Get to Know Your New Board Members

CMA membership elected new Board Members during the February meeting over Zoom. Read on below for short introductions for our new president, vice-president, and newsletter editor.

Jammi Ladwig: President (as of June 1)

I am currently the senior cultural resources specialist and archaeological principal investigator for Bolton & Menk, Inc. My specialty within archaeology is paleoethnobotany and specifically phytolith analysis. While I find practicing archaeology in Minnesota to be fascinating in general, I am very interested in how wild rice (manoomin/Psíŋ) was/is utilized by past and current populations in Minnesota and what role it played/plays in people’s lives. I have been doing archaeology since 2007, when I got my first internship in CRM and fell in love with the profession. I consider myself extremely fortunate to be entrusted to work with cultural resources and the stewards of cultural resources in the way that I do.

In my (upcoming) role in the CMA, I look forward to engaging with CMA members on topics that are important to us all. I hope that I can encourage further and more frequent engagement between academic institutions, students, and CRM practitioners. I would also like to see an increase in student membership in the CMA. I mean to foster an environment where CMA can remain a safe and comfortable place for all of its members.

What is your favorite archaeology book? What This Awl Means by Janet Spector

What advice would you give to archaeology students? Even if you don’t think you’ll end up working in CRM, I highly recommend students take at least a class on CRM to know generalities regarding cultural resource regulations in North America.

What are your favorite things to do outside of archaeology? Outside of archaeology I enjoy hiking in National and State Parks, spending time with family and friends, and riding my motorcycle.

Steven Katz: Vice-President

I am forensic archaeologist/medicolegal death scene investigator with a diverse scope of skill sets, abilities, and life experiences that allow him to adapt to innumerable circumstances quickly and successfully. As a Registered Professional Archaeologist, my current specialties include, but are not limited to, cultural resource/heritage management, lithic analysis,
experience within the archaeological community and has conducted archaeological investigations/projects in all fifty states as well as nine countries (including human remains recovery and humanitarian relief missions). The last three years I have been conducting fieldwork and research in Minnesota.

**What are you looking forward to in your role on the CMA board?** Meeting new people that share similar interests and learning more about Minnesota archaeology as a whole.

**What got you interested in archaeology?** A former girlfriend who was an anthropology major (not the Indiana Jones franchise), I “borrowed” a copy of *An Invitation to Archaeology* from her and it started the ball rolling. I still have her book!

**What advice would you give to archaeology students?** Take time out to learn how to use a compass and read maps!

**What do you like the most about doing archaeology in Minnesota?** Hands down it is working with the Tribes and Tribal Representatives.

**Danielle Kiesow: Newsletter Editor**

I am currently a cultural resources specialist for Bolton & Menk, Inc., and I am the lead editor of *The Minnesota Archaeologist*. My specialties within archaeology are historical archaeology and GIS applications, where I’ve lately been replotting mounds using lidar and T.H. Lewis’s original survey notes.

I’m looking forward to publishing CMA information and statewide archaeology information to our membership. I hope to highlight opportunities for our membership and for students, as well as highlighting current archaeology work around the state.

**What advice would you give to archaeology students?** If you can, take a GIS course while you’re still in school, or take a GIS course as a non-degree-seeking student. Making maps and handling spatial data are increasingly becoming a necessary part of the job.

**What are your favorite online resources you use for research and artifact identification?** I really like using EarthExplorer ([https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/](https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/)) for all my historic aerial needs. While on the eastern seaboard, Jefferson Patterson Park & Museum has a great website that I use to identify historic ceramic types and wares ([https://apps.jefpat.maryland.gov/diagnostic/index.htm](https://apps.jefpat.maryland.gov/diagnostic/index.htm)).

**What are your favorite things to do outside of archaeology?** I love to knit, garden, hike, and explore the state.

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**Upcoming Events:**

**Mill City Museum Courtyard Family Day: Archaeology**

Saturday, July 23, 2022
10:00am – 3:00pm
Mill City Museum

Mill City Museum and the Minnesota Historical Society’s archaeology department are teaming up for a day filled with family-friendly learning to discover the archaeology of the St. Anthony Falls riverfront.

**Fort Snelling Archaeology Day**

Saturday, September 10th
Historic Fort Snelling

Come join the annual archaeology day at Fort Snelling during Minnesota’s Archaeology Month! The day will include presentations by your fellow archaeologists.

**Mille Lacs Kathio Archaeology Day**

Saturday, September 24th
Mille Lacs Kathio State Park

For those in the northern part of the state, the annual archaeology day at Mille Lacs Kathio State Park will round out the final days of Archaeology Month.
Secretary/Treasurer Report

By Laura Koski

Hello CMA Members,

At the previous winter 2022 meeting I was appointed as the CMA's Interim Secretary/Treasurer. Between then and now my CMA work has mostly focused on providing an easier and more convenient method for members to pay their dues. After some finagling with our website system, we now finally have a PayPal button for payment through the website! This was announced back in March, and afterwards the majority of dues payments were received via the website payment method. I’m glad to see it caught on quickly. We do still accept dues in the mail or by individual PayPal invoices if requested. Mailed checks can still be sent to:

Council for Minnesota Archaeology
Kellogg Center
328 West Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102

We currently have 28 active members in 2022, with 21 additional members current as of 2021. If you are unsure if you are current on dues, feel free to send me an email (below). I send confirmation emails when we receive a check, so if you have not heard from me, it means I have not been able to swing by Kellogg Center to pick up mail since you mailed your dues. The CMA bank account balance is currently standing at $3,882.13. We have not yet had any expenses in 2022. Other than the above, I am interested in continuing to improve on the website until we have a formal website editor. If members have ideas they would like me to look into, feel free to reach out.

Lastly, we are still looking for a permanent Secretary/Treasurer. This is not something I will be able to do long term. Please reach out to the search committee (Fred Sutherland and Sigrid Arnott) if you are interested. I hope you all have had a fantastic start to the 2022 field season!

Laura Koski, MSc, RPA
Interim CMA Secretary/Treasurer
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Announcements

Call for Newsletter Articles

The CMA Newsletter is looking for articles to include in upcoming issues. Articles may include:

- Project briefs: have you recently completed a project or a field school that you would like others to know about? Submit a short article (up to 2,000 words) and a photo or two and we will include them in subsequent issues!
- Book reviews of recently published books relating to Minnesota archaeology
- Job announcements
- Theses/Dissertation announcements: highlight your contribution to Minnesota archaeology! Submit the title of your recently completed thesis or dissertation and your abstract to showcase recent strides in Minnesota archaeology.

Send articles to:
Danielle Kiesow – CMA Newsletter Editor
kiesow.danielle@gmail.com

Article deadline for next issue: September 1

Submissions Open for The Minnesota Archaeologist

The Minnesota Archaeologist is looking for article submissions to establish an article queue for future volumes. The Minnesota Archaeologist encourages authors to submit any archaeological article related to Minnesota or the Upper Midwest whether they are professional archaeologists, students, avocational archaeologists, para-professional archaeologists, or archaeological fieldwork or lab volunteers. Please follow The Minnesota Archaeologist Style Guide before submitting draft articles to the editor. You can find the Style Guide on the Minnesota Archaeological Society website.

Send articles or inquiries to:
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The Minnesota Archaeologist
editor@mnarchsociety.org
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Minnesota Archaeology Research Grants

Riaz Malik Research Grant Program
2022-2023 Academic Year

Council for Minnesota Archaeology
Applications are Accepted on a Rolling Deadline

The CMA offers semi-annual research grants to support projects advancing the study of Minnesota archaeology. Examples of appropriate uses include specialist analytical costs (such as a radiocarbon date or time on a scanning electron microscope), or laboratory or field supplies intended for a specific research project (bags, vials, chemicals, etc). The monetary amount of each grant awarded is determined by the selected applications and the availability of funds. Based on the program’s history, awards have typically not exceeded $800. If the project requires more than $800, we still encourage you to apply. Student projects have priority. If no viable student applications are received, the grant is available to CMA members.
Required for application:

- Description of research project, with role of Research Grant defined
- Detailed budget and schedule
- Letter of support from applicant’s academic advisor (for student projects)

Electronic submissions are welcome (a single PDF file is preferred). Applications will be reviewed by the grants committee, and recommendations forwarded to the full CMA membership. Funds will be made available to successful applications as soon as possible after the notification.

Send applications to:
David Mather – National Register Archaeologist
State Historic Preservation Office
50 Sherburne Avenue / 203 Administration Building
Saint Paul, MN 55155
david.mather@state.mn.us

Deadline for receipt of applications: Applications are accepted year-round. Please contact David Mather for more details.

Requirements: It is expected that grant recipients will publish their results in the CMA Newsletter, The Minnesota Archaeologist, or another suitable format.

Riaz Malik came to Minnesota as a student of Elden Johnson at the University of Minnesota. He made significant contributions to investigations at Mille Lacs, Prairie Island, along the Rainy River, and elsewhere. As part of the Minnesota Trunk Highway Archaeological Reconnaissance Survey, he co-directed the data recovery investigations at the Bradbury Brook site (21ML42). Riaz passed away in 1993.