

Board of Directors
Greensburg, PA
April 9, 2010

The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with President Brian Fritz presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance attached.

The **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Verna Cowin, seconded by Noel Strattan.

The written **treasurer's report** was presented by Paul Cowin. The Society is running at deficit for the second year and projected deficit for the third. Members are encouraged to join as a sustaining member. Consideration of a dues increase will be necessary in the future. The society loses members when an increase occurs and we would like to avoid this, if possible.

Old Business:

Financial Discussion:

The Elmer Erb Permanent Fund report by chairman Kurt Carr showed a steady recovery from the investment loses of the previous year. The fund transferred money to the general funds to cover the membership of the life-members. The list has been updated to reflect deaths and incorrect addresses.

Grant Reduction/Financial Deficiencies—Brian Fritz reported that the grant amount has been reduced to \$2,500, down from \$5,000 in previous years. This forces a re-evaluation of expenses particularly the printing and mailing expenses for Archaeology Month posters.

Paul Cowin asked for a motion to move \$500.00 from the restricted funds to the general fund to cover expenses. The motion was entered by Noel Strattan and seconded by Meli Diamanti. PASSED

Archaeology Month—Amanda Valko reported on the status of the planning process. No decision has been made on the poster due to the large cost of printing and mailing in the past. New distribution systems are being looked at including:

Discussion:

- Both PAC and SPA find the return on the costs for Archaeology Month to disproportionate and should be scaled back or eliminated.
- PAC has allocated \$1,000 for posters this year.
- PAC will solicit our usual Archaeology Month sponsors for support.
- Costs for limited poster printing and mailing (or emailing) will be determined with a web pdf printing option.
- A poster in the point typology series will be designed by Jim Wosochlo, Jim Herbstritt and Tim Williams as soon as possible, due to the lateness for the design process.
- All expenses must be revisited and decreased as necessary.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor's Status Report/Publications—Bill Tippins reported that his Spring issue of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* (Vol. 80-1) will be sent to the printer this week and should be in member's 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. No budget increase is requested.

Digitizing back issues of the Pennsylvania Archaeologist—Paul Nevin reports that the work is in progress and he will seek a completion in the future.

SPA Newsletter by email—sign up for this service is slow going. We must resolve a way to manage the email address list. It may be possible to email members on the list to notify them when the newsletter is posted on the website. This will eliminate emailing a document to a large number of people. This activity may be combined with future revamping of the SPA website. Meanwhile, members are asked to consider notifying the Secretary of their willingness to receive the newsletter by email.

Pennsylvania Farm Show—Kurt Carr provided a report in the Spring SPA Newsletter. 2011 theme is not set. Kurt advises that the SPA make more of a volunteer presence and consider manning an SPA table to promote the SPA and membership. The audience is enthusiastic about Archaeology and would be receptive.

National Register Nominations—Brian Fritz reports no new information is available on these works in progress.

Consulting Party/FHWA Sec. 106 Programmatic Agreement/Transportation Public Involvement Clearinghouse—Brian Fritz has no details on the SPA invitation to be a consulting party. PennDot and Preservation Pennsylvania make it easier to be a consulting party whose main purpose would be to identify problem areas and site preservation. More information will come in the future.

Education Committee Revision—Gene Delaplaine, chair reported on the reorganization meeting.

Members are working on various components including:

- Speakers Bureau organized by Meli Diamanti. If members are willing to speak to the public, please contact Meli to be added to the list.
- Sponsor or man events such as the Pennsylvania Farm Show or special events such as the Cabela's event scheduled for August 14-15, 2010 in Hamburg, PA. Archaeological displays, educational materials and membership information will be needed as well as volunteers. Contact Jim Wosochlo is you can help.
- Development of Education materials for archaeology, the SPA local chapters and individual sites is planned. These materials should coincide with themes for Archaeology Month.
- Materials and resources must be suitable for lesson plans and educators at all levels.

Vacant Committee—Awards Committee—the 2009-2010 awards were handled by the SPA executive committee. Please consider volunteering for this committee by contacting the Secretary or President.

2009 ESAF Meeting—the final report indicates that the meeting was successful and well attended and moderately profitable for ESAF and SPA. Revisions and updates in the meeting guidelines will be made.

PAC Representative Report—Paul Raber

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.

