

## **GBAA Board Meeting #1:**

**Date:** Tuesday 16 January 2024

**Location:** Virtual

**Attendees:** Lisbeth Louderback, Geoffrey Smith, Anna Camp, David Yoder, Stuart Rathbone, Lindsay Johansson

### **Business:**

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Website updates**

Lisbeth: What should be changed/updated? Given as homework to GBAA board prior to the meeting.

From Geoff: (via email)

1. Change home photo from Paisley to Reno or at least Nevada (ahead of the 2025 GBAC).
2. Remove all GBAC announcements except Reno 2025 and leave the membership dues announcement just below Reno 2025.
3. Under the ABOUT tab, update FLA award list and officers and board.
4. Under LINKS tab, remove the 2020 conference partner link (U of U Press). Add a link to the Nevada Archaeologist journal under journals (most older issues are online I believe).
5. Under CONTACT tab, update contact list to include Lisbeth as President and Anna as Conference Chair.
6. Under ANNOUNCEMENTS tab, clear out old ones.
7. Under SPONSOR tab, remove references to 2023 sponsorship.

General: update to reflect 2025 GBAC

Lisbeth: Record of past GBAA boards should be added somewhere.

Stuart: Meeting minutes—this should either be updated or removed.

Lisbeth: Like the idea of having that included. Include meeting minutes from GBAA board meetings as well as the business meeting minutes from past conferences, which is what seems to be on the website currently.

Stuart: Sponsorship page should give an explanation for the benefits of becoming a sponsor.

Geoff: One of the sponsorship pages was specific to the 2023 GBAC conference. Should remove this specific page and make general sponsorship of the GBAA more prominent. This is currently under “donate.”

Lisbeth: This would be good to do.

Lisbeth: Membership should be updated to include new dates for dues, etc. Should be due sometime during Summer 2024 (on the non-GBAC years).

Dave: do we get an email reminder for dues?

Lisbeth: would be a good idea to make sure that goes out, if it is not already planned. Maybe sometime in Spring 2024.

New things to add:

- Past board information
- Land acknowledgement for Great Basin: how to determine which Tribes to include? Could be more general (vs. specific) to be more inclusive.

**Motion: To adopt the following as the GBAA Land Acknowledgement:**

The Great Basin Anthropological Association (GBAA) recognizes *all* Tribes who have called the Great Basin and adjacent regions home since time immemorial. We appreciate the opportunity to work in the region and will continue to work to create a more inclusive and welcoming space where Indigenous and Western communities may pursue questions about the past, present, and future together.

Motion by Lisbeth.

Second by Lindsay.

Vote to adopt: unanimous

**Motion passed**

Lisbeth: Should share the land acknowledgement with statewide organizations for feedback prior to publishing on the webpage.

- Anna: NV
- Lisbeth: UT
- Lindsay: ID
- Geoff: OR

Discuss feedback at next meeting and make any updates/changes.

David: many of the links to external parties do not work. Is there a way to track what people are interacting with on the webpage?

Lisbeth: we can remove the links (keep the names) so that people can find the organizations on their own.

Stuart: What is the goal/purpose of the website? Is it to attract attention to GBAA/GBAC or just for information when GBAC is coming up?

Geoff: we have a Facebook page, but it is not regularly updated.

Lisbeth: should we have someone doing social media? Update/post when studies come out, information, updates, etc.

Stuart: Can take the lead on Facebook.

Lindsay: Can take the lead on Instagram. Would need to set up an account. Can duplicate many of the same things on FB and Instagram.

Lisbeth: Will send email to update website in a few weeks, send any additional things to change/update in the next few weeks.

### **3. Filing GBAA as a business**

Done. Filed in ID last week by Kirk Halford.

### **4. GBAC 2023 Wrap Up**

Summary (Geoff): 400 attendees. Financially, did well, managed to pass forward \$35,000 for GBAA and GBAC. Much of that was the result of sponsorship and fundraising. Will be important to fundraise/apply for funding for GBAC 2025.

Geoff: Will forward the sponsorship emails that were sent out.

Tribal Engagement: was not done early enough. Recommend reaching out to Tribes/THPOs earlier. Publicize that GBAC fees will be waived for Tribal Elders earlier. Approximately 5 percent of the GBAC 2023 attendees were indigenous, the committee recommends waiving fees for ALL Tribal members for GBAC 2025. Do not feel that this would be a large financial commitment.

Rooms: did not book enough rooms in the conference block for Wednesday. Have to fill about 85 percent of the room block rooms, but should increase the number.

Onsite registration was difficult. Should facilitate onsite online registration to ease this process.

Anna: has already begun discussing the 2025 GBAC with the Tribes. Initial outreach only.

Lisbeth: We should ask the tribes what they would like to see from the 2025 GBAC so that we can accommodate when it comes to planning.

Anna: some have commented on wanting to see more “anthropology” as opposed to only archaeology. Ethnography, Linguistics, etc.

Geoff: Recommends inviting one or two tribal members to be on the planning committee.

Anna: maybe 2-3, so that at least one will be available for each meeting. It may be too much of a time commitment for some.

Lisbeth: Find a way to make tribal engagement as beneficial as possible for the Tribes. Send an email to all Tribes within the Great Basin to begin outreach on GBAA in general. Anna can focus on Reno/Nevada specific tribes as part of the program/conference planning.

Tone for conference is set by the plenary session.

### **5. Budget**

\$35,879.96 in the account. Some loose ends are being tied up. What needs to be done for taxes? Anna to ask Joanna, Lisbeth to ask Chris.

Money will be transferred to an account in Reno in preparation for the next GBAC.

## **6. GBAC 2025**

Anna: in contact with Ceaser's, hoping for the Silver Legacy (same location as past Reno GBAC). May start looking at different venues. All will be in casinos, so will have indoor smoking. Only two venues in Reno without smoking, but both may not have the capacity for GBAC or be too expensive. Whitney Peak and Renaissance. Logistically, it may have to be in a casino.

Program Chairs: Teresa and Margot, they will reach out to Geoff for more information. Both have good connections and will be able to build a good program committee.

Theme and Logo: should be making decisions early on.

Lisbeth: Would like to have a plenary that focuses on where we are at/where we are going in Great Basin Anthropology.

Anna: "Under one sky"—exhibit at the NV Museum in collaboration with indigenous groups. Could make museum an official partner.

Lisbeth: theme could be about the similarities/differences in indigenous/non-indigenous perspectives, research, etc.

Geoff: would need to have a broad group of indigenous speakers for the plenary session.

Anna: could do a field trip to Carson City to see the museum and get a behind the scenes tour.

Lisbeth: Reception at DRI maybe. Or somewhere walkable.

Geoff: Will need to have some of the activities/receptions on site to fill food/beverage quotas.

## **7. Additional Funding**

### **a. Wenner-Gren Foundation**

Lisbeth: Wenner-Gren Foundation Conference/Workshop grant.

<https://wennergren.org/program/conference-and-workshop-grant/>

We are exactly 70 years past the application done by Jesse Jennings for the first GBAC.

Next deadline, 1 June 2024. Following application is 1 December 2024

Lisbeth cannot be PI, as she just turned in another application.

Want the money to be spent on people that would not otherwise be able to participate.

Geoff will take the lead on application. Will work with Lisbeth.

Focus on underrepresented groups: indigenous, etc.

## **8. GBAA/JCGBA Relationship**

Lisbeth: this was Chris's idea. He wanted to link GBAA membership with a JCGBA subscription to provide added benefit. JCGBA does not currently have an organization that it is linked to. Have begun conversations with the Malki Museum. They have offered a discounted subscription rate for members. Will likely be that as a part of paying dues, you can click an additional option to add a subscription. Current rate is \$70, discounted rate will likely be between \$60 and \$50.

Geoff: It would likely be easiest to have the subscription as a two-year subscription that is selected at the time dues are paid (as opposed to every year).

Lisbeth: Membership/subscription dues would be on alternating years from GBAC.

Dave: does JCGBA have an electronic version? Could that be included in the membership with an add on for digital only? It could be a better option for many to have a digital version only, similar to the SAA.

Lisbeth: Will ask. Much of the cost is likely because it is in print, so that may be an option.

## **9. Other Business**

Stuart: Could do a job/career fair within the exhibitor's room, as there are many companies represented there.

Stuart: In the past, there's been very little historical archaeology. Is that purposeful or just a factor of who volunteers?

Geoff: In the past, we just haven't gotten many historical archaeology sessions. Would be great to have a larger emphasis on historical archaeology. Strongly encourage historic period colleges to participate.

Lisbeth: will send out action items.

**Adjourn: 3:33 pm MST**