

**88th Annual Meeting  
Camp Hill, PA  
April 8, 2017**

**88<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. with President John Nass presiding.

**Roll Call**—Present: Allegheny, Mon Yough, John Shrader, Westmoreland, Ohio Valley, North Fork, Venango, and Hawk Mountain; all officers and 3 directors were present. A quorum was present.

**Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting**—accepted as distributed on a **motion** entered by Amanda Valko, Seconded by Janet Johnson, PASSED

**Treasurer's Report/Budget**—written and verbal reports were reviewed by treasurer, Kenneth Burkett. The budget was approved at the Board meeting on April 7, 2017. A motion at the Board meeting also releases the restrictions on the Luhman Fund for educational use.

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund**—written and verbal reports were reviewed by Fund chairman, Kurt Carr. The committee reports were approved at the Board meeting on April 7, 2017.

**Comments:** 1). Better return on investments could be earned, however, the policy of the Trustees is to remain with a safer investment plan. 2). Attention might be made to the ethics of the investment institutions, particularly Wells Fargo, for future investments. Comments were duly noted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Annual Meeting**—written report from **Mary Alice Graetzer:**

We want to thank the SPA members from the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for arranging and hosting the current meeting.

The meeting in 2018 will be hosted by North Forks Chapter 29 at the Comfort Suites in Dubois on April 13-15. Venango Chapter #30 has offered to host the meeting in either 2019 or 2020, depending on whether a host chapter in the eastern part of the state will volunteer to host the 2019 meeting.

Chapters that have not hosted a meeting recently should consider whether they can do so in 2019 or later. Two chapters can co-host a meeting, dividing the responsibilities.

The Guidelines for the meetings are in the Archives section of the SPA website. Questions can be addressed to me, to recent hosts, or to the next Chairperson of this committee.

**Archaeology Month**—**Amanda Valko** reports that 2017 is PAC turn to produce the poster which is at the printer. A sample was presented. SPA members should be aware of the supply depot for posters. Janet Johnson has posters in the East and Amanda will have a supply for distribution in the West for Chapters and anyone needing posters for events. **The Archaeology Month Calendar** will be compiled in August for the September SPA Newsletter. **Plan NOW** and get entries to Amanda even if it is only your regular chapter meeting. The event calendar will be on the website, in the newsletter and shared with AIA's international Archaeology Day website.

**Awards Committee**—**Donna Smith** announced that the awards are ready for presentation at the Banquet. **Noel Strattan** reported on the Frances Dorrance Award for sites recorded. 49 new sites were recorded in calendar year 2016.

**Collections and Curation Committee**—**Janet Johnson** received funding from the Board for a rack card promoting the collections at the State Museum and promoting the donation of collections for permanent curation and study.

**Education Committee—Chairman, Tom Glover** reported on the entries for the poster session to be held today in the bookroom. The committee finished the SPA Guidelines for poster sessions.

**ESAF Representative—Amanda Valko** reported that ESAF will meet November 25, 2017 in New London, CT with registration information at the ESAF link on the SPA website. Roger Moeller is once again the ESAF webmaster. Information should be sent directly to Roger at [webmaster@esaf-archaeology.org](mailto:webmaster@esaf-archaeology.org). New Officers are Dean Knight, President; Tim Abel, Treasurer; Martha Otto, corresponding Secretary; and John Nass, President-elect. Amanda also reminded us of the ESAF publication awards available for general publication and for CRM report publications. The SPA has received the Brennan award in the past.

**Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award—Dr. Bernard Means** reported that no submissions were received.

