

**Board of Directors  
Uniontown, PA  
April 19, 2013**

## **Minutes**

**Call to Order**—The meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 6:35 pm. with President James Wosochlo presiding. A quorum was present. (attendance attached)

**Minutes**—the minutes of the last board of Directors meeting were approved as distributed on a motion enter by Amanda Valko, seconded by Brian Fritz, PASSED

**Treasurer's Report**—Kenneth Burkett presented a written and oral treasurer's report and the 2013-2014 budget. The budget is balanced. The treasurer's report reflects a decrease in renewal memberships. Reminder cards will be sent out. Mailings are increasingly expensive. The report and budget were approved on a motion from Sarah Neusius, seconded by Paul Raber, PASSED

## **Old Business**

Financial Discussion

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report**—Kurt Carr presented a written report. The Fund is profitable.

**Archaeology Month 2013**—Amanda Valko reported that PAC will have the poster ready in May. The theme is Gettysburg in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the battle. All Archaeology Month Calendar entries should be sent to Amanda by August 15, 2013 for inclusion in the SPA newsletter and website.

**Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor's Status Report/Publications/Newsletter by email**—written report was submitted by Bill Tippins as follows:

*I am pleased to report that the Spring issue of Pennsylvania Archaeologist (Vol. 83-1) is nearing completion and will soon be sent off to the printer. It should be in members' hands by early June. I anticipate that printing will be completed within budget. Looking ahead to the Fall issue, I should have sufficient manuscripts to complete this issue on schedule; however, I now often have to resort to publishing previously unpublished CRM reports (gray literature) to fill each issue, due to a shortage of submitted manuscripts. I encourage our members to submit papers for publication, as such manuscripts are the lifeblood of the journal.*

The process of mailing the newsletter is complicated by members not updating email address changes. We will do our best to maintain the email list but it is the member's responsibility to notify us of address changes.

**Digitizing Back Issues of Pennsylvania Archaeologist**—the need for managing our copies of the Pennsylvania Archaeologist is becoming acute. Storage space at the archives is becoming critical and back issue sales are down.

The discussion follows:

1. Bernard K. Means has his students working on the digitizing of the journal with Volumes 11-25. Some of these issues are technically out of print. There are issues in the archives but none for sale. Bernard reports that this

process is mechanical and can be completed if the journals can be dismantled. The board agreed that they can be. The format of publication after the digitizing process is up for debate, paper vs. digital.

2. Following the example of other journals, we need to consider selling on an article basis. This would require, digitizing, setting up a payment method (PayPal) and sending out the articles. This process would work best using the current editions and working backwards.
3. The archives held at the State Museum has an excess of volumes from 1980-2000. Storage is becoming a problem as well as recouping printing cost by the sale of back issues. Back issue sales were very low for 2012. To dispose of the inventory, Kurt has proposed that we sell the issues in lots or bundles at a low cost. The high inventory renders these volumes expendable. A motion to sell bundles at \$2.00 per issue was entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by John Nass. PASSED

**Pennsylvania Farm Show 2013**—Kurt reported that approximately 46,000 visitors came through the French and Indian War themed booth during the Farm Show. The location was excellent and the re-enactors were well received. The 2014 theme will be the Civil War even if the archaeology materials are limited. Kurt suggests that **the SPA consider a stronger presence at the Farm Show by manning an area within the museum's space, full time to hand out membership information and directing the public to the local chapters. Many volunteers would be needed to do this, however the results might be significant.**

**Education Committee/Speakers list-update**—Catherine Spohn reported on the Cabela and PA Farm Show as the main activities of the Education Committee. The speakers list is limited due to the large area involved in traveling around Pennsylvania. If anyone is interested in joining the list, contact Meli Diamanti or Catherine Spohn at [cpohn@pa.gov](mailto:cpohn@pa.gov).

**ESAF Representative Report**—Amanda Valko reported that 2014 ESAF Meeting will be held in South Portland, ME in October. The Call for papers is out and available on the ESAF website. She also announced that she is the new president of ESAF and Kurt Carr is president-elect. The SPA as an ESAF member can use the ESAF website for announcements and advertisements through the webmaster, Caroline Dillon.

**PAC Representative Report**—Paul Raber reports that the PAC officers have been re-elected to another term. Archaeology Day at the Capitol is scheduled for October, 29, 2013. Nominees of state officials as friends of archaeology are needed for the Fisher Award.

**PAC/SPA Student Scholarships**—Paul Raber reported that two Hatch Scholarships have been awarded to Stephanie Bowen and Sara Griggs, Lycoming College and Kelsey Morgan, Juniata College. The awards will be presented at the banquet.

**Kinsey Scholarship State Museum**—Janet Johnson reported that the 2013 Kinsey awards will be presented at the banquet.

**Nominating Committee 2013**—the ballot has been duly published to the membership as required by the SPA constitution. Voting will held at Annual Meeting.

**Annual Meeting**—Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the members of the Mon-Yough Chapter for hosting the 2012 meeting and announced the meeting dates for 2014 in Greensburg, PA as April 4, 5, and 6, hosted by the Westmoreland Chapter. **Hosts are needed for 2015 and beyond. Central and eastern chapters should consider hosting.** The Guidelines for hosting a meeting are on the SPA website or can be obtain by contacting Mary Alice or the Secretary.

**Awards Committee**—Paul Nevin reported that the awards are ready for presentation at the banquet. There were no nominations for the Shrader/George Youth Award.

**Spike TV Letter**—there has been no response to Jim Wosochlo's letter to SPIKE TV. A suggestion was made to copy the letter to the program's sponsors.

### **New Business**

**Memorial for Verna (Paul) Cowin**—the Society is looking for a way to honor the Cowin's. Discussion of a possible stipend grant program to help avocational members defray costs for working on archaeological sites is one possibility. A committee was formed to consider the proposal submitted by Ed Dlutowski. Jim Wosochlo is chair with Ed Dlutowski and Pam Billman as committee members. A publication grant program was also mentioned. A motion by Sarah Neusius to establish a Cowin Award and seek donations to work out the details for avocational support, was seconded by Paul Raber. PASSED

**SHA Inquiry**—an inquiry from the Philadelphia Convention Center was made to the SPA about helping to host the SHA meeting in Philadelphia. The SPA responded by noting that we do not have enough memberships in the Philadelphia area for such an endeavor. No further correspondence has been received.

**Consulting Parties**—A consulting party report with input from Paul Raber on behalf of the SPA has been received and archived. Anyone wishing to read the report should contact the Secretary.

**New Chapter Petition**—a petition was received with the signatures of members in good standing of the Society for a new chapter to form in Hamburg, PA. to be called the Hawk Mountain Chapter. A motion to approve the petition and form Chapter #31 was entered by Roger Moeller, seconded by Catherine Spohn. PASSED

### **Discussion for the good of the Society**

Noel Strattan announced that Jean Cutler is retiring. She relayed a message from Jean to the Society. Jean advises the Society and the archaeology community to make itself known to her replacement. We must show our presence and numbers to have any influence is how archaeological resources are handled in the state.

Kurt Carr asked that the SPA consider using the publications fund to help with printing costs for a millennial volume that is in progress. Kurt will get back to the board with estimates.

Reminder: The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society is dedicated to the memory of Verna L. Cowin and Paul F. Cowin. A memorial program immediately will follow the Annual Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary