
INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR OBSIDIAN STUDIES

Minutes of the IAOS Annual Business Meeting

April 25, 2020 • Held via Teleconference

In attendance: Carolyn Dillian, Sean Dolan, Matthew Boulanger, Craig Skinner, Lucas Johnson, and Kyle Freund

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Announcement of Secretary/Treasurer Election Results
 - Lucas Johnson was elected Secretary/Treasurer, and will collaborate with Matt Boulanger in the coming week(s) to transition duties and responsibilities for this position
 - To facilitate transparency with the board, Boulanger shared the log-in information (username and password) for the IAOS Secretary account on Google, providing them access to the on-line membership roster and other files.
3. International Obsidian Conference (IOC 2021)
 - Kyle Freund and Lucas Johnson discussed the planned International Obsidian Conference (IOC) in 2021, and the role that the IAOS will play in cosponsoring this meeting at a cost of \$1500
 - The IAOS bank account will be the vehicle for which funds for the conference are collected and distributed
 - The IAOS Web site will be used to develop a registration and information pages for the conference
 - The conference is being held immediately preceding the SAA meeting, and this scheduling should help to encourage greater participation in both conferences
 - A second circular is being prepared and will be distributed in the coming months
 - Board members agreed that the IAOS should work to become more involved with the organization of the IOC moving ahead
4. Outreach to SAA presenters about contributing to the IAOS Bulletin
 - Sean Dolan spoke about efforts to solicit obsidian-related research contributions from individuals listed in the SAA program

- Given that the conference has been canceled because of the CoVid-19 pandemic, this would provide students and professionals the opportunity to publish their planned papers/posters
- Carolyn Dillian welcomed any and all contributions to the Bulletin
- Sean informed the board that he was reaching out to Rafael Alejandro Pastrana Cruz, recipient of the 2020 SAA *Award for Excellence in Archaeological Analysis* as a potential contributor as well
- Lucas Johnson and Sean agreed to work together on the above efforts

5. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

5.1. Finances

- The IAOS holds a balance of \$6,368.78; a plot of the society's account balance over the past decade is provided below
- The slight uptick in our balance relative to previous years reflects the Secretary/Treasurer clearing the society's balance in PayPal to take advantage of their waived money-transfer fees
- 93 members are currently listed on the membership roll; however, not all of these are active members; we should continue encouraging members to renew their memberships, and strive to encourage new members

5.2. By-Law updates

- A total of 26 votes were cast on the four proposed amendments to the IAOS by-laws (voting held on-line between February and April)
- All of the proposed amendments passed by a majority of votes
- These changes will be implemented into the by-laws

6. IAOS *Bulletin* report

- Carolyn Dillian reports that the recent Special Issue of the *Bulletin* has been very successful, and she extended her gratitude to Craig Skinner for his assistance in pulling the issue together
- Carolyn requests articles and/or advertisements to be submitted to the *Bulletin*

7. Plans for the upcoming year

- Officers discussed their various plans for the coming year in light of the CoVid-19 pandemic
- The general consensus was that while fieldwork plans may have largely been canceled most individuals will be focusing on laboratory work, writing, and analysis of collections
- Sean Dolan expressed his plans to reach out to CRM contacts to encourage them to consider publishing obsidian-related research from the "Gray Literature" in the *Bulletin*

8. Other business

- Discussion was had concerning whether the IAOS should seek to have a table/ booth at the 2021 SAA meeting (San Francisco)
- Primary concerns here include the cost
- It was agreed that the society should focus instead on its cosponsorship of the IOC meeting (see above), given that both meetings will occur in the same place at the same time

9. Close

Attachments:

- 2020 annual financial statement for the IAOS
- Summary of results for voting on the four proposed amendments to the IAOS by-laws (individual data are available upon request)

Four Proposed Amendments to the IAOS By-Laws

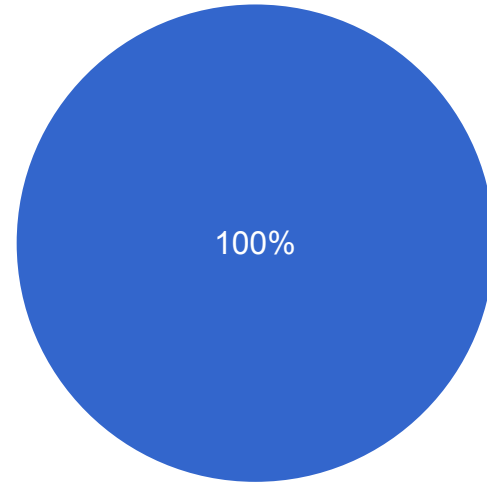
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1. Proposed Amendment to Article 2: S2 of the IAOS By-Laws

My vote regarding the first proposed amendment, as outlined above.

26 responses

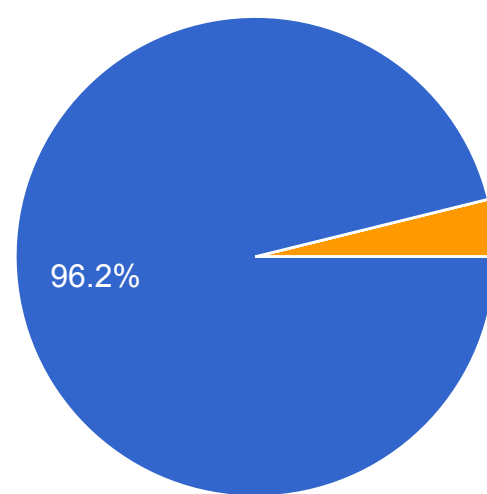


- APPROVE of the proposed amendment to Article 2; Section 2 of the IAOS By-Laws
- REJECT the proposed amendment to Article 2; Section 2 of the IAOS By-Laws
- ABSTAIN from voting regarding the proposed amendment

2. Proposed Amendment to Article 2: S2 of the IAOS By-Laws

My vote regarding the second proposed amendment, as outlined above.

26 responses

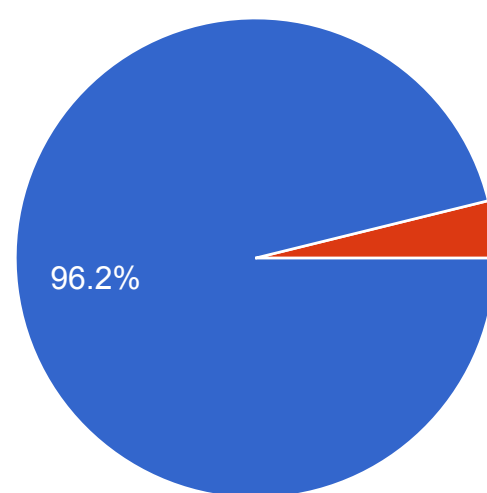


- APPROVE of the proposed amendment to Article 2; Section 2 of the IAOS By-Laws
- REJECT the proposed amendment to Article 2; Section 2 of the IAOS By-Laws
- ABSTAIN from voting regarding the proposed amendment

3. Proposed change in language throughout the By-Laws

My vote regarding the third proposed amendment, as outlined above.

26 responses

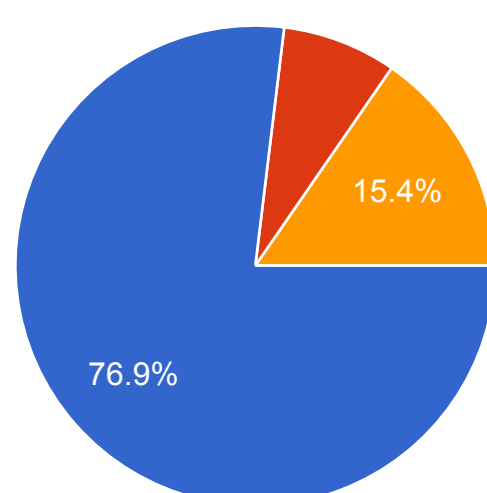


- APPROVE of the proposed amendment to change "IAOS Newsletter" to "IAOS Bulletin"
- REJECT the proposed amendment to change "IAOS Newsletter" to "IAOS Bulletin"
- ABSTAIN from voting regarding the proposed amendment

4. Amendment to change language in Article 8 of the IAOS By-Laws with reference to the "Advisory Board of Directors."

My vote regarding the fourth proposed amendment, as outlined above.

26 responses



- APPROVE of the proposed amendment to change this language in Article 8
- REJECT the proposed amendment to change this language in Article 8
- ABSTAIN from voting regarding the proposed amendment