**PAC Representative—Paul Raber** gave a written and verbal report:

- PAC members have again expressed concern about the implementation of the new SHPO guidelines (April 2016), especially the application of the new predictive model, which will be used for all PennDOT project and larger non-PennDOT projects. PAC requested that PennDOT and the PHMC schedule a number of workshops or forums where the model and procedures could be discussed prior to implementing them. Seth Mitchell and Paul Raber are coordinating this effort with PennDOT and the PHMC.
- PAC has agreed to increase its support of the Hatch Scholarship from the present level to \$300 (covering up to three \$100 awards).
- The newly elected officers of PAC (effective April 7) are: President: Beverly Chiarulli; Vice President: Mike Stanilla; Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Dugas; Executive Board members: Jonathan Burns and Gary Coppock.
- Progress is slow but steady on the two new volumes in the Recent Research in the Pennsylvania Archaeology series: Susquehannock studies (Paul Raber) and prehistoric quarries (Kurt Carr and Paul Raber). PAC is seeking additional grant funds to support the publications. but steady.
- PAC is developing a Speakers List of PAC members willing to speak on various archaeological topics. More speakers are needed.
- PAC will sponsor a table and session at the 2017 Conference on Heritage in Carlisle. No details yet.

#### **2017 Hatch Scholarships**

- We received seven applications and awarded six scholarships of \$100 each: Casey Bleuel, Mercyhurst; Zaakiyah Cua, IUP; Bram Kyer, Juniata; Cristine O'Brien, Pittsburgh; Christopher Swisher, IUP; Eden VanTries, IUP

**Publications/Editor—Dr. Bernard Means** reports that the lack of manuscripts is critical. The journal cannot be published on time without manuscripts. A more far reaching appeal may be necessary.

**PA Archaeologist Format Change Committee**—The journal changes for the next issue 87(1) for size, color and graphics is being investigated. The Elmer Erb Fund may be a source for funding the changes if necessary, although the changes in format should see a reduction in publication costs. The process is moving forward and we hope to have the changes in place soon

**Site Survey/PASS forms**—Noel Reported on the 2016 numbers. Most sites recorded in Allegheny Forest, pipeline areas and development. Still receiving sites forms from SPA members and chapters. Site criteria is being reviewed and changed. All information will be released as a blog post.

A report can be printed from: [www.phmc.pa.gov/preservation](http://www.phmc.pa.gov/preservation)

**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 Noel Strattan, PASSED**

**Annual Election Ballot:** Dr. Sarah Neusius read the nominating committees slate of officers. She thanked her committee members, Noel Strattan and Amanda Valko.

**SPA Nominations and Ballot for Election at 2017 Annual Meeting**

**First Vice President - Bill Black**

**Secretary - Judy Duritsa**

**Treasurer - Ken Burkett**

**Second VP - Tom Glover**

**Director - Paul Nevin**

**Director - Angie Jaillet**

There being no nominations from the floor, the slate was closed and accepted as presented on a **motion** by Noel Strattan, seconded by Amanda Valko. **PASSED**

A moment of silence was observed in memory of our deceased members 2016-2017:

**Helen Kalkbrenner**

**James “Fuzzy” Randolph**

**Doris Freyermuth**

**Harlan “Ben” Freyermuth**

**Nicholas C. Miller**

**Ronald Lee DeWoody**

**Discussion and Announcements**

**Bus Trip Update**—Sarah Neusius outlined the SPA 2017 “van trip” to New York museums, archaeological sites and winery. Information is available on the SPA website at: [www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com](http://www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com) with a deadline of May 5.

Brian Fritz put together an Iron Furnace tour that may be a weekend trip or the 2018 “van trip”.

**Save the date.** The **Western Pennsylvania Archaeology Workshop is planned for October 7, 2017.**

Information will be in the Fall Spa Newsletter, on the website and emailed to the membership.

The **Millennial Volume** is in progress with 14 or 18 chapters complete. There is a publication contract in place that projects a completion date of approximately 15 months or 2018 at the earliest. The cost will be \$125.00 with 500 volumes being printed.

**Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact Show** sponsored by The Jefferson County Historical Society and North Fork Chapter 29 of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will present the 11<sup>th</sup> annual Antique Firearms and Indian Artifact Show from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday, September 3rd at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary, SPA