



## 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	Cheryl Wase Memorial Scholarship
From Chair	Robert Stokes
Date	February 2, 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.*

<p>Robert Stokes, committee chair through April 1, 2023; has resigned from committee afterwards</p> <p>Loa Traxler, 2019-2023</p> <p>Fumi Arakawa, 2021-2025</p> <p>Sandra Coombs, 2022-2026</p> <p>Michael Graves, 2022-2026</p> <p>Kelly Jenks, 2022-2026</p> <p>Taylor McCoy, 2022-2026</p> <p>Maxine McBrinn, 2020-2024</p> <p>Susan Kuzminsky, resigned in May 2022</p> <p>Samantha Bomkamp, resigned in June 2022</p>
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**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 Cheryl Wase Memorial Scholarship committee discussed several important changes for future application process. First, the committee agreed that the applicant pool should be expanded to include New Mexico resident graduate student women at the terminal Master's degree level. This proposal has gone through legal review in Washington by the SAA and appears to be allowable. The committee is now devising internal procedures for how this will work, and whether New Mexico Highlands University with its new online MA in CRM can participate. Other items include allowing Eastern New Mexico University to substitute a letter from a major's advisor that they are archaeology focused now that ENMU has dropped its "emphasis" system for majors in Anthropology. This was found to be acceptable by the SAA. The committee and the SAA also agreed to adjust the make up of the committee, which will now be comprised of one member from each participating New Mexico school, and three outside members (note: if NM Highlands becomes eligible once the Master's student ability to apply becomes final, this may need to be raised to seven, or have NM Highlands take one of the at-large positions). The change should become effective after the April 2023 annual meeting or as current terms for members expire. This change should ease the burden of having two university committee members from the smaller schools and departments. The committee discussed ways to increase applications through marketing efforts in social media and other venues.

**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.*

None that were not discussed above.

#### **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.*

None

#### **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)' application/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.*

The list presented here represents the applicants and awardees presented at last year's annual meeting (our review process for the current year has not occurred yet). The committee awarded three new scholarships and renewed six scholarships from previous year's awardee. The awardees come from UNM and NMSU, none from ENMU. These are:

New awardees: Cassey Godman, Miya Sierra, and Katherine Slack

Renewals: Kayla Abeyta-Lopez, Robin Christofani, Nadia Gilpin, Sabrina Gonzalez, Autumn Myerscough, and Tiffany Neas

Their application materials are sent as separate files to Emma Sunseri