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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Files
DATE: March 28, 1985
SUBJECT: NAPA Early History

To ease confusion concerning NAPA minutes, and to help establish a historical record, the early meetings that brought NAPA into being were as follows:

- Nov. 17, 1983 A "Practicing Anthropology Open Meeting" is held at the AAA Annual Meeting. Everyone interested was invited. Those attending decide to: (1) establish a "Practicing Anthropology Unit" within the AAA, and (2) have the work of this unit managed for the time being by an "interim steering committee." Elected to the steering committee are AAA members Marietta Baba, Ralph Bishop, James Downs, Max Drake, Helen Fisher, Kirk Grey, Barbara Pillsbury, Helen Schwartzman, and Robert Werge. Pillsbury and Schwartzman are elected "co-coordinators" of the steering committee.
- Nov. 19, 1983 The "First Meeting of the Steering Committee, Practicing Anthropology Unit of the AAA" is held at the same AAA Annual Meeting. (See minutes by Barbara Pillsbury.)
- April 1, 1984 A "Second Meeting of the Steering Committee, Practicing Anthropology Unit of the AAA" is held at the AAA headquarters in Washington DC. It decides to establish the National Association for the Practice of Anthropology (NAPA), the officers of which will be referred to as NAPA's "governing council." Effective at this time and until the formal election of officers, the Steering Committee will become the "interim governing council." Interim officers are agreed upon as follows: interim president, Jim Downs; interim president-elect, Barbara Pillsbury; interim secretary, Helen Fisher; interim treasurer, Max Drake. By-laws are drafted. (See minutes by Helen Fisher.)

- Fall, 1984 Formal elections are held. Elected to NAPA's first formally elected Governing Council are: president, Barbara Pillsbury; president-elect, Marietta Baba; secretary, Helen Fisher; treasurer, Mark Schoepfle; and members-at-large, Barry Bainton, Steve Barnett, and Robert Wulff.
- Nov. 16, 1984 The First Meeting of the first formally elected NAPA Governing Council is held at the AAA Annual Meeting, 10.a.m. (Governing Council meetings to be held semi-annually: at the AAA Annual Meeting and in the spring.)
- Nov. 16, 1984 The First [formal] Annual Business Meeting of NAPA is held at the AAA Annual Meeting, at noon following Governing Council meeting. (See minutes by Helen Fisher.)
- April 13, 1985 Second Meeting of the NAPA Governing Council. (See minutes by Helen Fisher.)
- Dec. ??, 1985 Second Annual Business Meeting of NAPA.
- Dec. ??, 1985 Third Meeting of the NAPA Governing Council.
- Etc.
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