

80th Annual Meeting
The State Museum of PA
Harrisburg, PA
April 4, 2009

The 80th Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. was called to order at 8:10 a.m. with President Paul Nevin presiding. A quorum was present. Chapters represented were: Allegheny, Bald Eagle, North Fork, Conejohela, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, Forks of the Delaware and John Shrader.

Minutes of the 79th Annual Meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Amanda Valko, seconded by Paul Raber. PASSED

Treasurer's Report and Budget—written submission by Treasurer Paul Cowin: *The Society remains in firm financial shape. Thanks to the savings account and interest, we will be able to cover the possible loss of the PHMC grant support for a few years. Needless to say, we must try to reduce expenditures, and this is difficult with rising postage and publication costs. I request chapter presidents to recruit new members, ask current members to renew as sustaining members, and request all subscribers to send change of addresses when they move. These measures could help avoid raising dues -- something that always spurs a decline in total members. Printed copies of the 2008 fiscal year and budgets for 2009 and 2010 are available for comments, suggestions and corrections. Paul F. Cowin, Treasurer*

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Trustees Report—Roger Moeller reported on the losses due the stock market. The E*trade account had not been established; therefore, further loss was averted. A written report was submitted at the Board of Directors Meeting and is available upon request.

Committee Reports

Annual Meeting—Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the staff at the State Museum for hosting the 80th Annual Meeting. 2010 meeting is scheduled for April 9-11 at the Four Points Sheraton in Greensburg, PA hosted by Westmoreland Chapter #23. Mary Alice asked for hosts for future meetings. The guidelines are available on the SPA website. *Addendum: John Shrader Chapter volunteered to host 2011.*

Archaeology Month Committee—Amanda Valko reported on committee activity. The comment cards included in last year's mailing will be evaluated. Amanda will also edit the addresses in the revised mailing list before forwarding the list to PAC. 2009 Archaeology Month poster and mailing is PAC's responsibility. SPA will publish the Archaeology Month Calendar. Send events to Amanda. Deadline is July 31.

Awards—Catherine Spohn reported that the nominations were mailed to the chapters and announced in the SPA Newsletter. The deadline was Feb. 27, 2009. No nominations for the J. Alden Mason and Archey Awards. The awards are ready for presentation at the banquet. Catherine and Ken Burkett have resigned from the Awards Committee. Jan Kleindinst expressed

her opinion of the proceedings for awards determination as unnecessary, unprofessional and lacking respect. No further discussion.

Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award—Jim Herbstritt has designed a certificate to go along with the award. He will present that award for 2009 at the Annual Banquet.

PAC Representative—Paul Raber reports that PAC will soon have a new president, Rick Geidel. *PAC has been asked to comment on the revised PennDOT/FHWA statewide programmatic agreement. PAC had previously expressed concerns about some aspects of the agreement while concurring with the general intent and process. Comments are due by April 15.*

Archaeology Day at the Capitol (October 21, 2008) was again a success. We had a good turnout and presented the Fisher Award to Rep. Rob Kauffman for his help in securing funding for the investigations of Fort Morris in Chambersburg. There was a Harrisburg area TV interview with Steve Warfel about the project.

PAC members expressed their concerns to their state legislators about the governor's proposed \$0 funding for statewide organizational grants, cuts that will seriously affect the programs of both PAC and SPA. It would be helpful if PAC and SPA members continue to let legislators know how they feel about the proposed funding cuts.

Hatch Scholarships: *After my late start in getting the word out, we will be awarding one scholarship of \$100 to Joe Blondino, a graduate student at Temple University. He will receive the award at the awards ceremony at the banquet on Saturday. I propose that SPA and PAC split the cost of this award, and ask the other donors (Tom Vallana and the Bald Eagle Chapter) if they are willing to defer their contributions to the 2010 awards. The SPA voted to split the 2009 award with PAC at the Board of Directors Meeting.*

The publicity for the Hatch Scholarship will be more extensive for the next Annual Meeting. We all need to get the word out the educational facilities,

Publications: The Pennsylvania Archaeologist—Editor Bill Tippins submitted the following written report: *I am sorry that I could not attend the SPA 2009 Annual Meeting and Board of Directors Meeting. Consequently, this report will serve to update the board and membership on the status of Pennsylvania Archaeologist.*

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All papers for this 80-page issue are in the final stages of peer review and proofing. They will be sent to the printer in mid-April. This issue should be in members' hands by the end of May or early June.

Vol. 79(2), Fall 2009

I currently have enough papers in hand to complete the fall 2009 issue, provided there are no unforeseen problems. I will update the board on this and future issues as events unfold. I request no change in budget for 2009/2010. I'd like to thank the Editorial Board, past authors, peer reviewers, Verna and Paul Cowin (who prepare the mailing labels), Ken Fischer (who handles the mailing), and our readers for the continued success of Pennsylvania Archaeologist.

The loss of the PHMC grant funds may change the way the **SPA Newsletter** is distributed or the number of issues printed. We will explore a good way to distribute the newsletter by email and ways to reduce mailing and printing costs.

The digitizing of the Pennsylvania Archaeologist Volumes 11-25 (1941-1955) is in process. We are missing Volume 17 (1-4). The Society will issue a request to the membership hoping a copy can be found.

Site Survey PASS Forms—Noel Strattan reported the 21,083 sites have been recorded in the calendar year 2008. The largest number of recorded sites was in Lancaster County followed by Washington and Westmoreland counties. Keep recording. It is the only way to protect the sites. Noel also pointed to the state website for the cemetery project, recording forms, CRGIS and links. The State is aware of the problems and frustrations in using the website. There is no funding available to improve the site or correct the problems.

Collections and Curation Committee—No Report
Education Committee—a new committee will be appointed.

Chapter Reports—All put one report have been received. A summary will be published in the Fall SPA Newsletter.

President Paul Nevin called 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 and seconded by Mary Jane Shaw. PASSED

Election of Officers and Directors—The Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot as read on a motion by Ken Burkett, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

New Officers: President	Brian Fritz
First Vice President	James Wosochlo
Second Vice President	Noel Strattan
Treasurer	Paul Cowin
Secretary	Judy M. Duritsa
Directors:	Meli Diamanti (2015)
	Verna Cowin (2015)

Discussion and Announcements:

Deceased Members 2008-2009

James Wright	Forks of the Delaware
Edward H. Hahn	Westmoreland/Allegheny
Howard McCord	Virginia
Jeffery A. Bohlin	Life

Paul Raber announced that a memorial is being set up for Jeff Bohlin. Details will be included in the Fall SPA Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary