

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING 2020

OFFICER REPORTS

**SEAC Secretary Report, 2020
Update Submitted by Chris Rodning
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Elections

The SEAC ballot this year included elections for four voting officers and members of the SEAC Executive Committee (President-elect, Secretary-elect, Editor-elect, and Executive Officer II) and one set of proposed amendments to the SEAC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws (related to the creation of a new elected position on the Executive Committee, that of the Sexual Harassment and Assault Response and Prevention Coordinator, or SHARP). The SEAC Nominating Committee identified candidates for these offices, and the nominees then prepared candidate statements and pictures, which the secretary then edited and forwarded to James Claiborne (Vote-Now), along with some revised wording to be circulated with email announcements and reminders about the election and instructions to SEAC members for accessing the ballot and candidate materials. The SEAC election started on October 2 and closed on October 25, and the secretary communicated the election outcomes to the SEAC president and members of the Executive Committee on October 26. During the election period, I fielded some inquiries about the election and access to electronic ballots. For the 2020 annual election, there were 736 eligible voters, and 319 voters recorded votes, which is a participation rate of 43.3%, slightly down from 46.1% in the SEAC 2019 election. The candidates were: Kandace Hollenbach and Amanda Regnier for President-elect (Kandace Hollenbach was duly elected); Ramie Gougeon and Scott Hammerstedt (Ramie Gougeon was duly elected); Lindsay Bloch for Editor-elect (Lindsay Bloch was duly elected); Carol Colaninno and Asa Randall for Executive Officer II (Asa Randall was duly elected). The proposed amendments to the SEAC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws passed—there were 308 votes cast for this item on the ballot, 266 in favor (86.4%), and 42 opposed (13.6%). There are several offices for which SEAC will need nominees and candidates for the 2021 election, including Treasurer-elect, Social Media Editor-elect, and Executive Officer I. I have updated records of the names of SEAC voting officers, the names of SEAC members who stood for election but who were not elected, and projections about which offices will be included in annual SEAC election slates through 2028. I plan to coordinate with the Treasurer and Social Media Editor for more frequent communications to the SEAC membership about annual elections in 2021 and about the timetable for how dues renewal affects eligibility for voting, and I plan to set a timetable that enables SEAC to start its 2021 annual election period sooner than was the case in 2020, and end the election period with more time before the SEAC 2021 Executive Committee meeting and business meeting.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers.

Thanks to all those who stood for election and who participated in creating the slate of candidates.

Awards

I will assist the president in preparing certificates for 2020 award recipients after the SEAC 2020 virtual board meeting and after the SEAC 2020 virtual business meeting.

Newsletter

I have submitted reports and meeting minutes to the SEAC newsletter editor for inclusion in the spring newsletter.

Membership Contact Information

After consultation with current and past members of the SEAC Executive Committee, I recommend that SEAC consider developing a policy regarding the management and sharing (or not) of contact information for SEAC members.

Committees and Task Forces

I have updated an Excel spreadsheet with the names of chairs of committees and task forces, and the names of members of those committees and task forces.

Board Discussions and Votes

I have recorded votes taken during email discussions of issues put forward by the president, reported those outcomes to the president, updated records of such votes in an Excel spreadsheet, and periodically discussed with the president and others some of the issues under consideration.

—Respectfully submitted, Chris Rodning, 10/27/2020