

**Board of Directors  
Clarion, PA  
April 13, 2012**

**Minutes**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. with President James Wosochlo presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance attached. One proxy submitted.

The minutes of the previous Board of Directors meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion by Verna Cowin, seconded by Ken Burkett. PASSED

**Treasurer's Report**-presented by Kenneth Burkett. Ken reports that if the current expenses of the Society hold in the future, we will be functioning in the red for 2013. With no grant funding available, we would need to cut expenses, raise membership or increase dues. Increasing membership is very important for future solvency; however, a dues increase would be the only sure way to cover expenses. A motion was entered by Meli Diamanti that membership dues with the exception of student dues, which shall remain at the current level, be increased by \$5.00 for each category and \$50.00 for a life membership; seconded by Sarah Neusius. PASSED The 2012 budget was submitted for comment.

**Old Business**

**Financial Discussion**

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report**—Chairman Kurt Carr reported that investment levels for the Fund have regained the losses of 2008. The return on certificate of deposits is very low so the committee is looking for the best option for turnover for maturing certificates. The Fund report was accepted on a motion by Cathy Spohn, seconded by Kurt Carr. PASSED

**Archaeology Month 2012**—Amanda displayed the 2012 poster which was ready for early distribution. She provided a supply to the chapters which were present at Annual Meeting which will be a significant savings in mailing costs. She thanked her committee: Brian Fritz, Aurora and Jim Wosochlo and Meli Diamanti. Meli will be producing written text material on behalf of the Education Committee for distribution with the Archaeology Month calendar. Amanda requests that all submissions for calendar events be sent to her no later than August 15, 2012.

**Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor's Report/Publications**—Bill Tippins, editor reported: *Work is currently underway on the Spring 2012 issue (Vol. 82-1) of Pennsylvania Archaeologist. I anticipate that it will be in members' hands by late May or early June. The 80 page issue will also be completed on budget.*

*While I have enough material on hand to complete the spring issue, I could use papers for the fall issue. Members are encouraged to submit papers to the Editor (see the Submission Guidelines on the inside back cover of the journal for more information). Provided enough papers are received, the fall issue should be completed on schedule and on budget.*

*I would like to thank the authors, peer reviewers, and the Editorial Board; all of whom have contributed countless hours toward the completion of the spring issue of the journal. I would also like to thank Judy Duritsa and other members of the SPA for arranging mailing services.*

Bill also suggested that we look into a theme issue dealing with archaeology of the Civil War or other conflicts. If anyone has research, sources or papers on the topic, please contact Bill.

**Digitizing Back Issues of Pennsylvania Archaeologist**- Janet Johnson reports that Bernard Means' interns and students are performing the journal scanning now in a searchable pdf format. She asked for opinions about the technology so that the scanning will be completed in a useable form. The board is in agreement that the pdf/html format is appropriate.

**SPA Newsletter by email/mailing facility**—the list of email recipients is slowly growing. The treasurer will provide the secretary and the mailing facility with all email addresses that have been provided by the membership. We will trial an email distribution list to all the people that we have emails for and see if there are objections.

The cost of using the mailing facility have resulted in a slight decrease in postage costs due to bar-coding and no need for an individual mailing permit. We will continue to monitor all costs and look for savings.

**Pennsylvania Farm Show 2012**—Kurt reported on the farm show (a written report was published in the SPA Newsletter Winter 2011-12). The display was back on the main floor and was well received with approximately 26,000 visitors. 2013 will be back with a larger space but without Bob Winters. The theme will be: The French and Indian War Forts. Kurt suggested that the SPA man a section of the exhibit for the duration of the show. This would be a commitment for each day of the event from the Society. Many volunteers will be needed. Having a presence at the Farm show would be a way of promoting archaeology, the Society and possibly increasing membership. Kurt suggested a promotional item like a bag with all the group logos printed on it.

**Workshops in Archaeology** will be back at the Museum on November 3, 2012. Further information will be on all our websites and in mailings and the *Fall 2012 SPA Newsletter*.

**Education Committee/Rack Cards/Speakers list**—Catherine Spohn has been appointed chair of the Education Committee retaining the present committee members.

- She reported on the Cabela's event held October 21, 2011. Planning for the 2012 event is in progress and a venue for an event in the western part of the state is also being investigated, perhaps Gander Mountain in Washington, PA.
- The SPA Face book page has been set up by Jim and Aurora Wosochlo with password access by them, Kurt Carr and Janet Johnson. Members need to contact them to post chapter items. Discussion on type of page suggested that a change to "Fan" would enable more interaction.
- We will need more rack cards and other promotional items to be used at these events. Contact Catherine with suggestions or to offer help.
- Jim Wosochlo also offered to donate two pull up displays with the Society name and logo to be used at such events.
- Meli Diamanti is assembling a speaker's list. If you are willing to speak at educational functions, please send Meli your contact information, possible topics and limitations for traveling distance.

**ESAF Representative Report**—Amanda Valko announced the ESAF meeting information for 2012. It will be held in Ohio, October 25-28, 2012. Meeting information is available on the ESAF website available directly or

through a link on the SPA site. The Call for papers is out with Dr. John Nass as program chair. Amanda also reminded the Society that the SPA can use the ESAF journal to promote membership and events. SPA members may join ESAF through the Society which will receive a portion of the dues.

**PAC Representative Report**—Paul Raber submitted a written report: *PAC continues to participate as a consulting party for several PennDOT projects across the state. Rick Geidel coordinates this effort.*

*PAC sponsored Archaeology Day at the Capitol again on October 26, 2011. The Fisher award was given to Charles Jacob, chairperson of the board of supervisors for Warwick Township in Chester County. PAC is looking for future recipients from the western part of the state, which has been under-represented in recent years. Future Archaeology Day events will be held on the last Wednesday of October.*

*The PAC web site has been upgraded by Pat Miller. She has removed non-working links and updated the membership list. Previous newsletters and public education materials are available on the web site. Past and future Archaeology Month posters will be posted.*

*The Hatch Scholarships will be presented to two IUP students at the SPA annual meeting banquet. PAC continues to have problems in obtaining applications. Future efforts may be targeted to specific schools and faculty.*

*Funding for archaeology continues to be a major issue. Both PennDOT and the PHMC anticipate continued low levels of funding or cuts. PAC is solvent but suffers from the loss of operating grant funds.*

**PAC/SPA Student Scholarships**—Ryan Spittler and Lydia Dehaven have been selected to receive the 2012 James W. Hatch Scholarships to attend the Society for Pennsylvania/Pennsylvania Archaeological Council joint annual meeting in Clarion, PA, April 13-15. The awards will be made at the SPA banquet on Saturday evening. Report from Paul Raber

**Kinsey Scholarship State Museum**—Janet Johnson reported that an award would be made at the banquet. This scholarship provides a student membership and \$100 award to a graduate or undergraduate student. If any member or chapter would like to donate to the scholarship fund, contact Janet Johnson or Kurt Karr.

**Website update**—Jim Wosochlo and Aurora Balderas have a mock up of the new SPA website ready to be transferred to the [www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com](http://www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com) address. The current website is spa.mynewfile.com and can be viewed there. Aurora will give a demonstration of the new site before the Annual Meeting on April 14, 2012.

**Nominating Committee 2013**—a nominating committee is needed for row officers 2013-2014 and two Board of Directors positions for election in 2013. In keeping with tradition, past-presidents will serve as the nominating committee. President James Wosochlo appointed, Brian Fritz, chair with Amanda Valko and Paul Nevin as the committee.

**Annual Meeting**—Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the members of the North Fork chapter for hosting the 2012 Annual Meeting. She also announced the dates, April 19-21 for the 2013 meeting hosted by Mon-Yough Chapter. 2014 will be hosted by Allegheny Chapter. 2015 will be hosted by Westmoreland chapter unless a chapter from the eastern part of the state would like to host. Contact Mary Alice for information. Guidelines for hosting can be found on the SPA website.

**EBSCO Licensing proposal**—Vice presidents, Sarah Neusius and Jason Espino, concluded the licensing proposal for the Society. The first editions for the 2011 journals were sent to EBSCO to begin the process. The

secretary retains a copy of the pdf version of the journals for our records. We will inquire if there is tracking to see if the journals are being accessed.

## New Business

**Reality TV programming**—the board has been kept informed of the “diggers” programs that promote unsupervised digging on reality television and distressingly, the National Geographic Channel. Archaeological Societies nationwide are protesting the encouragement of looting sites for entertainment. It was agreed that the President will write a letter, following the lead of PAC, ASM and AIA to protest.

**Awards**—Lynne Baer reported that her committee: Donna Smith, Mary Jane Shaw and Paul Nevin, have prepared the awards to be presented at the Banquet. She also, stated that Paul Nevin has digitized the awards certificates. A purchase was made for plaques and masques.

**Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award** Bernard K. Means sent a written report: *“My report to the board on C14 committee is that we received no applications. I will be working on revised guidelines for submissions later this year.”*

## Discussion for the good of the Society

Noel Strattan reminded the membership that site reports are found online. She also reminded everyone to continue to record sites in the state. All the links for services and information are found on the website and there are apps for smart phones also available.

There being no further business. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary