

I. Editorial

Last year Douglas Givens announced that I would be taking over editorial duties for the BHA, and I have used Volume 13(1) as something of a testbed for some new ideas and approaches, while retaining all the really valuable and successful features of the first 12 volumes. I would be very happy to receive feedback on this, and for any suggestions you might want to make about further changes to content or approach. The BHA is very much a work in progress.

Some of you will already be aware of the BHA website: www.archaeologybulletin.org which presents information about the Bulletin as well as having a subscriber's area that is password protected. Access to this area will be for private subscribers only (Institutional subscribers should consult with me direct) and passwords will be issued to those who contact me via e-mail. The subscriber's area contains PDF files of Volume 12 (1 and 2) and I will shortly post Volume 13(1).

At this time the subscriber's area is pretty rudimentary, but in future it will include a bulletin board, links to cognate websites, and of course much primary information (such as databases and illustrations and photographs in colour), that will be too expensive for us to print in the hardcopy version of the Bulletin. I also expect that in due course the BHA web site will be linked to those of other organizations with an interest in the history of archaeology and other human sciences.

I am sure that all subscribers will understand the need to contain costs and to keep price rises to a minimum. At present the BHA exists only in hard copy format, but with 13(1) we will move to electronic format as well. In the near future I hope to be able to offer subscriber's the opportunity to receive the BHA electronically as a PDF file, thereby dramatically reducing production and distribution costs. To this end I would be very grateful if subscribers could let me know their preference in this matter. It would also be a very great help if all subscribers with e-addresses could forward these to me (T.Murray@latrobe.edu.au) as soon as possible.

It has been a very hectic time implementing this first round of changes to the BHA, but there is a great deal more to do. Chief among these is to draw up a new Advisory Board. I will shortly be writing to the current Board members thanking them for their service and outlining future plans. I hope to be in a position to announce a new Board with issue 13(2).

Another pressing task is to find a US-based subscription manager, and a new book review editor for the BHA. Both posts are vital, and Douglas Givens has performed both duties during his time as editor. The fact that Doug very generously agreed to continue with both positions during 2003 has been a very great help, but as he is due to formally retire from his academic post at the end of 2003, we are now urgently seeking his replacements. Once again I hope to make an announcement on this matter in 13(2).

Let me conclude by thanking Douglas Givens for all his hard work and dedication to the BHA. It is a simple fact that there would be no BHA without him. I also want to thank him for his continued strong support during this period of transition.

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