to extend our huge thanks to all these board members for their efforts in support of the MAC mission while serving their time on the board.

In light of Angela's departure the Board is searching for a dedicated person familiar with websites to replace her. Last year was the first year we added the Webmaster as an adjunct member to the board and it has proven to be a great success since she has been an important source of information about sending out notifications, status of the website, and involved in discussions about future meetings. If anyone is interested, or knows anyone who is interested, please contact me and we can discuss details.

This year we had a total of four Board positions open which is many more than usual. I would like to give a huge call out to the Nomination Committee – Amanda Butler, Jamie Kelly, and Liz Watts- for their challenging task of pulling together a competitive slate of nominees for the positions. Please welcome the following new Board members:

President-Elect – Rick Edwards

Treasurer – Jessica Yann (Jessica has generously agreed to serve another term as Treasurer)

Secretary-Elect – Heather Walder

Executive Officer – Tyrel Iron Eyes

A huge appreciation goes out to Angela Collins, Mary De La Garza, and Jessica Yann for working diligently on working through the upgrade of the MAC website. It was a long process and we appreciate all the MAC members' patience as they worked through the inevitable glitches. Angela will present a brief report on the website shortly.

We also appreciate the efforts of Dan Gaff – the Midwest Archaeological Perspectives Editor- who has worked closely with Wendy Schnauffer at the University of Alabama Press as the series

transitions from University of Notre Dame Press to the University of Alabama Press. In particular we would like to thank the upcoming book authors in the series who have experienced delays in publication as a result of this transition. Don Gaff will present a brief report of the current status of the series shortly.

The MAC Board met over Zoom on three occasions over the past year to discuss the new website progress, relay status of the Annual Meeting plans, finalize a timeline to be used by the Board for Board member responsibilities throughout the year, a status report on our finances and the journal, and the MAP transition to the University of Alabama Press.

The last item I would like to report is the formation of an Annual Conference Planning Committee (thanks to Bob Jeske). This consists of the following people: previous, current, and future Annual Conference Organizers, the MAC President, Treasurer, Secretary and Webmaster. The goal is to share information and advice to organizers who will no longer be in the position of reinventing the wheel every time they organize a conference. The committee met three times over Zoom beginning in January and with each meeting everyone agreed that this committee should be a permanent committee for the MAC Board.

Eve A Hargrave
President, MAC, Inc.

October 18, 2025

To: MAC, Inc Executive Board

From: Jessica Yann, MAC, Inc. Treasurer

RE: MAC, Inc. Treasurer's Report

Membership

2025 membership renewals were delayed due to website upgrades. There was a peak in renewals in March, when the website became operational again. There was another peak in late September and early October ahead of the annual meeting.

Membership Numbers (as of 10/17/2025)

Type	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Regular	172	206	171	207	207	204
Student	69	73	30	42	35	22
Retired	42	46	32	40	35	44
Joint	10	26	7	13	12	17
-Secondary	10	26	7	13	12	17
Lifetime	25	24	23	23	19	19
Total	328	401	270	338	320	323

2025 Membership Renewal Income

PayPal (fees already subtracted):	\$12417.39
<i>PayPal Fees:</i>	<i>\$495.06</i>
Checks:	\$750
Total 2025 Membership dues income:	\$13221.39

2025 Specific Expenses

- We paid to upgrade our website, which includes some one-time fees along with some recurring fees for continued website maintenance.
- We are splitting costs with the Plains Archaeological Society for the conference. We will not know what those expenses look like until after the conference.

Account Summaries

Current account balances are as follows:

US Bank Checking Account: \$6779.50

US Bank Money Market (savings): \$82,879.97

PayPal (as of 10/17/2025): \$57.58

MAC funds (as of 10/17/2025): \$89,717.05

Membership Fee Increase Proposal

We have been operating at a minor deficit for the last several years. To date, we have managed to stay even by pulling funds from our Money Market Account. This is not sustainable practice. To offset the increased costs associated with the continued publication of the *MCJA* and with website maintenance, I propose a modest increase to our membership fees:

Membership Type	Current Cost	Proposed Cost	Increase
Regular Membership	45	65	\$20
Student Membership	30	30	\$0
Retired Membership	35	45	\$10
Joint Membership	55	75	\$20

I recognize the financial hardships that our student members may experience, and for the moment do not recommend increasing those dues. I also recognize that our retired members may be under similar constraints, and thus only recommend a small increase to their dues costs.

By raising our dues cost for regular & joint members, we can bring in an additional \$4000. This, combined with the small amount of profit we generally get from the annual conference, should assist with getting us back to at least breaking even each year.

I also propose that we do a stepped increase, raising the dues costs half the recommended increase for 2026, and then the other half for 2027.

MAC Activity 2024-2025
(January 1, 2024 – October 17, 2025)

Expenses	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024	Jan 1-October 17, 2025	
MCJA			
University of Illinois Press	24698.78	10640.24	
Independent Editor	10261.25	7022	
MAC Annual Conference			
Student Paper Award	300	--	
Distinguished Career Award	95.40	98.46	
Conference Center/Catering	42416.38	--	
Other Conference Expenses (tours, materials, permits, student travel)	5668.47	--	
<i>Total Conference Expenses (2024)</i>	<i>48380.25</i>	<i>800</i>	
<i>Total Conference Expenses (2025)</i>	<i>--</i>	<i>TBD</i>	
Other Expenses			
Website Maintenance	--	2810.57	
Website Upgrade	--	5140	
Domain Name	60	78.17	
MailChimp	330.72	275.60	
U.S. Bank charges	52.00	35.00	
Taxes/State of WI Nonstock Corp annual fee	50.00	134.99	
Reimburse mailing expenses	66.83	--	
Total	83999.83	27035.03	
		TOTAL EXPENSES	111034.86
Revenue	Jan 1-Dec 31, 2024	Jan 1 – Oct 17, 2025	
Membership dues	15646	13221.39	
Member Donations	45	80	
Annual Conference			
Registrations	54800	--	
Vendor Tables-check	75	--	
Conference Sponsorships/Donations	1000	3790	
Royalties/Interest			
University of Illinois Press	8059.85	9225.01	
Interest - Checking	0.26	0.11	
<i>Interest – Money Market</i>	<i>2414.03</i>	<i>164.53</i>	
Pulled from Money Market	8000.00	4000	
Total	84626.11	30,316.51	
		TOTAL REVENUE	114942.62

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
2025 Secretary's Report
Submitted by Katy J. Mollerud, MAC Secretary
October 21, 2025

Many thanks to Angela Collins for her efforts in upgrading the MAC website and her continued assistance with the associated email system.

Routine Activities

- Completed minutes for 2024 Executive Committee and Business meetings
- Prepared email correspondence to MAC membership requesting nominations for the 2025 Distinguished Career Award
- Prepared email correspondence on behalf of the Nominations Committee (Amanda Butler, Jamie Kelly, and Liz Watts) to solicit nominations for 2025 Executive Committee positions
- Eve Hargrave and Angela Collins organized the 2025 Executive Committee elections via the MAC website. Prepared email correspondence for MAC membership notifying them of the election.
- Prepared email request for MAP Dissertation Award nominations
- Promoted the 2025 Annual Meeting on social media
- Posted requests from MAC membership to publicize notices, open job positions, and links to events on the MAC Facebook page and Twitter feed.

2025 Executive Committee Elections

An election was held in October 2025 for four positions: President-Elect, Secretary-Elect, Treasurer, and Executive Officer. Ballot notifications were emailed to membership on September 29, and reminder emails to vote were sent on October 9 and October 13. The election closed on October 14, 2025. 25% of the membership voted in the election (83 votes). Election results were reported to President Eve Hargrave on October 14.

Please welcome Rick Edwards (President-Elect), Heather Walder (Secretary-Elect), and Tyrel Iron Eyes to the Board of Directors! Congratulations to Jessica Yann on being re-elected as Treasurer.

2025 Sponsored Symposium

Due to the joint meeting with the Plains Archaeological Society this year, the Executive Committee decided to forgo the sponsored symposium.

2025 Distinguished Career Award

Emailed membership on May 27 and again on July 1, 2025 requesting nominations for the 2025 Distinguished Career Award by July 25, 2025. One nomination was submitted to President Schurr and distributed to the Executive Committee for review. The nomination was selected.

Annual Executive Committee Schedule

Please find attached to this report the annual Executive Committee schedule, which was reviewed and updated by the Board of Directors this year.

Officer Term Table

Please find attached to this report an updated MAC Executive Committee term table which includes the results of the most recent election.

Social Media

MAC continues to use its Facebook page to share general information, job postings, field schools and other events pertaining to Midwest Archaeology. Community members also share similar information on the page. Currently, the MAC Facebook page has 3.2k followers. Additionally, the MAC Facebook page had 145 content interactions in the last year (a decrease of 357), 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 3,011 followers (a decrease of 174 over the past year). The same types of information shared on the MAC Facebook page are also shared via X.

Future MAC Conferences

The 2026 MAC Conference will be held in Mankato, MN.

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

We are looking for hosts in 2028 and beyond.

Respectfully,

Katy J. Mollerud
Secretary, MAC, Inc.

Midwest Archaeological Conference, Incorporated
Executive Committee October 31, 2025
Terms begin and end at annual conferences

Office	Name	Period (Yrs)	Term	Next Election year
President	Hargrave, Eve	2	2024-2026	Term ends 2026
President Elect	Edwards, Rick	1	2025-2026	2026
Secretary	Mollerud, Katy	3	2023-2026	Term ends 2026
Secretary Elect	Walder, Heather	1	2025-2026	2028
Treasurer	Yann, Jessica	3	2023-2026	Term ends 2026
Treasurer Elect	n/a	1	n/a	2028
Editor	Cook, Robert	3	2022-2025	Term ends 2025
Editor Elect	G. Logan Miller	1	2024-2025	2027
Exec Officer	Sasso, Bob	2	2023-2025	Term ends 2025
Exec Officer	Comstock, Aaron	2	2024-2026	2026
Exec Office	Iron Eyes, Tyrel	2	2025-2027	2027

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 2/24/2025*

January

- Finalize accounting for previous calendar year following reconciliation of December bank statement; Post to MAC Board files in shared Box folder (Treasurer)
- Early January: Send renewal reminder to membership (Treasurer)
- University of Iowa invoice for Webmaster time (Treasurer)
- Form Nomination Committee (President)

February

- Early February: Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so (Treasurer)
- 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 and submit MAC, Inc. corporate tax return (due April 15) (Treasurer)
- Early March: Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so (Treasurer)
- Notify Membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)

April

- April 1: Solicit proposals from membership for the Annual Meeting Sponsored Symposium (June 30 deadline) (Secretary)
- Early April: Remind membership who have not yet renewed to do so (Treasurer)
- Late April: Student Workshop Committee to identify and preliminarily contact professional participants/presenters for workshop as conceptualized (first-year Executive Officer)
- Publicize Student Paper Competition and finalize judging committee (second-year Executive Officer/Annual Meeting Organizer/Webmaster/Secretary)
- Remind membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)
- Promote fall annual meeting in national and regional publications, via social media, and through list serves (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary)
- Send information on Book Reviews - # added online and # books ready for review (Book Review Editor)
- Corporate taxes due April 15 (Treasurer)

May

- E-990 Electronic Filing for Tax exempt status (Due May 15) (Treasurer)

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- May 1: Solicit Distinguished Career Award nominations from members (July 31 deadline) (Secretary)
- 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)
- Early May: Remind membership about Annual Meeting Sponsored Symposium applications (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Remind membership of Nomination Committee makeup and solicit nominations (Secretary)

June

- Non-Stock Corporate reporting to State of WI due June 15 (Treasurer)
- Early June: Final reminder to membership about Annual Meeting Sponsored Symposium applications to membership (June 30 deadline) (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Early June: Remind membership about Distinguished Career Award nominations (Secretary)
- 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

- July 1: Select the Annual Meeting Sponsored Symposium from submitted proposals (all Board); President notifies applicants in early July
- Early July: Final reminder to membership about Distinguished Career Award nominations (July 31 deadline) (Secretary)
- 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)
- Domain name/DNS renewal (Treasurer)
- Early August: 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
- MAP Editor/Publisher and President confer re Dissertation Prize winner; arrange Annual Meeting award plan
- Promote meeting registration and send deadline reminders via email and social media (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary/Webmaster)
- Send information on Book Reviews - # added online and # books ready for review (Book Review Editor)

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 2/24/2025*

September

- Run 30-day election (timing as appropriate to the Annual Meeting dates—election must begin no later than 30 days prior to Annual Meeting) (Secretary/Webmaster)
- Send reminders to membership to vote in MAC election (Secretary)
- President notifies candidates of election outcome and invites winners to Board lunch at Annual Meeting
- September 1: Student Workshop Committee notifies President about the workshop topic/theme, and provides final list of professional participants (first-year Executive Officer)
- Promote meeting registration and deadline reminders via multiple emails and social media throughout the month (Annual Meeting Organizer/Secretary/Webmaster)
- President receives MAP/Publisher 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 just before the evening banquet/reception)
- 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)
- 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 (Book Review Editor)