Hatch Scholarships—Paul Raber announced the 2010 recipients selected to receive one of the James W. Hatch Scholarships to attend the 2010 annual meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. The \$100 awards will be presented at the annual banquet on Saturday evening, April 10.

Awarded at banquet on April 10, 2010

*G. Travis Bercel, Slippery Rock University
Lisa M. Dugas, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Angela S. Jaillet, Indiana University of Pennsylvania
Justin McKeel, University of Pittsburgh at Greensburg*

Website Update/help—Brian Fritz is the serving as the current webmaster. He is looking for help with updating the website. Jim Wosochlo volunteered his wife to help. Brian will investigate possibilities.

Guidelines for conducting SPA business by email/Draft Presentation—Jim Wosochlo's draft was present for comment. The Secretary will email the draft to the board for input. Please review and send constructive criticism to Jim. We will review the guidelines at the next board meeting.

Functioning within the Society's Constitution/Parliamentarian/First Vice President—Noel Strattan has volunteered to review the constitution and our procedures to maintain compliance to the SPA constitution.

Guidelines for SPA Chapters 503 (c) status, tax exemption, financial issues—Ed Kaufman and Chapter 29 have agreed to mentor chapters in need to help with these issues.

Nominating Committee—Amanda Valko reported for the committee which consists of past presidents. President-elect, Jim Wosochlo; Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Trustees for six-year terms: Janet Johnson and Meli Diamanti. Election will be held at Annual Meeting.

New Business:

Appointment to Jacob L Grimm C-14 Committee—with the need to fill a Jacob L Grimm committee vacancy left by the passing of Dick George, Jim Herbstritt has asked Paul Raber to fill the vacancy contingent

upon the Board's approval. A motion to do so was entered by Meli Diamanti and seconded by Kurt Carr.
PASSED

Letter to Carnegie—the Secretary read a letter sent to Dr. Sam Taylor at Carnegie in support of the Ohio Valley Collections being maintained and open for research. The letter was sent on February 22, 2010. We have not received a reply.

Publication Sponsorship/Bernard Means—asks the SPA for a letter of supply in his pursuit of an ESAF Publications Grant to produce a publication on CD of New Deal sites in Somerset and Fayette County. A motion entered by Amanda Valko, Seconded by Noel Strattan was PASSED by the membership. Dr. Verna Cowin has agreed to write the support letter to ESAF.

Student Scholarship State Museum—Janet Johnson presented the outline of a proposed student scholarship to use the host share funds from the SPA 80th Annual Meeting held in Harrisburg in 2009, hosted by The State Museum.

The scholarship will be awarded for submission of mentored papers, ready for publication, submitted in electronic format at the same time abstracts are due for Annual Meeting. Reward will be \$100 and membership in SPA for a year. The program chair and scholarship committee will adhere to the theme of the Annual Meeting. The State Museum will handle the dissemination of information by way of their blog, Facebook and PHMC contacts through the state university system. The scholarship will be limited to Pennsylvania students or students doing research in Pennsylvania, at both graduate and undergraduate levels. If the scholarship works out, future funding will be solicited. A motion for joint participation was made by Janet Johnson, seconded by Verna Cowin. PASSED

History Bill of Rights—Noel Strattan presented information about the History Bill of Rights and the survey connected to it. This is based on a resolution passed by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission that describes what they feel to be the basic rights of our citizens to a knowledge of their past. We are being asked if we would be willing to pass a similar resolution. More information and a sample resolution are available at the following website. Noel asks the SPA to add our name to the supporters of this "Bill of Rights".

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/public_programs/1586/pa_history_bill_of_rights/694399

Discussion: Since the resolution has been already passed, signing on to promote the content is a matter of consensus. The SPA, individual Chapter can electronically sign the bill by following the link. Everyone can take the survey to register their opinion of areas of importance for future planning. A motion was made by Bill Black to have the SPA indorse the History Bill of Rights electronically, seconded by Amanda Valko, PASSED

Annual Meeting 2011—Gene Delaplane announced the 2011 meeting will be held at Morgantown, PA on April 8-10. He asked for guidance or some changes in scheduling and addition of Thursday tours and a breakfast at a location 3 miles from the meeting rooms. Members discussed the probability that participant would not arrive until noon or after work on Friday and that getting the meeting started on time was difficult even with participants eating on site. Complete details of the next Annual Meeting will be forthcoming.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa,
Secretary, SPA