

90th Annual Meeting Minutes

**90th Annual Meeting
Uniontown, PA
April 6, 2019**

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. with President Jonathan Libbon presiding.

Roll Call—representatives were present from: Allegheny #1, Mon-Yough #3, John Shrader #21, Ohio Valley #22, Westmoreland #23, Lower Susquehanna AS #28, North Fork #29, Venango #30, and Hawk Mountain #31. (2 proxies were presented) A quorum was present.

Minutes of the 2018 Annual Meeting—was approved as distributed on a motion entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Noel Strattan. PASSED

Treasurer's Report/Budget—were presented and reviewed by Treasurer, Kenneth Burkett. The 2019-2020 Budget was approved at the Board of Directors Meeting.

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund—reports were made and discussed at the Board Meeting. The Fund had no profit for the last year.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting Committee—is still organizing. They hope to have a firm date for 2020 in the Ligonier area with an emphasis on blacksmith shops ready soon.

Archaeology Month—Amanda Valko, chair reports: e theme of the 2019 archaeology month poster is “The Susquehannock Encounter”. This poster focuses on John Smith’s encounter on the Susquehanna River in 1608. The poster was designed and printed by PAC this year. Jim Herbstritt commissioned the painting that was then used as the design for the 2019 poster. Tim Carn was instrumental in getting the poster printed with assistance from Janet Johnson and Amanda Valko on printing aspects and printing quotes.

Three bids for printing were obtained for the poster. One was from the Print Center in New Castle, PA that was used for printing the 2018 poster. The other two bids were from Hot Frog Media located in Mechanicsburg, PA and Fortney Printing in Harrisburg, PA. Fortney printing was awarded the job being having the best pricing. The Archaeology Month poster has been completed and is available at this SPA annual meeting. Chapter presidents are asked to pick up their chapter’s allotment of 20 posters here at the meeting. If they are not able to do this, a member of the chapter can obtain the posters.

The Archaeology Month calendar will be produced this year. Chapters and other organizations are encouraged to submit their **Archaeology Month events to Amanda by the August deadline of 23, 2019**. Submissions received by this date will be included in the calendar submitted to Judy Duritsa by September 1, 2019 for the SPA Fall Newsletter. Submissions received after the calendar has been submitted to Judy will not be included in the newsletter but can be added to the SPA web site. Submissions for the 2018 Archaeology Month Calendar were very sparse.

Awards Committee—Awards are ready for presentation.

Collections and Curation Committee—Collection donations have been reported in the SPA Newsletter. A new Rack card promoting donations is almost ready for the printer. The reverse side will be used by the SHPO office promoting site recording (PASS).

Education Committee—Tom Glover reporting: Working on information to accompany the Archaeology Month poster. The committee continues sponsorship of the poster session at Annual Meeting.

ESAF Representative—Amanda Valko reporting: The 2019 meeting will be hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. It will be held at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Rd., Langhorne, PA on October 31 - November 3, 2019. The room rate is \$109/night. Kurt Carr is the Arrangements Chair and will be taking care of the book room and exhibits space. Timothy Abel is the Program Chair. Information on the meeting is currently posted on the ESAF web site and will be distributed in the upcoming April mailing. The Louis A. Brennan Award in the amount of \$1000.00 was sent to SPA Treasurer Ken Burkett. The Constitution and By-Laws have been amended and will be sent out to the ESAF membership this month, then voted on at the 2019 annual meeting.

Business Manager Amanda Valko, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, is working on a sales flyer for back issues of the ESAF journal AENA. This will be posted on the website and also included in the mailing being distributed in April

Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award—No submissions were received.

PAC Representative—Paul Raber reporting: PAC has issued its Spring 2019 newsletter (digital-only). If SPA chapters wish to receive the newsletter, they should provide an e-mail contact to Gary Coppock (gcoppock@skellyloy.com) or Hannah Harvey (hharvey@pa.gov) to insure that they are included. The newsletter is issued twice a year and contains reports on current topics of interest to those in the field, notices of upcoming events, and reports on recent archaeological projects, among other items.

PAC continues to partner with the SPA to support the Hatch Scholarship at the present level of \$600 (\$300 from each organization; covering up to four \$150 awards). The Hatch Scholarship committee received four applications and has awarded \$150 scholarships to all four applicants: Tamara Alchoufete (Pitt/Carnegie), Jake Amsler (Juniata), Kristina Gaugler (IUP), Andrew Malhotra (IUP). These will be presented at the banquet on Saturday night. The new officers of PAC are: Ira Beckerman (President); Mike Stanilla (Vice President); Hannah Harvey (Secretary/Treasurer); Bill Chadwick and Gary Coppock (board members).

The next volume in the Recent Research in the Pennsylvania Archaeology series on Susquehannock studies (edited by Paul Raber) will be in the PSU Press warehouse by October 2019. The SPA, PAC and ESAF have contributed funding toward the \$5000 cost. SPA will contribute \$3500 (\$1500 from general funds, \$1000 from ESAF through the Louis A. Brennan Award for publication, and \$1000 from the Elmer Erb Fund), with PAC making up the remaining \$1500.

Publications/Editor—Roger Moeller reports: Issues 87(1) and 87(2) due in 2017 appeared in 2018. Issues 88(1) and 88(2) for 2018 were published and distributed to the membership in 2018. Mss in progress are moving along well to complete 89(1) and 89(2) by the end of 2019. I am shooting for 80 pp per issue. The problem is that I am receiving long mss. rather than short ones to fill issues. I am promised shorter ones, but the time frame is into mid-2019.

The printing cost of the 80 pp book was significantly lower than in the past. We took advantage of the printer's mailing services to get 87(1) to the membership as quickly as possible in early 2018, but returned to the previous mailing service for subsequent issues.

The Book Review editor has a list of books for review and is contacting likely reviewers. This process is taking longer than anticipated.

Site Survey/PASS forms—Noel Strattan—annual reports were available in the bookroom and for SPA records. Few sites have been recorded by SPA members. The majority come from CRM.

Chapter Reports: Summary will be published in the Fall Newsletter. Reports were received from all active chapters.

Call for a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for the past year. A motion was entered by Amanda Valko/seconded by Sarah Neusius. PASSED

Annual Election Ballot:

First Vice-President, Amanda Rasmussen
Second Vice-President, Kira Heinrich
Secretary, Judy Duritsa
Treasurer, Kenneth Burkett
2 SPA Board of Directors (six year terms, ending in 2025)
Amanda Valko (nominated from the floor) and Chuck Williams.

The secretary cast the ballot on a motion entered by Cathy Spohn/seconded by Sarah Neusius. **PASSED**

Note: Jonathan Burns has assumed the presidency from his president-elect status. An appointment was made to replace inactive Director Valerie Perazio with Jessica Schumer for the remainder of the term, 2021.

Deceased Members 2017-2018: Ray Stewart
Marjorie Johnson John Shrader Chapter #21

Discussion and Announcements

Bus Trip Update—John Nass and Sarah Neusius outlined the itinerary and asked for the Erb Fund to help defray expenses. Since the Erb Fund did not make a profit in 2018 and we have received a donation to support the field trips, it was decided to wait and see how many people register and the actual end cost before supplementing the trip from the General Fund.

New supply of rack card promoting the SPA is available to chapters for use at events. Contact the Secretary for a chapter supply.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:49 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA