

## 86<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes

**86th Annual Meeting  
Bethlehem, PA  
April 11, 2015**

**Call to Order**—President Sarah Neuisius called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

**Roll Call:** Present—Sarah Neuisius, John Nass, Judy Duritsa, Kenneth Burkett; directors: Susanne Haney, Bob Oshnock, Chapters: Allegheny, Mon-Yough, Forks of the Delaware, John Shrader, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, North Fork, Hawk Mountain. A quorum was present.

**Minutes of the 2014 Annual Meeting**—the minutes were accepted as distributed on a motion entered by Paul Raber, seconded by Noel Strattan. PASSED

**Treasurer's Report/Budget**—the 2015 budget and treasurer's reports were approved at the Board of Directors meeting. The treasurer's report was distributed. The Society is solvent and within budget.

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund**—report was accepted at the Board meeting. The Trustees are interested in using 50% the interest from the fund, after expenses, to supplement new and existing projects of the Society. A committee, headed by Kurt Carr will bring suggestions back to the Board of Directors.

### Committee Reports:

**Annual Meeting:** Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the host chapters, Forks of the Delaware and Hawk Mountain for hosting. The 2016 meeting is being hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter 22 in Sharon, PA at the Park Inn on April 15-17, 2016. Hosts are needed for 2017 and later. Two chapters may co-host. Meeting guidelines are on the SPA website under archives.

**Archaeology Month** -- Amanda Valko reported on 2014 which was the SPA's responsibility. 2015 is PAC's turn to produce the poster and Gary Coppock has completed this task and delivered the finished product to Annual Meeting. This will save mailing costs and will aid in early promotion of the event. **Chapters may contact Amanda Valko for their supply of posters. Suggestions for 2016 are welcome. Contact Amanda at [Avalko@mbakerintl.com](mailto:Avalko@mbakerintl.com) .**

**Awards Committee**—No report available

**Collections and Curation Committee**—No report available

**Education Committee**—No report available—Catherine Spohn has resigned as Chair, The committee is reorganizing.

**ESAF Representative**—Amanda Valko announced the 2016 meeting information as follows: The 2016 meeting will be held in Midland, Ontario, October 16-18. Please remember that a passport will be needed. Additional information is available at [www.esaf-archeology.org](http://www.esaf-archeology.org) . Kurt Carr is the new president of ESAF. Amanda also reminded us that we can advertise in the ESAF journal by sending information to Roger. There is also publication money available through the Brennan Award (general) and for CRM reports through the Ron Thomas Award.

**Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award**—two awards were approved by the Board and will be presented at the banquet

**PAC Representative**—Paul Raber presented the following report: **PAC representative's report/Hatch**

- PAC has new officers: Bev Chiarulli, President; Seth Mitchell, Vice President; Lisa Dugas, Secretary-Treasurer; Bernard Means and Cathy Spohn, board members.
- As reported last fall, Archaeology Day at the Capitol was not a success (the term "fiasco" was used). A new approach is needed (including better scheduling) to insure an adequate response.

- Archaeology Month poster. Gary Coppock has taken the lead and will produce a poster in time for the annual meeting. The theme is industrial archaeology in Pennsylvania.
- Jonathan Burns has developed a Facebook page for PAC, in the hope of attracting interest from new and younger members. The web page is in dire need of updating or revision.
- We have had one applicant for the Hatch Scholarship: Angela Goreczny, a graduate student from IUP. Action item for the SPA Board meeting: I propose that in the absence of more than one recipient, we double Angela's award (\$100 from PAC and \$100 from SPA = \$200).
- Publications: The Transitional period book is in production and will appear in the Penn State press catalogue this spring (cover attached). The press has agreed to publish future volumes in the series and I intend to submit a Susquehannock/ Shenks Ferry manuscript based on a past PAC symposium this year. The press staff have had discussions with the PHMC on acquiring the three previous volumes in the series to sell, which the acquisitions editor tells me are promising. I encourage all SPA And PAC members to consider topics and contributions to future volumes in the series.

**Publications/Editor—Bill Tippins** sent the following, written report:

**Editors Report Board of Directors and Annual Meeting, April 10, 2015**

“Dear Board of Directors and SPA Members:

I am pleased to report that the Spring 2015 issue of the journal (Vol. 85-1), and the last issue under my editorship, is currently at the printer and should be in members in the month of May. I anticipate that this issue will come in on schedule and within budget.

As soon as this issue is off the press, my time as editor will be complete and Dr. Bernard Means will step in as new editor. I anticipate a smooth transition, as Bernard is very capable and we have been in frequent communication regarding the transition for nearly a year. With that said, compiling and editing the journal is a big job and we must all do what we can to help Bernard get up to speed. I'd suggest that Bernard be introduced to our members as the new Editor at the meeting, so that he can begin to interact with his readers.

Over the last ten years, I have tried to bring a business approach to publishing *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. When I took over as editor in 2005, the journal was a year behind schedule and the quality of the publication had fallen. I believed it was essential to bring the journal back on schedule, and we worked very hard to make this happen. Going forward, this is my biggest concern regarding our publication. Our members expect, and have paid for, two issues per year. It is critical that we deliver on this promise. I have no doubt that Bernard's technical expertise will ensure that the quality of the publication remains high. However, even with Bernard's extensive publishing experience, he will have to climb a steep learning curve to keep things on schedule. With that said, perhaps I'm worrying a bit too much, as we now have a Ph. D. at the helm who knows a thing or two about deadlines and schedules! But let's still do all we can to help him. This starts with submissions, for without papers no editor can stay on schedule. So please pass that word the journal is actively seeking papers.

Serving as your editor has been an interesting and rewarding experience. I have gotten a chance to work side by side with some of the brightest stars in Pennsylvania archaeology. Specifically I'd like to thank Bill Johnson, Mark McConaughy, Bernard Means, Paul Raber, Judy Duritsa, and Ken Fischer for all that they have done to help me over the last decade. I would also like to thank the late Dick George, and Verna and Paul Cowin – they are sorely missed. And finally I would like to thank our authors and our members, for without your commitment, *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* would not be in its 85<sup>th</sup> year of publication.

Sincerely,  
 Bill Tippins  
 Editor  
 April 7, 2015”

**Site Survey/PASS Report**—Noel Strattan report on the sites recorded in Pennsylvania in 2014. No award will be given. Most of the 428 new recordings were due to compliance and shale drilling. If members are recording sites, they are not identifying themselves as being affiliated with an SPA Chapter. Please continue to record sites.

**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. A motion was entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by Philip Neuisus, PASSED.**

## **ELECTION:**

The ballot for officers and directors was presented to the membership. There being no nominations from the floor, a motion to accept the ballot as presented was made by Amanda Valko, seconded by Catherine Spohn. PASSED

**Ballot: Election of Officers for two year term:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Dr. John Nass</b>
<b>First Vice President:</b>	<b>Jonathan Libbon</b>
<b>Second Vice President:</b>	<b>Tom Glover</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Kenneth Burkett</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Judy M. Duritsa</b>

**Election of Directors for six year term ending in 2021:**

**Susanne Haney  
Valerie Perazio**

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of our members.

**Deceased Members 2014-2015: James Bressler, North Central Chapter #8  
Tom Vallana, Westmoreland Chapter #23  
Jean Parmigiani, North Fork Chapter #29  
Harold Starcher, North Fork #29  
Richard L. Ziegler, Venango Chapter #30**

## **Discussion and Announcements**

The Society is organizing the first, possibly annual **SPA Field Trip**. The trip will be June 4-7, a weekend bus trip to the Ohio Mounds with tours and lectures provided by the experts on site. Sarah Neusius and John Nass have planned the event. See the SPA website for details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m. on a motion entered by Paul Raber, seconded by Philip Neusius. PASSED

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary, SPA