



# *The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.*

Virtual Via Zoom

**Board of Directors/Annual Meeting**

**April 9, 2021**

**Minutes**

**Call to Order**—the meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. with President Jonathan Burns presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance: President Jonathan Burns, James Barno, Ira Beckerman, Kenneth Burkett, Andrea Carr, Kurt Carr, Amy Covell-Murthy, Matt Cumberledge, Meli Diamanti, Judy Duritsa, Bryan Fritz, Kristina Gaugler, Mary Alice Graetzer, Kira Heinrich, Janet Johnson, Bernard Means, Roger Moeller, John Nass, Phil Neusius, Sarah Neusius, Paul Nevin, Drew Rotz, Jessica Schumer, Cathy Spohn, Noel Strattan, Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Chuck Williams, Amanda Valko.

**Minutes**—the minutes of the previous meeting held by email were accepted as distributed on a **motion** entered by Amanda Valko seconded by Roger Moeller. **PASSED**

**Treasurers Report**—as of April 1, 2021

2020 Finance Year ended with and income of 31,808.90 and expenses of 16,122.28 resulting in an unprecedented profit of \$15,686.62. Additional funds during the year came through sales of the Susquehannock and Archaeology of PA publications (which were donated to the Society), annual meeting sponsorships (encumbered) donations, memorials and increased membership dues.

The 2020 IRS statement was filed, and all 2020 sales taxes reports and payments are complete.

Bonding for the Treasurer is current through 2021.

In January 2021 the savings account was drawn down to the minimum required \$2500 and additional funds transferred from checking to secure a 30,000.00 CD. Current assets consist of

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| Checking | 14,122.81 |
| Savings  | 2,500.71  |
| CD       | 30,000.00 |

Total current assets = \$46,623.52 of which \$8168.75 is encumbered as Annual Meeting Sponsorships, Cowin and Luman Funds

As of this report, the SPA membership currently includes:

- 64 Life Members (2 new for 2021)
- 167 Individuals
- 42 Family
- 32 Sustaining
- 21 Students
- 46 Institutions

**Financial Reports follow as attachments.**

**President's Report** I wanted to acknowledge all those whom, despite the pandemic, kept the SPA not only functioning, but also moving forward. Judy Duritsa, Ken Burkett, the Board of Directors all deserve our acknowledgement and thanks. It was difficult to cancel the annual meeting, but we felt that given the timing, we had no choice. Angela Jaillet-Wentling and Suzanne Haney graciously agreed to organize and arrange tomorrow's virtual awards and memorial session.

There is finally reason for optimism with vaccines circulating and fieldwork underway—I know that I am excited to be directing two archaeological field schools here in Pennsylvania this summer. Students are hungry for field experience that just was not possible last year at this time. Actively promoting Pennsylvania archaeology this spring, I have had the pleasure of being part of a Geoarchaeology project at Fort Roberdeau recovering Revolutionary War era lead ammunition and linking it to the historic mines in Sinking Valley (Blair County) through isotope analysis. Fourteen undergraduate students helped by colleague and I conduct metal detector, ground penetrating radar, resistivity, and LiDAR surveys to determine the extraction locations of the 1778 mining operation to supply the American army with lead for ammunition. The project culminates next month with the installation of two interpretive panels of the results in the visitor center—mostly the product of our students (fingers crossed).

As SPA president, I had the privilege of supporting Ken Burkett’s historical marker initiative—in fact, he has inspired us to start working on a nomination for Sheep Rock Shelter, in Huntingdon County. What an excellent way to educate the public about the commonwealth’s archaeological record! Additionally, the SPA supported the Friends of Michaux State Forest Stewardship program intended to monitor and deter looting of several rhyolite quarries within the forest. Other advocacy amounted to my push to embrace the online platform, Zoom, for SPA business as well as for the shared use of PAC’s YouTube channel to connect with a broader audience beyond the pandemic.

No doubt, it has been a rough year. I look forward to assisting Kira Heinrich as she take the society into what is hopefully the post-pandemic era, and thank you for allowing me to serve as president through these trying times.

Submitted by Jonathan Burns

## Old Business

In the interest of financial security, Kurt Carr, chair has asked if it would be safer to offer a generic, un-itemized report in the future to insure that no sensitive data is disclosed to make out account vulnerable to hacking or thief. The board has left that decision to the Committee’s discretion.

### **ELMER ERB PERMANENT FUND ACTIVITY FOR 1/1/21 – 3/31/21 2021 interim report.**

During the first quarter of 2021, the Elmer Erb Fund experienced a net gain of \$5302.82 or 4.8% since 1/1/2021.

#### **Balance as of 1/1/21**

##### Mutual Funds

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund | \$18,466.25 |
| Delaware Value Fund                    | \$10,443.36 |
| T. Rowe Price Equity Fund              | \$31,992.82 |

##### Certificates of Deposit

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|---|------------|
| Citizen’s Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/20) | \$6,533.17 |
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##### Checking Account

|                              |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| (\$3 monthly service charge) | \$43,389.92         |
| Total                        | <u>\$110,825.52</u> |

#### **Transactions and Activity in 2021**

##### **Balance as of 3/31/21**

##### Mutual Funds

|  |             |
|--|-------------|
| Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund | \$18,587.89 |
| Delaware Value Fund                    | \$11,380.77 |
| T. Rowe Price Equity Fund              | \$36,243.99 |

##### Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/23) \$6534.77

Checking Account

Citizens account

(\$3 monthly service charge)

\$43,380.92  
Total \$116,128.34

**ELMER ERB PERMANENT FUND ACTIVITY FOR 1/1/20 – 12/31/20**

**2020 Annual Report**

During the first quarter of 2020, the Elmer Erb Fund had a net loss of \$14,849.42 or a decrease of 13.50% since 1/1/2020.

Second, third & fourth quarters resulted in a net gain of \$15,678.50 resulting in an annual gain of \$829.01, representing a slight increase of 0.75% for 2020.

**Balance as of 1/1/20**

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund

\$17,240.56

Delaware Value Fund

\$9,728.72

T. Rowe Price Equity Fund

\$31,875.91

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/20)

\$6,527.40

Checking Account

Citizens account

(\$2 monthly service charge)

\$44,593.92  
Total \$109,966.51

**Transactions and Activity in 2020**

2/10 – Life members for 2020 paid to General Fund

-\$1575.00

2/10 – half of a carbon 14 date

-\$297.50

6/9 – half of a carbon 14 date

-\$297.50

7/28 – donation

+\$1000.00

**Balance as of 12/31/20**

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund

\$18,466.25

Delaware Value Fund

\$10,443.36

T. Rowe Price Equity Fund

\$31,992.82

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/23)

\$6533.17

Checking Account

Citizens account

(\$3 monthly service charge)

\$43,389.92  
Total \$110,825.52

**Annual Meeting Committee**—future venues for the PAC/SPA joint meeting, including the PAC *Archaeology of Blacksmith Shops* workshop, has been re-scheduled to be held at the originally planned venues (Ramada, Ligonier/Fort Ligonier) for April 8-10, 2022. **This will be officially the 91<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting. Future venues are needed. Du Bois (North Fork chapter) is suggested if chapters do not come forward to host.**

**Archaeology Month Committee:** Submitted by Amanda Valko, SPA Archaeology Month Chairperson.

The theme of the 2021 archaeology month poster focuses on blacksmithing and archaeology. PAC is responsible for pulling the poster together this year and the first draft was submitted to the committee for comments and suggestions. To date, no second draft has been circulated. The main sponsor for the poster is Markosky. Jessica Schumer is heading up the committee this year.

A supply of Archaeology Month posters will be supplied to Janet Johnson and Amanda Valko. Amanda will supply posters to all the SPA chapters.

There are plans to produce the Archaeology Month calendar this year providing events are scheduled. Chapters and other organizations are encouraged to submit their Archaeology Month events to Amanda by the **August deadline of 20, 2021**. Submissions received by this date will be included in the calendar submitted to Judy Duritsa by September 1, 2021 for the SPA Fall Newsletter. Submissions received after the calendar has been submitted to Judy will not be included in the newsletter but can be added to the SPA web site. Due to COVID-19 there were no events planned for 2020 and a calendar was not published.

**Note: to all members and chapters. Even with a reduced printing due to Covid, we still have excess posters available to anyone holding and event or able to distribute them in some way. Please contact either Amanda Valko or Janet Johnson to obtain a supply.**

**Awards Committee**—John Nass, Jr. Committee Chair, Mon-Yough Chapter #3

Committee Members: Amanda Valko, Chapter 22; Andrea Campbell, Chapter 8; Paul Nevin, Chapter 28.

The information contained herein pertains to the 2020 and 2021 awards cycle. Due to the Corona Virus, the 2020 annual meeting was cancelled. However, the Awards Committee still reviewed nominations. One person was nominated for the Archey Award, one individual for the J. Alden Mason Award, and four individuals were nominated for the Life-Time Achievement Award. The Frances Dorrance and John Witthoft Chapter Awards were also determined based on information provided by Kenneth Burkett, SPA Treasurer, and the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office.

## **2020**

The committee members agreed to award the 2020 **Archey Award** to Mr. Roger Jones, and the **J. Alden Mason Award** to Mr. Joseph Baker.

The **Life-Time Achievement Award** winner was not made public. It was the intent of the committee to announce the award at the 2021 annual meeting, which is now re-crafted as a virtual meeting. The winner of the 2020 award will be announced during the society virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

The 2020 chapter awards are actually based on 2019 data. The **Frances Dorrance Award** was given to The Ohio Valley Chapter #22, while the **John Witthoft Award** was given to Lower Susquehanna Archaeological Society #28. These will also be announced at the society virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **2021**

During the fall of 2020, the descriptions of the different awards and eligibility criteria were revised by the committee and made available to the membership in 2021. In January, Hannah Harvey stepped down from the committee. A new member will be recruited before the award nomination process begins in 2022.

The committee received one nomination for the **J. Alden Mason Award** and three nominations for the **Life-Time Achievement Award**. The winners for each award will be announced during the society virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Based on information provided by Kenneth Burkett, SPA Treasurer, and the Pennsylvania Historic Preservation Office, the **John Witthoft Award** goes to Allegheny Chapter #1, while the **Frances Dorrance Award** goes to Ohio Valley Chapter #22, while These will also be announced at the virtual meeting on Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Individual awards will be presented to the winners by committee members sometime over the next few months. Chapter Awards will be mailed to each chapter. Pictures of individual award winners will be published in the next issue of the society newsletter.

**C-14 Committee**—Bernard Means, chair reports there were no applications and no awards.

**Education Committee**—the committee will work on developing written information to accompany the blacksmithing theme of the 2021 Archaeology Month poster.

**ESAF Representative Report**—by Amanda Valko, SPA Representative to ESAF

There was no in person annual ESAF conference in 2020 due to COVID-19. The annual board and business meeting was held via Zoom. The 2021 ESAF annual meeting will be held virtually via Zoom November 5-7, 2021. There will be a registration fee of \$15.00 and \$10.00 for students.

Hosts for future meetings will be announced at a later date.

Business Manager Amanda Valko, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, compiled a sales flyer for back issues of the ESAF journal AENA after receiving the rest of the back issues from the previous business manager. The order form is posted on the website and was included in the fall 2020 AENA mailing. A revised form was currently posted on the web site to reflect the current updated inventory.

There were no Louis Brennan Award applications for 2020. There was one application for the Ronald A. Thomas award for \$1,000 from David Leslie of Archaeological and Historical Services, Inc. The proposal is to prepare the “Edgewood Apartments Development Project, Plainview, Massachusetts” data recovery report by Brian Jones and David Leslie for publication as an AENA article. The significant information focuses on an Early Archaic (Gulf of Maine Archaic) component, with radiocarbon dates. The board approved the recommendation for the Ronald A. Thomas Award.

The Nomination Committee reported the following slate of officers:

President-elect - Zachary Singer  
Corresponding Secretary - Martha Otto  
Recording Secretary - Richard Doyle  
Bulletin Editor - Zachary Singer  
AENA Editor - Arthur Spiess  
Treasurer - Timothy Abel

Elections were handled electronically via email and snail mail for those members not providing email addresses. A deadline was set for the return of the ballots. Business Manager Amanda Valko handled the mailing aspect and Corresponding Secretary Martha Potter Otter handled the recording of the ballots. All above officers were elected/re-elected.

ESAF has one new society member, the Association of Professional Archaeologists of New Brunswick.

Several new ESAF committees were formed and heads appointed by then President John Nass.

The ESAF Membership Committee is headed by Janet Johnson who presented her report and requested additional members. Amanda Valko agreed to be on the committee too.

The Education Committee is headed by Curtiss Hoffman. This committee will be responsible for selecting student papers.

The Finance Committee was headed by Wayne Clark. The committee looked over two years of ESAF’s finances and reported that everything looked good. The only recommendation was that an annual budget be prepared at the beginning of each year.

The Communications Committee is headed by Sarah Neusius. Because of the pandemic there was very little action in this committee.

**PAC Representative Report**—Paul Raber

- PAC has some new officers: Ira Beckerman will continue as President and Hannah Harvey as Secretary/Treasurer; Jonathan Libbon joins as Vice President, with Amy Covell-Murthy and Casey Hanson as board members.
- The Spring 2021 PAC meeting on April 9 will be virtual, as will the Fall board meeting. PAC hopes to resume live meetings at the 2022 Spring meeting in Ligonier.
- The nature and scope of PAC’s presence at the 2022 Farm Show are under discussion.

- PAC is initiating a push to expand the diversity of its membership and will pursue contacts with organizations representing other perspectives.
- PAC is developing a policy on sexual harassment.

***Pennsylvania Archaeologist*—Editors Report**—Roger Moeller Editor, Pennsylvania Archaeologist

Issue 91(1) for spring 2021 has been mailed to members.

Issue 91(2) for fall 2021 is nearly full. This should appear on schedule.

I am still shooting for 80 pp per issue. I am now receiving mss of varying length making it easier to fill issues.

Sarah Neusius, Book Review editor, has books that need a reviewer.

MAAC members have a choice when they join to get Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology as a pdf or a printed volume. In 2019 68% of the members selected the pdf version. I needed to print only 100 cps. This is a significant savings in printing and mailing costs. People liked getting the volume by email 8 weeks before the print copy would have arrived.

I circulated this idea among some SPA folks. The biggest problem is that there is no way to prevent a member from sending their pdf to a non-member which would hurt membership income. My response is that this will happen, but SPA's goal is to disseminate archaeological information. The same will happen when we sell pdfs.

The membership form would present the option of print only, pdf only, or print and pdf for each issue.

**Pennsylvania Farm Show 2021 Virtual/2022?**—Kurt Carr indicated that no decision has been made about the return of the Farm Show. Updates will be published in the SPA Newsletter Fall edition.

**PASS Report: There is a complete report available under links on the SPA website.**

The total number of new sites for 2020 was 289 with 3 older sites being removed due to duplications. Included are guest-authored project highlights, and this year we have at least one SPA chapter member and one PAC member in the bunch, along with interesting content from other researchers.

**PHMC Marker Initiative**—Update Ken Burkett, chair. The new committee preparing applications for PA state markers at archaeological sites has been formed. Committee members are: Ken Burkett, Chair, John O'Brien, Jonathan Burns, Paul Raber, John Nass, and Kurt Carr.

The Parkers Landing marker should be ready for dedication in July or August. If social distancing has relaxed, a petroglyph tour may be planned in conjunction with the Mead Island dedication. Details to be announced later.

**Publications Report**—Paul Raber

- The papers from the PAC symposium on precontact quarries are being published in the 2021 volume of *North American Archaeologist*. Some of the papers are now available online at the Sage/North American Archaeologist website.
- I will continue as general editor of the series Recent Research in Pennsylvania Archaeology but am looking for editors for future individual volumes.

**Website /Web Sales**—Roger Moeller, webmaster

WEB TRANSACTIONS REPORT FOR YEAR 2020

|                        |           |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Paper Back Issue Sales | \$260.12  |
| Annual Trip            | Cancelled |
| PDF Back issue sales   | 1091.50   |
| Susquehannock Book     | 163.60    |
| Rock Art CD            | 23.50     |

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|---------------------------|-----------|
| Memberships               | 1,634.00  |
| Annual Meeting            | Cancelled |
| Total PayPal Transactions | \$3172.82 |

Web site

Total page views: 10,650

Average page views per day is 29.

The most popular are Chapters (854), Publications (661), Annual Meeting (605).

Most likely place (66%) visitors come from is Direct address, Bookmark, or Link in email.

30% come from search engines

Remainder are links at web site most the State Museum

The most popular downloads are:

Meeting Programs

Newsletters

Membership

Length of stay: 88% were under 2 minutes

### Workshops in Archaeology

**State Museum Workshop**—planned for Oct. 23, 2021 with a theme of African American Archaeology.

**Meadowcroft Workshop**—planned for Oct. 16, 2021 with a theme of the Archaeology of Smoking.

**Full details for both workshops will be announced with attendance restrictions and program limits to be determined.**

### New Business:

**Donations/Life members**—Ken Burkett has asked the board to determine if it would be appropriate for him to award life memberships to a very generous husband and wife couple who over the years has donated a large amount of money and goods for the benefit of the Society. The couple has always donated anonymously. On a **motion** entered by Ken Burkett, seconded by Kurt Carr, **PASSED**, it was decided to award life membership to them both. The Secretary will send a letter of acknowledgement.

**Secretarial Duties**—the position of secretary will change hands for the first time in over 30+ years. Since the position has acquired duties that are not constitutionally the job of the secretary, the board was asked to allow the current secretary, Judy Duritsa and the incoming secretary, Jessica Schumer to work the position as a cooperative position for the present two year term. After that time, Jessica will determine her desire to run for the next term. Meanwhile, the SPA Newsletter and the mailing duties with the journal and newsletter will be left with Judy Duritsa. Contact should be made to either of the co-secretaries and information will be shared by both for the transition. A **motion** to allow this was entered by Chuck Williams, seconded by Sarah Neusius. **PASSED**

**State Museum Archives**—Kurt Carr has noted the large volume of back issues of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* housed in the archives at the state museum. A number of offers and incentives have not been successful to sell or give away the older journals. Suggestions: Use them as prizes. Give a set for student winners of poster sessions and scholarships. Offer sets for chapter libraries. Give them away at other national and regional meeting, conferences, farm show, etc. with complementary stickers noting they are a gift from the Society. The offer will be made to chapters. If you are attending a conference and would like to take complimentary issues with you, contact Kurt.

**YouTube Merger**—PAC has offered to post educational and informative videos from SPA chapters on their YouTube channel. Ira Beckman and Jonathan Burns will coordinate. The Education committees of both groups would be able to use the format to deliver content driven information to advertise the organizations and the work being done.

**Zoom License Use**—The Society has purchased a zoom meeting license. Use of the license is available to chapters and for educational and meeting purposes. To schedule and obtain the necessary passwords, contact Ken Burkett or Angie Wentling-Jaillet.

**Annual Meeting obligations:**

**Call for a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for the past year. Motion was entered by Phil Neusius seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED**

**The slate of officers was elected on a motion by Meli Diamanti seconded by Sarah Neusius. PASSED**

**Election of Officers:**

**President: Kira Heinrich**  
**First Vice President: Chuck Williams**  
**2nd Vice President: Angie Jaillet-Wentling**  
**Secretary: Jessica Schumer**  
**Treasurer: Kenneth Burkett**  
**Directors: Kristina Gaugler**  
**Janet Johnson**  
**Phil Neusius**

**The passing of the following members was noted for the year 2020-2021. A memorial session will be held virtually on April, 10, 2021.**

**In Memorium:**

William Buker, Allegheny #1  
Paul Herberling  
Albert Moore, Carnegie Associate, Westmoreland #23  
Vance Packard  
Chuck Sekera, Allegheny #1, Westmoreland #23  
John Zavinski, Carnegie Associate, Kinzua #18  
Leonard Ziegler, Forks of the Delaware #14

**Discussion for the good of the Society**

A reminder was made for the memorial, awards and poster sessions to be held by zoom at 10:15 a.m. on April 10, 2021.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary, SPA

Addendum: Information from April 10, 2021

2020 Awards:  
Frances Dorrance Ohio Valley #22  
John Witthoft Lower Susquehanna #28  
Archey Award Roger Jones, Ohio valley #22  
J. Alden Mason Joe Baker  
Lifetime Achievement Kurt Carr

2021 Awards:  
Frances Dorrance Ohio Valley #22  
John Witthoft Allegheny #1



Archey Award  
J. Alden Mason  
Lifetime Achievement

no nominations  
Jonathan Burns  
Judy Duritsa