

**Board of Directors
Bethlehem, PA
April 10, 2015**

Minutes

Call to Order—the meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m. by President Sarah Neusius. A quorum was present. Attendance attached.

Minutes—the **minutes** of the previous meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion entered by Noel Strattan, seconded by Cathy Spohn. PASSED

Treasurer's Report—Ken Burkett presented the **2015 budget** for consideration. Copies are available. The Society is functioning within budget and projected expenses will be covered. The budget was accepted on a motion by Tom Glover, seconded by Valerie Perazio. PASSED
The **treasurer's report** was accepted as presented.

Old Business

Financial:

Cowin Memorial Fund—Ken Burkett reports that the fund now contains \$1310.00. The first award will be made at the banquet. A committee is being formed to refine the awards from the Society. It is hoped that the criteria will be clarified and that more nominations will be received for all awards and scholarships offered by the Society.

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report—Chairman, Kurt Carr presented a written and oral report on the financial standing of the Permanent Fund. The Fund is performing well and the trustees now feel it should be used to aid other projects for the greater good of the Society in addition to covering the needs of the Life members and C-14 awards. 50% of the Elmer Erb profit, after expenses, will be available to the general fund for this purpose. **A committee will be formed to offer guidelines with suggestions for the best way to use funding to cover the most important Society projects. Kurt Carr will head the committee with 2 other members to be named.**

Pennsylvania Archaeologist as Membership Gifts—This gifting of journals along with the welcome package that is being sent to new members seems to be popular and is also a way to introduce new members to the journal, decrease the number of excess journals being housed at the archives and as an incentive to membership. We plan to continue this practice.

Cowin Award—the first award will be presented to Donna Smith to defray costs of working on the Penelec Site. The presentation committee suggested the guidelines be refined for the future by a committee: Pam Billman, Bill Black and Noel Strattan.

Annual Awards—Paul Nevin reported that there were very few nominations this year even after extending the deadline and sending out reminders. The lifetime award received one nomination but the committee was divided. The president was needed as a tie breaker. In order to avoid this in the future, an odd number of committee members will be needed. Better advertisement for the awards is needed. Review committee: John Nass, Valerie Perazio, Paul Nevin, and Judy Duritsa. **All awards for the Society will be examined for the future.**

SPA Website /Web Sales—Roger reported the large number of sales from the website. This function was more productive than anticipated. The procedure has worked well and will continue.

Archaeology Month 2014/15—Amanda Valko reported on 2014 which was the SPA's responsibility. 2015 is PAC's turn to produce the poster and Gary Coppock has completed this task and delivered the finished product to Annual Meeting. This will save mailing costs and will aid in early promotion of the event. **Chapters may contact Amanda Valko for their supply of posters. Suggestions for 2016 are welcome. Contact Amanda at Avalko@mbakerintl.com.**

***Pennsylvania Archaeologist* Editor's Status Report/Publications—Editor's Report, Board of Directors and Annual Meeting, April 10, 2015**

"Dear Board of Directors and SPA Members:

I am pleased to report that the Spring 2015 issue of the journal (Vol. 85-1), and the last issue under my editorship, is currently at the printer and should be in members in the month of May. I anticipate that this issue will come in on schedule and within budget.

As soon as this issue is off the press, my time as editor will be complete and Dr. Bernard Means will step in as new editor. I anticipate a smooth transition, as Bernard is very capable and we have been in frequent communication regarding the transition for nearly a year. With that said, compiling and editing the journal is a big job and we must all do what we can to help Bernard get up to speed. I'd suggest that Bernard be introduced to our members as the new Editor at the meeting, so that he can begin to interact with his readers.

Over the last ten years, I have tried to bring a business approach to publishing *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. When I took over as editor in 2005, the journal was a year behind schedule and the quality of the publication had fallen. I believed it was essential to bring the journal back on schedule, and we worked very hard to make this happen. Going forward, this is my biggest concern regarding our publication. Our members expect, and have paid for, two issues per year. It is critical that we deliver on this promise. I have no doubt that Bernard's technical expertise will ensure that the quality of the publication remains high. However, even with Bernard's extensive publishing experience, he will have to climb a steep learning curve to keep things on schedule. With that said, perhaps I'm worrying a bit too much, as we now have a Ph. D. at the helm who knows a thing or two about deadlines and schedules! But let's still do all we can to help him. This starts with submissions, for without papers no editor can stay on schedule. So please pass that word the journal is actively seeking papers.

Serving as your editor has been an interesting and rewarding experience. I have gotten a chance to work side by side with some of the brightest stars in Pennsylvania archaeology. Specifically I'd like to thank Bill Johnson, Mark McConaughy, Bernard Means, Paul Raber, Judy Duritsa, and Ken Fischer for all that they have done to help me over the last decade. I would also like to thank the late Dick George, and Verna and Paul Cowin – they are sorely missed. And finally I would like to thank our authors and our members, for without your commitment, *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* would not be in its 85th year of publication.

Sincerely,
Bill Tippins
Editor
April 7, 2015"

Pennsylvania Farm Show 2015—Kurt Carr reported on the show themed as: "***Climate change and the Archaeological Record: Implications for the 21st Century***" was another success. A full report of the show can be found in the *SPA Newsletter, Spring 2015* edition. The 2016 show will be the 100th Pennsylvania Farm Show with a theme of farming and agriculture in Pennsylvania.