MAC, Inc. Board Annual Timeline *rev 2/24/2025*

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)

2025 MCJA Editor's Report

MCJA had a strong year thanks to the efforts of Editor Dr. Robert Cook, editorial assistant Mary Lou Wilshaw-Watts, the Editorial Board, reviewers, authors, and journal staff at University of Illinois Press. I am thrilled to have been elected as the next MCJA editor and want to thank Rob for taking me under his wing to show me the ropes over the past year. Mary Lou also provided plenty of assistance, feedback, and tips during my year as Editor-Elect.

Over the past year there have been 10 article submissions with eight accepted for publication and two currently under review/revision. Many thanks to the authors and all of the intrepid reviews for their work on these. That number of submissions is exclusive of the articles in the guest edited volume on repatriation at Angel Mounds that will constitute the fall issue (Issue 3 in Volume 50). The first two issues of volume 50 were printed and shipped to members earlier in the year while issue 3 is in production. The Journal is in healthy shape for the future as we are currently populating articles into issues for next calendar year (volume 51). That is not to say that we are overrun with submissions and so solicitation of new manuscripts is ongoing. The tradition of reserving one issue per year to a special theme by working with a guest editor will continue. Thanks to Rob Cook, the guest edited issue for volume 51 is in the works and penciled in for the fall issue of 2026. Conversations for another future potential guest edited collection are in preliminary stages and ongoing.

In conclusion, MCJA is in a strong and stable position thanks to the dedication of all involved. I hope to continue this success as I now take the reins as editor and thank Dr. Cook for his service to MCJA.

Respectfully,

Logan Miller, with contributions from Robert Cook

Annual Report of the Editor
Midwest Archaeological Perspectives
October 15, 2024

Submitted to:

Eve Hargrave, President, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Inc.
Wendi Schnaufer, Senior Acquisitions Editor, The University of Alabama Press

I am pleased to report that the *Midwest Archaeological Perspectives* book series move to its new publishing home, The University of Alabama Press is complete and publishing of the series has resumed. The dissolution of the relationship with the University of Notre Dame Press was completed in the summer of 2024, after which MAC formalized an agreement with The University of Alabama Press to take over publication of the series.

Since last year's meeting, the MAP Series Editor has worked with The University of Alabama Press to transition contracted authors to their new publishing house. Unlike the process at the University of Notre Dame, the University of Alabama Press requires a full prospectus for approval. Additionally, Alabama places more emphasis on the process refining dissertations into books leading to authors undertake more revisions than with Notre Dame. Though increasing time to publication for authors who moved, this process will result in a more polished books, which along with the larger marketing reach of Alabama, should bring more positive attention to both these young scholars and the MAC in years to come.

As of this report, one of the four authors has met these requirements and has entered the publication process, meaning the first volume of the MAP series with Alabama should be out in time for next year's meeting. Two other authors are actively working on revisions and another has begun the process. As they progress, these manuscripts will enter the pipeline for publication.

Taking advantage of the change to a new press, the editorial MAP was reconfigured allowing long-serving members to step down and for new members to be added. Currently, the editorial board stands at five. Along the series editor, the board includes:

- Thomas E. Emerson
- Gayle Fritz
- Edward Henry
- George Milner
- Sissel Schroeder

Nominations for the Dissertation Award are actively being solicited via MAC social media. Additionally, the series editor is soliciting nominations via e-mail sent to advisors at Ph.D. institutions in the Midwest. Nominations will be accepted through the upcoming meeting. Mid-November, all dissertations received will be evaluated over the coming months in order to potentially identify a winner in advance of the 2026 meeting.

Taken together, this means the anticipation is there will both be a Dissertation Prize to announce and a book to promote at the next meeting.

Looking to the future:

- Discussions at this year's MAC meeting should include the initial response to the abovementioned solicitation of nominations.
- The Editor will continue to work with Alabama and current authors on moving manuscripts to publication, guaranteeing a steady flow of new releases beginning in 2026.
- The Editor will look also work with Alabama to solicit additional, non-prize related manuscripts for inclusion in the series.

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*