

## **MAASA Fall Meeting November 12, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 9:29 am, after moving from Skype to Google Hangout due to technical difficulties. Alan Blair [Graduate Student Representative, Saint Louis], Diane Williams [Graduate Student Representative, Iowa], Ben Schmak [Graduate Student Representative, Kansas], Kathryn Vaggalis [elected representative at-large, Kansas], Tom Oates [secretary, Iowa] and John Kinder [president, Oklahoma St.] were present.

John Kinder informed the board of an attempt to scam MAASA, in which someone impersonated John as part of an attempt to get MAASA to pay several thousand dollars in hotel bills and other expenses. The perpetrator was not apprehended, but the threat to MAASA seems to have passed.

The board discussed strategies for recruiting new members to the board. We would like to get representation from a wider range of MAASA member institutions, and discussed various strategies to invite new board members at the ASA reception. John encouraged those board members attending ASA in Denver to attend the reception on Friday, November 18 4-6 at The Corner Office (1401 Curtis St.).

John suggested that it would be helpful for MAASA to have a debit card that could be used to reserve such things as the location of the reception space. The lack of such a card created challenges with this year's reservation. We agreed to put the matter on the agenda for the spring meeting.

John announced that Ben Looker has offered for Saint Louis University to host the spring meeting. We also discussed whether to add events to the MAASA spring meeting? Perhaps a meeting with staff at the Missouri History Museum, a local art museum, or the like. The possibility of a public event (perhaps on the role of the Midwest in the contemporary political scene) was also discussed. There was general enthusiasm for the general idea of one or more additional events. We discussed the possibility of considering a regular feature of Spring meetings during non-conference years. Tom will distribute a doodle poll with dates after ASA. The following dates will be considered:

- Sat. 3/4 - Sun. 3/5
- Sat. 3/25 - Sun. 3/26
- Sat. 4/1 - Sun. 4/2
- Sat. 4/8 - Sun. 4/9

We discussed whether MAASA should release a statement regarding the election, but did not reach a conclusion. John urged us to think about ways that MAASA might to more to serve its constituents.

We adjourned at 11:15.