SPA at the Pennsylvania Farm Show/ Ken Burkett—reports that 12 new members were signed at the show, with another 2 joining at the PHMC's Workshops in Archaeology. It was helpful to Ken to be able to present the new members with 3 journals as a welcome gift. In order to track members, a space will be added to the membership form—**How did you hear about us?** The event is worthwhile. **Ken asks that chapters considered manning the SPA table at the 2016 event. Plan now to ensure coverage. Contact Ken at kenburkett@comcast.net**

Education Committee /Poster Session Guidelines—No report. Committee is being reorganized. The Society thanks Cathy Spohn for her service as chair.

ESAF Representative Report—Amanda Valko announced the 2016 meeting information as follows: The 2016 meeting will be held in Midland, Ontario, October 16-18. Please remember that a passport will be needed. Additional information is available at www.esaf-archeology.org. Kurt Carr is the new president of ESAF. Amanda also reminded us that we can advertise in the ESAF journal by sending information to Roger. There is also publication money available through the Brennan Award (general) and for CRM reports through the Ron Thomas Award.

PAC Representative's report/Hatch Scholarships/Publications—Paul Raber

- PAC has new officers: **Bev Chiarulli, President; Seth Mitchell, Vice President; Lisa Dugas, Secretary-Treasurer; Bernard Means and Cathy Spohn, board members.**
- As reported last fall, **Archaeology Day at the Capitol** was not a success (the term "fiasco" was used). A new approach is needed (including better scheduling) to insure an adequate response.
- **Archaeology Month** poster. Gary Coppock has taken the lead and will produce a poster in time for the annual meeting. The theme is industrial archaeology in Pennsylvania.
- Jonathan Burns has developed a Facebook page for PAC, in the hope of attracting interest from new and younger members.

- The web page is in dire need of updating or revision.
- We have had one applicant for the **Hatch Scholarship**: Angela Goreczny, a graduate student from IUP. Action item for the SPA Board meeting: I propose that in the absence of more than one recipient, we double Angela's award (\$100 from PAC and \$100 from SPA = \$200). **A motion to award \$200 instead of the normal \$100 for the Hatch Scholarship was approved on a motion entered by Paul Raber, seconded by Valerie Perazio. PASSED**
- **Publications**: The Transitional period book is in production and will appear in the Penn State press catalogue this spring (cover attached). The press has agreed to publish future volumes in the series and I intend to submit a Susquehannock/ Shenks Ferry manuscript based on a past PAC symposium this year. The press staff have had discussions with the PHMC on acquiring the three previous volumes in the series to sell, which the acquisitions editor tells me are promising. I encourage all SPA And PAC members to consider topics and contributions to future volumes in the series.

Publications Fund Award/ Kurt Carr Status—Synthesis Volume is out for peer review, **Transitional Volume**—a sample cover was displayed (see previous item). Members will be notified when it becomes available.

First Pennsylvanians—new from Roger Moeller and Kurt Carr will be available in June. This new volume will be the first comprehensive review of Native America archaeology in Pennsylvania for general readership. SHOPpaheritage.com.

Kinsey Scholarship—State Museum—Janet Johnson reports that two scholarships will be given: Angela Goreczney and Hannah Charlton, both IUP graduate students, are this year's winners.

Ballot: Nominating Committee 2015/ Noel Strattan, Brian Fritz and Valerie Perazio presented the ballot to the membership according to the constitution. Election will be held at Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting Committee/plans 2015 and 2016: Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the host chapters for hosting. The 2016 meeting is being hosted by Ohio Valley Chapter 22 in Sharon, PA at the Park Inn on April 15-17, 2016. Hosts are needed for 2017 and later. Two chapters may co-host. Meeting guidelines are on the SPA website under archives. www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Membership Initiative/ John Nass announced that a “**Members**” area will be added to the website with a pass word access. The Password will be found in the SPA Newsletter. This will open an area for member discounts, access to thesis publications, and member only communications. Member discounts are in the works for other museum and historic sites.

C-14 Committee—Bernard Means has received two nominations that his committee believes merit funding if there is enough funding available for two awards. **The Elmer Erb Trustees approved the funding of two awards for 2015.** Expansion of the award criteria for other types of analysis, such as flora and fauna, is under consideration. Guidelines for this would need to be developed.

MAP Project—Making Archaeology Public—project is ongoing and will be present on The Archaeology Channel. Look for announcements.

New Business:

Donation Section on SPA Website—Roger will load a page onto the website where donations for all the various SPA Funds can be accessed. It will be easy for members and the public to support the Society. We will have a Paypal page and a page to print and mail.

Discussion for the good of the Society

The Society is organizing the first **SPA Field Trip**. The trip will be June 4-7, a weekend bus trip to the **Ohio Mounds** with tours and lectures provided by the experts on site. Sarah Neusius and John Nass have planned the event and ask for Society support and permission to go forward. A motion was made by Roger Moeller and Seconded by Janet Johnson. **PASSED. Details are available on the SPA website.**

Stan Lantz will be celebrating his 90th birthday. There will be a surprise celebration with a card shower at the banquet.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA