

81st Annual Meeting
Greensburg, PA
April 10, 2010

The 81st Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. was called to order at 8:40 a.m. with President Brian Fritz presiding. A quorum was present. Chapters represented: Allegheny, John Shrader, Forks of the Delaware, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, Bald Eagle, Somerset, Conejohela, and North Fork.

Minutes from the previous Annual Meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Verna Cowin and seconded by Mark McConaughy.

The **treasurer** Paul Cowin written and verbal report was presented with the 2009-2010 budgets. The Society is for the third year operating at a deficit. Increasing membership dues will have to be addressed in the future. This increase could be forestalled if members would consider becoming sustaining members which is an additional \$10.00 from the base membership. The report was accepted on a motion by Mark McConaughy, seconded by Amanda Valko.

The **Elmer Erb Permanent Fund** report as presented to the Board of Directors stated that the Permanent Fund is recovering from the investment losses of the previous year.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting—Mary Alice Gratzler, chair thanked Westmoreland Chapter #23 for hosting the 2010 meeting. The 2011 meeting will be held in Morgantown, PA., April 8-10, 2011, hosted by the John Shrader Chapter #21. Hosts are needed for future meetings. Guidelines for hosting Annual Meeting can be found on the SPA website.

Archaeology Month—Amanda Valko reports that the decrease in funding has made it necessary to reevaluate the poster printing and distribution. Limited funds from PAC, SPA and our usual sponsors will be evaluate to determine if a printing and mailing at a small scale is affordable. A more viable method of distributing the poster will be considered, perhaps posting the poster as a pdf on websites for the public to download. Cost, funding, and options will be explored.

Awards—Awards are ready for presentation at the banquet. 2009-2010 awards were determine by the executive committee of the SPA due to the lack of an Awards Committee. The president asks that members consider serving on this committee.

ESAF Representative—Amanda Valko reports that the 2010 meeting will be held in Williamsburg, VA on October 28-31, 2010. The Call for Papers and Registration are out. The SPA will be sending a letter of support Bernard Means for a publication grant from ESAF as approved by the SPA Board of Directors.

Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award—a written report from Jim Herbstritt, chair stated that no applicants came in for the 2009 award. The 2010 award will be presented at the banquet.

PAC Representative—Paul Raber reports that PAC and SPA will jointly award four Hatch Scholarships at the 2010 annual meeting. After an initial lack of response to the January 2010 notice, we had a flurry of inquiries in April and selected four recipients, two from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, one from University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg and one from Slippery Rock University.

PAC continues the spring symposium series with a session on African-American archaeology, *North of the Mason-Dixon Line: Current Research and Future Prospects in African Archaeology in Pennsylvania*, organized and moderated by Wade Catts of John Milner Associates on Friday, April 9.

The status of the PAC/PHMC publications series is uncertain. The PHMC publications budget has suffered the same fate as the agency budget as a whole. They have asked PAC for \$5000 to publish the Transitional volume that Kurt Carr and Mike Stewart are editing. PAC had allocated \$1000 for this publication, so we are continuing efforts to find the remaining funds. We may be forced to seek another publisher.

A PAC committee (Sarah Neusius, Paul Raber, Heather Wholey) is pursuing the possibility of funding by PennDOT to support various research and preservation programs. We hope to meet with PennDOT later this spring or early this summer to finalize a request for funds.

The funding crisis is a continuing concern. PAC has formed an *ad hoc* working group to explore strategic planning on PAC's mission for the next three years. A report is due on June 30, 2010. On related issues, PAC has committed \$1000 in its 2010 budget for the 2011 Farm Show and has formed a committee to pursue the possibilities for permanent or long-term funding of the exhibit.

Publications—Editor Bill Tippins reported The Spring issue of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* (Vol. 80-1) will be sent to the printer this week and should be in members hands in approximately 6 to 8 weeks. Sufficient manuscripts are in hand for the Fall 2010 issue (Vol. 80-2). It is anticipated that both issues will be produced on schedule and within budget. I wish to thank the authors that contributed to the Spring issue, as well as peer reviewers and the Editorial Board, for their hard work. In addition, thanks go to Ken Fischer, who will be handling the mailing. I also wish to thank our readers and SPA members for their continued support.

The SPA Newsletter will be published in black and white to save money. It was suggested to leave the color in the on-line version. Newsletter by email is going slowly but we continue to publicize this option to save postage costs. Maintaining email address lists is also an issue. Cost cutting options will continue.

Site Survey/PASS forms—Noel Stratten reported that 261 new sites were reported in the calendar year of 2009. Less than 10% were reported by persons identifying themselves as SPA members. Encouraging site recording should be promoted.

Collections and Curation Committee—No report available

Education Committee—Gene Delaplaine, chair, reported on the reorganization meeting held on April 9, 2010. A speaker's bureau will be reformed under the direction of Meli Diamanti. A public relations format will be developed. Education materials will be developed for use at SPA and chapter events.

Membership will be promoted. A large event is scheduled at Cabela's in August. PHMC and SPA members will man the event.

Chapter reports: A summary will be published in the SPA Fall Newsletter.

President Brian Fritz issued a 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 Mark McConaughy. PASSED.

Election of Officers and Directors Ballot:

President-elect	James Wosochlo
Elmer Erb Trustees (six year term)	Meli Diamanti (2016)
	Janet Johnson (2016)

Nominations were closed on a motion by Mark McConaughy, seconded by Amanda Valko. The ballot was passed on a unanimous vote. PASSED

Discussion and Announcements

Deceased Members 2009-2010 were honored

Richard L. George	Westmoreland, Allegheny
Jean Zimmerman	Paul Stewart, Life
Harold Statts	Forks of the Delaware
Jim Woodring	French Creek
John Eicholtz	French Creek

North Fork Chapter announced the annual non-selling gun and artifact show is scheduled September 4, 2010. Everyone is welcome.

Jim Wosochlo reported that he has some of the Elmer Erb collection at Forks of the Delaware. He also reported that some of the Dayton Statts collection has be sold.

Noel Strattan reminded members to visit the History Bill of Rights website. At the site a support letter can be found along with a survey that can be taken online.

The president also asked that members consider becoming sustaining members to help postpone a dues increase.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa, Secretary