

**83rd Annual Meeting
Clarion, PA
April 14, 2012**

83rd Annual Meeting Minutes

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 8:07 a.m. with President James Wosochlo presiding.

Roll Call—Officers and Directors were present with a quorum. The following chapters were represented: Allegheny, Mon-Yough, Forks of the Delaware, Somerset, John Shrader, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, Bald Eagle, Conejohela, North Fork and Venango.

Minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting—minutes were accepted as distributed on a motion by Kenneth Burkett, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

Treasurer's Report/Budget—Kenneth Burkett presented a recap of the treasurer's report and 2012 budget that was approved by the Society's Board of Directors. A dues increase will be implemented in 2013. The report was accepted on a motion by Cathy Spohn, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund—Kurt Carr's repeated his report to the board by stating that the Fund made money last year and made up the losses incurred in 2008. The Fund is solvent.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting—Mary Alice Graetzer, chair, thanked the North Fork Chapter for hosting the meeting. The 2013 meeting will be held in Uniontown, PA on April 19-21 hosted by Mon-Yough Chapter.

Archaeology Month—Amanda Valko, chair, displayed the 2012 Archaeology Month poster and thanked her committee: Meli Diamanti, Jim and Aurora Wosochlo and Janet Johnson. The posters were printed early enough to be distributed at the meeting thus saving postage.

Awards—Awards are ready and will be presented at the banquet.

ESAF Representative—Amanda Valko announced the ESAF meeting information for 2012. It will be held in Ohio, October 25-28, 2012. Meeting information is available on the ESAF website available directly or through a link on the SPA site. The Call for papers is out with Dr. John Nass as program chair. Amanda also reminded the Society that the SPA can use the ESAF journal to promote membership and events. SPA members may join ESAF through the Society which will receive a portion of the dues.

Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award—Bernard K. Means sent a written report that the C14 committee received no applications. He will be working on revised guidelines for submissions later this year.

PAC Representative—Paul Raber presented his report as follows: *PAC continues to participate as a consulting party for several PennDOT projects across the state. Rick Geidel coordinates this effort.*

PAC sponsored Archaeology Day at the Capitol again on October 26, 2011. The Fisher award was given to Charles Jacob, chairperson of the board of supervisors for Warwick Township in Chester County. PAC is looking for future recipients from the western part of the state, which has been under-represented in recent years. Future Archaeology Day events will be held on the last Wednesday of October.

The PAC web site has been upgraded by Pat Miller. She has removed non-working links and updated the membership list. Previous newsletters and public education materials are available on the web site. Past and future Archaeology Month posters will be posted.

The Hatch Scholarships will be presented to two IUP students at the SPA annual meeting banquet. PAC continues to have problems in obtaining applications. Future efforts may be targeted to specific schools and faculty.

Funding for archaeology continues to be a major issue. Both PennDOT and the PHMC anticipate continued low levels of funding or cuts. PAC is solvent but suffers from the loss of operating grant funds.

Ryan Spittler and Lydia Dehaven have been selected to receive the **2012 James W. Hatch Scholarships** to attend the Society for Pennsylvania/Pennsylvania Archaeological Council joint annual meeting in Clarion, PA, April 13-15. The awards will be made at the SPA banquet on Saturday evening. Report from Paul Raber

Fisher award—PAC asks that chapters consider nominations for the Fisher Award which recognizes public officials for their help in conservation of historic and archaeological resources.

Publications/Editor—Written report from Bill Tippins: *Work is currently underway on the Spring 2012 issue (Vol. 82-1) of Pennsylvania Archaeologist. I anticipate that it will be in members' hands by late May or early June. The 80 page issue will also be completed on budget.*

While I have enough material on hand to complete the spring issue, I could use papers for the fall issue. Members are encouraged to submit papers to the Editor (see the Submission Guidelines on the inside back cover of the journal for more information). Provided enough papers are received, the fall issue should be completed on schedule and on budget.

I would like to thank the authors, peer reviewers, and the Editorial Board; all of whom have contributed countless hours toward the completion of the spring issue of the journal. I would also like to thank Judy Duritsa and other members of the SPA for arranging mailing services.

Bill also suggested that we look into a theme issue dealing with archaeology of the Civil War or other conflicts. If anyone has research or papers on the topic, please contact Bill.

Site Survey/PASS forms—Noel Strattan reported that there are now 22,160 sites recorded in Pennsylvania. The county with the most new sites recorded was Washington County with 78 new sites. Remember to include chapter affiliations when recording sites. Noel stated that the site report information is all on the web with links to other sites with places to download site report forms, etc. There is also a new form specifically for Industrial sites. Look for historic resources forms.

Collections and Curation Committee—Janet Johnson is working with Noel Strattan on the weekly blog which is spotlighting counties. She welcomes comment and participation by the archaeological community statewide. Members are asked to promote the collections curation services of the State Museum for collectors or their families who are looking for a way to preserve an artifact collection. A small brochure or rack card will be produced to outline the procedure for donating collections to the museum.

Education Committee—Catherine Spohn summarized the work of the education committee. The committee is currently planning another event at Cabela's and looking for a venue in the western part of the state. Rack cards have been printed and are available for promotional use, a speakers list is being compiled and educational materials are being developed to accompany the 2012 poster and calendar for Archaeology Month.

Chapter Reports: Summary will be published in the Fall Newsletter

Call for a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for the past year. **The actions of the Board were ratified on a motion entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by Roger Moeller. PASSED**

Election of Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Trustees (6 year term ending in 2018) of Gregory Lattanzi and Philip Neusius was completed on a motion for the Secretary to cast the ballot entered by Verna Cowin, Seconded by Noel Strattan. PASSED Election Complete.

Deceased Members 2011-2012: Edmund Niklewski, Cumberland Valley Chapter #27

Discussion and Announcements

Aurora Balderas presented a demonstration of the proposed website revision. Suggestions and discussion followed. The website will be moved to the Society's official address on a motion entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

There being on further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary