

3 August 2024  
ARTOTA Public Meeting

Meeting called to order: 1:14 pm by Jason Irby

Board members present: Jason Irby, John McLarty, Shelley Todd, Marlon Mowdy, Carolyn Kent, Rachel Whitaker

Speaker: Michelle Cooke

Visitors: 5

President's Report:

Following various segments across the state

Met with Carol Clark

Went to board meeting in Chattanooga, TN for National Meeting

Proposed applying for a grant for Water Removal Route interpretation, led by Carolyn Kent

Travelled Northern Route in Missouri, visited Merrimac Park, Jacob Wolf House (AR)

Secretary Report:

Membership

Website update

Summary of meetings

Past President Report:

Sasha unable to be with us today

Treasurer's report:

\$670 incoming funds

\$506.25 expenditures

Bank balance of over \$8000

Rack cards – big spending of \$140 for 1000 run, we can create more for other sections of the state

Explanation of regular spending – Zoom, website, refurbishing panels, sponsor a student to a national conference in the future

In board meeting, all reports were approved

Secretary's report:

John motions

Marlon second

Motion passes to approve

No further discussion

Treasurer's report:

Marlon motions

Carolyn second

Motion passes to approve

No further discussion

New Slate:

Marlon Mowdy – Advisory board member, now appointed by president to serve representative on the Board of Directors

Historic Preservation Officer report:

We've been wanting to document the water route across Arkansas; many of the routes were forced to go

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by land because of issues along the water route. Working on a grant to create rack cards to designate the river route and to locate and designate some of the sites along this route.

Grant worked quickly to get it submitted by July deadline. Now we are waiting for approval

Public program: Michelle Cooke, "Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory"

Introduced by Carolyn Kent

Michelle Cooke is a senior staff writer for Chickasaw Press and a Chickasaw citizen. She has worked for the Chickasaw Nation since 2007, where her focus has been writing about, teaching, and researching Chickasaw history and culture. She is the author of *Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory*, published by Chickasaw Press in 2019 and co-authored *Listening To Our Elders*, published by Chickasaw Press in 2021. Her work has also appeared in *The Journal of Chickasaw History and Culture*, *Chokma: Chickasaw Magazine*, and the *Chickasaw Basic Language Workbook* series. She studied English at Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas, where she received an undergraduate degree, with honors, and a master's degree.

[Chickasaw Press - Protecting Our People: Chickasaw Law Enforcement in Indian Territory](#)

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Q&A

Mission of ARTOTA is for all five tribes, not just for Cherokee

Closing remarks by president

Invited to join board members at the Marshalls Museum

Meeting adjourned 2:14 pm