SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

COMMITTEE/TASK FORCE CHAIR
SPRING 2023 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Due to CAS Chair and Board Liaison on February 7, 2023, for inclusion in the materials for the Spring Board of Directors Meeting. Your report serves to inform the SAA Board of the committee/task force's accomplishments and as background for the action items.

The Board asks all committee and task force chairs to use this Word document to report to your Board Liaison (anna.prentiss@mso.umt.edu).

- Reports are required in the spring of each year and optional in the fall.

- **Starting in 2022, Executive Director will post reports on Committee pages to improve transparency and assist incoming future chairs.**

- **Starting in 2023, Award and Scholarship Committee Chairs should send the winning applicant package to the SAA Manager, Communications and Fundraising for archiving at the National Anthropological Archive with all SAA official records.**

- If you are able to join us in Portland, Committee and Task Force chairs are invited to join the Board for **breakfast on Saturday April 1.**

Report of the	Student Poster Award Committee
From Chair	Colin Quinn
Date	February 9, 2023

1. Membership and terms for your committee:

So that the SAA Office's records are as complete as possible, please list your committee members and their terms here. Please also note if there are anticipated changes in a member's status before their term end date.

Colin Quinn (Chair) – 2024
Amy Thompson – 2023
Anthony Krus – 2024
Jennifer Jones – 2024
Rachel Horowitz – 2024

2. Executive summary of Committee's/Task Force's activities over the past year:

Please note that the activities summary should not exceed 250 words. Should the committee or task force be responding to a Board request for a draft document or report, refer to it in the summary and forwarded with this form as an attachment. If no such document was requested by the Board, the executive summary should be confined to the word limit.

The Student Poster Award Committee met in March 2022 to review the two eligible applications we received for the SAA Student Poster Award. The committee selected the poster made by McKenzie Alford as the awardee of the 2022 Student Poster Award. We have circulated advertisement materials through professional networks and social media. We recommitted to the current rubric for evaluating student posters. The new committee (for 2023 Annual Meeting) has continued discussions on how to increase the number of submissions for the Student Poster Award. A petition to the board to expand eligibility to allow student posters with community partner co-authors was approved by the SAA Board. We have continued to looked into the submission guidelines for student poster awards at other societies, associations, and unions that support disciplines like archaeology in order to determine how to better reflect the changing model of collaborative and community-based research in our field, including discussions on an evaluative process that would not automatically disqualify students who are lead authors of posters but have faculty co-authors. The Committee has also been preparing a plan for a social media presence for the Student Awards that we hope to submit for consideration by the Board in the near future.

3. Items for Board Consideration, if applicable. These are recommendations and requests that specifically require Board approval.

These items range from statements that you may wish to be disseminated, requests to undertake projects, requests to disseminate results, or any other action for which a committee or task force needs specific Board guidance/approval. Please do not embed such items in your activities summary. These items must be separately listed in this section. These are actions you are asking the Board of Directors to take. Please also include a discussion of fiscal impacts, if any, but note that budget requests occur in advance of the Fall Board meeting (and not as part of this report).

Should you have questions about whether any of your Committee's items require Board approval, please consult with your Board Liaison prior to submitting your report. We also recommend that you run a draft of your report by your liaison before you "officially" submit it.

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4. Draft motions, if appropriate. (Optional)

Drafting a suggested motion or motions for any requests noted above will help the Board more clearly understand your request and increase the "fit" between the request you make and corresponding Board action. Please keep in mind that suggested motions may be revised or not accepted by the Board, whose responsibility it is to consider the full range of member needs. If you choose to include suggested motion(s) with your report, it is essential that you work with your liaison before you submit your report. They will be able to provide examples of motions that you can use as models for the ones you create.

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5. For Award and Scholarship Committee Chairs: Number of Applicants/Nominees and Name(s) of the Recipients(s).

The Board has requested that Award and Scholarship Chairs report annually on the total number of applicants/nominees received for each award/scholarship. Also, please send the recipient(s)' applicantion/nomination package(s) to the SAA Manager, Communications and Fundraising (Emma_Sunseri@saa.org) for archiving at the National Anthropological Archive with all SAA

official records.

There were two applications for the 2022 Student Poster Award. Deadline for the 2023 award is February 23, 2023. Both applicants, including the awardee, identified as she/her. The award was given to McKenzie Alford.