

**Board of Directors
Bedford, PA
November 12, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 10:31a.m., President James Wosochlo presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance attached.

The **minutes** of the previous board of directors meeting were accepted as distributed and corrected on a motion entered by Amanda Valko and seconded by Meli Diamanti. PASSED

Treasurer's Report—Kenneth Burkett distributed a written treasurer's report. The discussion on the report reflected the loss of grant money and the need to reevaluate costs. The restricted publications account has been tapped, with board approval, to cover printing for brochures for the Farm Show 2012 and for the printing of rack cards. A supply of 50 rack cards was distributed to each attending chapter. Mailing and printing costs have been adjusted to a leaner number of issues, email distribution of newsletters and the use of a mailing service instead of the bulk mailing account with the United States Postal Services.

Membership recruitment would help but a dues increase may be the only option for the future. One new life member was reported.

The treasurer also reported on the transition of the office. The financial records have been converted to Quickbooks and memberships records to ACCESS. The accounts are now located in Farmers Bank from Citizens. Citizen's holds 2 CDs which will be reviewed upon maturity.

The 2011 budget has been revised with money from a money market account transferred to the general fund to make up the shortfall. 2011 budget will probably break even if nothing unforeseen occurs.

The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Dave Sorg. PASSED

Westmoreland Chapter presented their receipt for reimbursement by the Jacob L. Grimm C-14 award committee.

**Old Business
Financial Discussion**

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report—a written report was presented by Janet Johnson, Elmer Erb Trustee. Janet pointed out the slow growth in the Permanent Fund due to the stock market fluctuations but noted that most of the investments were in very safe funds and CDs.

Archaeology Month 2011/12--Amanda Valko reported on the distribution of the posters to chapters. The posters will also be distributed at the Farm Show. The posters were not available

in time for the Cabela event. Amanda had 1,000 posters and the museum (Janet Johnson) had 4,000. When all scheduled events are over, the committee will reevaluate the number of posters needed for 2012. It is the SPA's turn to produce the poster and it will pick up at the appropriate point typology period. Jim Wosochlo volunteered to design the poster. He hopes to have it done early enough for better distribution and available for the Cabela event.

There were several suggestions for expanding Archaeology Month activities, producing educational materials to coordinate with the poster and theme with the education committee, and reaching other groups such as historical societies and the National Park Services and scouts.

Members should send contact information to Janet Johnson and/or Amanda Valko.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor's Status Report/Publications—Bill Tippins sent a report stating that the Fall issue of the journal is at the printers and should be expected in late November or early December. Bill also notified the board of some major health issues he is facing. We offer Bill our support and best wishes for a full recovery. Meanwhile, please help the editorial committee or Bill, if called upon.

Digitizing Back Issues of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*--Paul Nevin reported on the failure to complete the scanning process and the return of most of the materials to the state museum. Discussion on the best way to proceed with the scanning ended with an offer by Bernard Means to employ his graduate students in the activity. Technology suggests the best way to distribute the out of print journals is not apparent yet since there has been some failure in compact disks. However, all the processes require the journals to be scanned. It was determined to start there and proceed with best practices from that point.

SPA Newsletter by email—there has not been a large response to receive the newsletter by email. We will try to capture the email addresses on membership forms and send the newsletter to those we have addresses for. We will continue to promote email newsletters. We may be able to use the revised SPA website to recruit electronic newsletter readers.

Pennsylvania Farm Show 2012—Janet Johnson requested volunteers to man the booth at the Farm Show January 7-14, 2012. The theme is Food Ways of Native Americans. The need for volunteers is more critical this year. The BHP will have a booth on historic markers. Their personnel will be tied up with the second booth so more outside volunteers are needed. A request will be sent to all SPA chapters and contacts.

The SPA preapproved funding from the publications account for printing of *Petroglyphs, Rivers and Trails* and *Changing Frontiers* brochures.

Education Committee/Rack Cards/Speakers list—Gene Delaplane, Chair, reported on the committee meeting. Discussion included materials for distribution and volunteers to man booths at both the Farm Show in Harrisburg in January 2012 and the AIA meeting in Philadelphia on January 7, 2012. Rack Cards are now available for distribution and brochures will be printed for hand outs at both events. Informational materials will be developed to expand the Archaeology Month theme for 2012. A Speakers list is also being assembled by Meli Diamanti. If you are willing to volunteer to speak to the public, send topics, distance you will travel and ages of target audiences to Meli. She can be reached at: 101 N. Pennsylvania Ave., Centre Hall, PA 16828 diamanti@ahcinc.biz melidiamanti@gmail.com

PAC Representative Report—Paul Raber sent a written report as follows: PAC held its annual Archaeology Day event at the State Capitol on October 26, 2011. In addition to the usual activities, the Fisher Award was presented to Warwick Township, Chester County, Supervisor Charles Jacob, a long-time advocate of archaeology and historic preservation (nominated by Cathy Spohn). Please keep worthy candidates in mind as possible future recipients of the Fisher Award and contact Rick Geidel, PAC President, with any nominations. Nominations from western Pennsylvania would be particularly welcome. In future, Archaeology Day will be scheduled for the fourth Wednesday in October.

PAC hopes to join with the SPA again to support the 2012 Hatch Scholarships to enable Pennsylvania students to attend the SPA annual meeting. PAC and SPA, with additional contributions by individuals, have jointly sponsored these awards in past years. We awarded the scholarships to three students in 2011. PAC asks the SPA to commit support for at least one such scholarship (\$100) again this year. The awards are presented at the Saturday evening banquet.

The next volume in the PAC/PHMC publication series, on the Transitional period, is slowly making progress. ESAF funding, with money from PAC and SPA, will allow the volume to be published in 2012. Kurt Carr and Mike Stewart are the editors.

PAC is in the long overdue process of updating its web site. Pat Miller will be serving as webmaster and should be contacted regarding content or questions.

The funding situation for agency archaeology is dismal. PennDOT anticipates reduced funding for state and federal projects, with corresponding reductions in the number of cultural resources studies and funding for them. The BHP has lost a historian through retirement and is not authorized to fill the position. Marcellus Shale-related projects continue to pose increasing threats to archaeological sites. Only shale gas projects involving Corps of Engineers permits typically require archaeological studies. The Corps is conducting training sessions for Marcellus Shale project managers, but there is, aside from COE-regulated projects, little protection for cultural resources. Public education and pressure on elected representatives is critical.

PAC/SPA Student Scholarships—Paul Raber submitted a written report as follows:

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council and SPA jointly awarded three Hatch Scholarships to students at Pennsylvania colleges at the 2011 SPA annual meeting. The recipients were Andrea Boon, Callista Holmes and Katherine Peresolak. PAC plans to continue its support of the Hatch Scholarship program by sponsoring at least one student scholarship (\$100) for 2012. I ask that the following motion be considered at the November 12, 2011 SPA board meeting:

A motion was entered that SPA will as an organization sponsor at least one Hatch Scholarship at \$100 for 2012 and will solicit it members for individual contributions to support additional awards by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

Please note that host Chapter North Fork # 29 has decided to waive registration fees for students presenting papers at the 2012 Annual Meeting in Clarion. This will not affect the amount of the Hatch or Kinsey Scholarship awards.

Website update/help—Brian Fritz has turned the SPA website webmaster duties over to Jim and Aurora Wosochlo for a complete renewal. The site will be modernized with a new format. Current information will be maintained. Submission procedure will be formatted so that our chapter and members can easily submit information for posting.

Nominating Committee—Two Elmer Erb Trustees are up for election in 2012. Kurt Carr, chair, will be asked for nominations or to determine the need for a nominating committee.

Student Scholarship State Museum—Janet Johnson reported that the Kinsey Student Scholarship has sufficient funds to provide at least one scholarship for 2012. She also asked the question if there were any high school age students who are involved in archaeology that we should be contacting for possible scholarship opportunities. If anyone knows of such student groups, please share that information with Janet.

Annual Meeting 2012 and Beyond—Mary Alice Graetzer sent a written request for hosts for future Annual Meetings.

Response as follows: Mon-Yough Chapter #3 will host in 2013 in Uniontown
Allegheny Chapter #1 will host 2014 in celebration of their 75th anniversary
Westmoreland Chapter #23 will host in 2015

EBSCO Licensing proposal—Sarah Neusius and Jason Espino were asked to contact EBSCO to review the Society's concerns and questions about licensing and with board approval, sign the proposal on our behalf. A copy of the signed proposal was entered for the records. We are waiting for EBSCO to respond with the next step in the process.

ESAF Representative—Amanda Valko reported on the ESAF Annual Meeting in New Jersey in October as having an attendance of 87 with Pennsylvania and New Jersey having the highest representation. Amanda is also President-elect of ESAF. The 2012 meeting will be hosted in Ohio with John Nass serving as program chair. Information and Call for Papers can be found in the SPA Newsletter and on SPA and ESAF websites.

New Business

The Archaeology Channel Support Request—a motion to provide a \$100 donation in support of the Archaeology Channel in lieu of the more expensive alternative of supporting membership, was entered by Meli Diamanti, seconded by Sarah Neusius. PASSED. Sarah also suggested that we "like" them on facebook. This type of support is free.

Society Policy for Recognition/Membership of Native American Groups—Ken Burkett, as treasurer, questions the membership of unrecognized Native American Groups as institutional members of SPA. He received a membership application and dues for such a group and was asking for opinions and direction. After discussion, the board concluded that we have no power to add or detract from a group's legitimacy, but the Society has a responsibility to reiterate our mission to all institutional members so that our mission and purpose are apparent to all.

The upcoming **2012 Statewide Museum Conference** is scheduled for April 2 and 3, 2012 in Carlisle, PA. The theme for the Conference is "Joining for Strength and Advocating for Good". In the call for session **proposals is a request for sessions on beneficial partnerships, mergers and collaborations.**

Ken would like to put together a session viewing the current collaborative projects between the various SPA chapters and their local Historical Societies/Museums, and expand on opportunities for other organizations to become involved with the SPA. If your chapter is involved in such a project, please contact Ken. Ken will be working with co-presenters, but would also like digital photos and a synopsis of your projects that could be included even if you can't attend the session.

Discussion for the good of the Society

Duffy's Cut—Gene Delaplane gave a history of the non-professional dig being conducted on Duffy's Cut. The project has received a lot of media attention and possibly financial support from historic and educational sources. The procedures on site have no proven professional integrity and have possibly impacted a cemetery. After discussion, Gene was referred to Noel Strattan for advice on addressing his concerns. More information on the Duffy's Cut can be found on the web.

Meli Diamanti reported on the Bald Eagle chapter's display using a local historical society venue. Meli also asked for suggestions on increasing membership to local chapters. Usually, a chapter near a university has better support from academia but that has not been the case at Penn State. If anyone has had success in recruiting new members, please share with the Education Committee.

Parliamentarian—Second vice President Jason Espino was assigned the duty of parliamentarian for the Society replacing Noel Strattan. Jason will maintain adherence to the Society's Constitution and Robert's Rules.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA

Addendum: An anonymous donation was made to the Society to supplement the fee for an institutional sponsoring membership with The Archaeology Channel. The Society and The Archaeology Channel are grateful to our donors.