

General Meeting

September 21, 2021

Start: 5:31p

End: 5:50p

***Dr. Lara Nolder came to speak at 6:00p and spoke until 7:00p

NOTES FROM HER TALK BELOW

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Sam - Vice President of GEMS, GA in MST program, works at the Putnam
 - Rebecca - Secretary of GEMS, works at Iowa 80 Trucking Museum
 - Rachel - SGA Rep of GEMS,GA at Putnam
 - Abby - Treasurer of GEMS, GA at Family Museum, works at the Putnam

- Schedule for the Semester
 - **Tuesday September 21** - General Meeting 1 and Guest Speaker Dr. Lara Nolder (Iowa State Archaeologist's Office) - 5:30p
 - **Sunday October 3** - Iowa Museum Association Virtual Conference
 - **Tuesday October 19** - General Meeting 2 - 5:30p
 - **Mon.-Fri. November 1-5** - Association of Midwest Museums Virtual Conference
 - **Tuesday November 16** - General Meeting 3 - 5:30p
 - **Tuesday December 7** - General Meeting 4 (Final General Meeting of Semester) - 5:30p

- More events in the works - panel of speakers anticipated for the spring
- See Rebecca if you don't have the sign-up sheet for the Association of Midwest Museums

- Election for President
 - Guidelines for President
 - See photo below for list
 - Nominees
 - Kayla
 - Tate
 - Results: Kayla is elected president (9-6)

- Contact GEMS (gems@wiu.edu) with any questions and let an officer know if you aren't part of the Facebook group but would like to join

VESTED RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Coordinates all activities of the organization.
2. Liaison to WIU-QC community.
3. Official representative of organization.
4. Calls regular and special meetings, including officer meetings and member meetings.
5. Presides at meetings.
6. Prepares agenda for meetings.
7. Ensures that GEMS activities meet bylaw and University requirements.
8. Coordinates with the GEMS advisor.

Dr. Lara Nolder Talk

- Dr. Lara Nolder is the Bioarchaeology Director for the Office of the State Archaeologist
- NAGPRA ties into state laws
- Every state has their own burial code and Iowa's was a model for NAGPRA
- Three missions of the OSA Bioarchaeology Program
 - Research
 - Ensure through data collection and reporting
 - Education and Stewardship
 - Protection
 - NAGPRA compliance
 - Consultation on and enforcement of Iowa laws protecting ancient human remains (>150 years old)
- Critical Feature
 - All human remains (not just Native American remains) are protected regardless of antiquity or affiliation
 - Code of Iowa Sections
 - Chapter 263B7-9
 - Administrative Rules 685-11.1
 - 5231.316
 - 716.5
- Code of Iowa 263B.7
 - State Archaeologist has primary responsibility for investigating, preserving, and retaining discoveries of ancient human remains
 - Definition of ancient
 - Non-ancient (<150 years old) remains fall under the authority of the Iowa Department of Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics
 - Archaeological and osteological documentation and written reports filed with IDPH required
- Code of Iowa 263B.8
 - Establishment of a cemetery for reburial of ancient remains
 - Four cemeteries have been established
 - Non-disclosed locations
 - Discreet reburials

- Notices of Inventory Completion (NIC) and Summaries
 - Publication in the Federal Register
 - Repatriation
- Requires consultation with tribes to
 - Determine the cultural affiliation of human remains and cultural objects
 - Cultural objects: funerary objects, sacred objects, objects of cultural patrimony
 - Determine the proper treatment of human remains and objects until repatriation can occur
 - Organize repatriation and/or reburial - the transfer of control to tribes
- The Importance of Consultation
 - Built into NAGPRA to foster communication between museums/federal agencies and tribes
 - NAGPRA represents the first time that the government and Non-Indian institutions had to consider what is sacred from the perspective of Native Americans
 - Re-arranged power dynamics
 - Has led to a better understanding of collections overall and better relationships among anthropologists, archaeologists museums, and tribes
 - Science and cultural sensitivity do not have to be mutually exclusive
 - The key to the future of bioarchaeology is communication and preservation