

**Board of Directors  
Bedford, PA  
November 17, 2012**

Minutes

**Call to Order**—the meeting was called to order at 10:30 am with President Jim Wosochlo presiding. A quorum was present (2 proxies). Attendance attached.

**Minutes**—the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting were dispensed with and accepted as distributed on a motion from Ken Burkett, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

**Treasurer's Report**—a written report was distributed by treasurer, Ken Burkett. Ken reported that we have a deficit which is probably due to late membership renewals. He stated that sustaining memberships and renewals are comparable to previous years and there is no apparent loss of membership due to the dues increase. The treasurer's report was accepted on a motion by Cathy Spohn, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

**Old Business**

Financial Discussion:

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report**—chairman, Kurt Carr presented a written report showing the new CD investment and stating that losses from our investments in 2008 have been recovered.

**Archaeology Month 2012**—Amanda Valko, committee chair, reported on the Archaeology Month poster and activities. 4,000 posters were printed and shared with Janet Johnson, sponsors and chapters. PAC also distributed them to libraries. They were used at the Cabela event and there are enough left for distribution at the Farm Show in January 2013. Next year is PAC's turn to develop and print the poster. In 2014, the SPA will plan a new theme for the poster as the typology theme has been completed, perhaps a "sites" series will be developed. A suggestion was made to date the posters with a transient date to give it more life, e.g. 2012-13.

**Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor's Status Report/Publications**—Bill Tippins submitted a written report:

*I am pleased to report that the Fall 2012 issue (Vol. 82-2) issue of Pennsylvania Archaeologist is on schedule for publication in late November or early December, 2012. At 72-pages, this issue will be slightly shorter than our typical 80-page issue, due to a shortfall in submitted material. This issue will be produced within the allotted budget. Looking ahead to 2013, I am facing a significant shortage of manuscripts. For unknown reasons, submissions in the past year are down quite a bit from typical levels. This shortage of manuscripts could jeopardize the publication schedule in 2013. I encourage the SPA to spread the word that Pennsylvania Archaeologist is accepting manuscripts. Hopefully, this will stimulate submissions and allow us to stay on schedule in 2013. Best Regards, Bill Tippins, Editor, dated September 27, 2012*

**Digitizing Back Issues of Pennsylvania Archaeologist**—update from Janet Johnson on the work being performed by Bernard Means' graduate students. The work is nearly completed in a searchable format. The question for the board is to decide what we will do with the CD upon completion. Sales of CD's may not be profitable. Many of the volumes in this group are out of print and would be useful for research in the searchable format. Another possibility would be an internet publication with subscriptions. Other organizations have

produced CD's of their back issues and perhaps we can learn from their experiences. Bill Johnson will talk to NYSA. Bill will also ask NYSA to appoint a representative to SPA to replace the late Fred Assmus.

**Pennsylvania Farm Show 2013**—Kurt reported plans for the French and Indian War themed exhibit. The location on the floor is a high volume traffic area. Volunteers are need. The SPA will have a presence and SPA members are needed to man the display area. Bob Winters will not be there so other demonstrators and re-enactors are need. **Chapters should contact Kurt to volunteer.**

**Education Committee/Rack Cards/Speakers list-update**—report presented by Cathy Spohn outlined participation in the Archaeology Month activities and the Cabela event. Kurt Carr, bringing the canoe and associated tools from Harrisburg along with Meli Diamanti, Noel Strattan, Jim Wosochlo, Gene Delaplane, Rich Nearhood and Cathy Spohn visited with the public and distributed information on the SPA, Archaeology in Pennsylvania, PASS files and CRGIS. Visitors were estimated at 100/hour. Plans for next year are in the works with an attempt at better advertisement, hopefully on Cabela's website, and new venues in the western part of the state. **Volunteers are always needed.** SPA rack cards have been reprinted and are available from the Secretary. Meli is working on the speakers list. To volunteer, please forward your information to Meli on your topics, distance you are willing to travel and target audience age. Please send suggestions for educational opportunities with the public to Cathy at [csponh@pa.gov](mailto:csponh@pa.gov).

**ESAF Representative Report**—Amanda Valko reported that she is now the new president of ESAF. The ESAF meeting held in October in Ohio was well attended with Pennsylvania attendees only second to Ohio in number.

**PAC Representative Report**—written report submitted November 17, 2012 by Paul Raber as follows:

- Archaeology Day at the Capitol: Cancelled this year. PAC will reconsider the scheduling of Archaeology Day; earlier in October to avoid conflicts with Halloween and decrease the likelihood of bad weather. No Fisher Award presented this year. Should begin the process of nominating candidates earlier in the year.
- There has been little progress in coordinating with others nationally (e.g., ACRA/Chuck Niquette) on a response to Marcellus Shale gas extraction's effects on archaeological sites.
- There will be a PHMC and PAC presence at the Farm Show next year, but PAC has fewer funds to commit to the effort. The PHMC is seeking donations to support the exhibit at the Farm Show.
- PAC is still considering changes to its membership criteria to allow for the fuller participation of graduate students on a career track in archaeology.
- PAC will again fund at least one Hatch Scholarship to support student attendance at the SPA meeting, with the expectation that SPA will also commit to one scholarship. Individuals who would like to sponsor a scholarship are encouraged. Announcements go out in January.
- PennDOT is organizing an effort, headed by Chris Kula, to clear up the status of old artifact collections from its projects. The PennDOT Byways to the Past technical report series continues: three new reports will be out soon. PennDOT is moving toward eliminating the CD series and making technical reports in the series available online. The agency will, however, continue its Byways to the Past booklets and several of those will be reprinted in the near future. PennDOT is also initiating an effort, in cooperation with the PHMC and PAC, to improve cultural resource consultant performance. Paul Raber will serve as PAC liaison on this issue. PAC may re-constitute the professional standards committee which existed a few years ago but which never had much success in establishing enforceable standards for performance.
- There will be a symposium at the spring PAC/SPA meeting and Paul Raber is seeking an organizer to develop a session on any topic. The publication of the Susquehannock session paper from the 2012 meeting is proceeding at a snail's pace, with possible additional contributions to the published volume sought.

**PAC/SPA Student Scholarships**—in response for scholarship support from the SPA, Amanda Valko entered a motion to support one \$100 scholarship, seconded by Jason Espino. PASSED

**Kinsey Scholarship State Museum**—Janet Johnson reported that two \$100 scholarships were awarded at Annual Meeting and the articles from both winners are slated for publication in the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*. The fund has \$486.16 to date and **donations are welcome**.

Scholarship discussion generated a discussion on recruiting students into the SPA, ESAF, SAA and other like organizations:

- The SPA should try to offer some type of student liaison.
- What kind of participation would that be?
- Should we target undergraduates or grad students?
- Should we offer a seat on the Board of Directors? This would require an amendment to the constitution since the board is defined in that document.
- Should be offer an honorary, non-voting seat on the Board?
- Find a venue to reach students and youth in the public, i.e. educational materials, list serves, Facebook, and other social media.

Marc Henshaw, with assistance from Jason Espino will develop a plan of action to present to the Board.

**Website update**—Jim Wosochlo and Aurora are continuing the change-over and update of the SPA website. Suggestions were made to insure a prominent identity of the Society along with our purpose on the home page. An “about us” section will also be developed. Suggestions, corrections and further refinement will be on going. Jason Espino volunteered to update the chapter map and contact information. The map will be on the website and available for use as a handout at archaeology events.

**Nominating Committee 2013**—Brian Fritz, Chair with Amanda Valko and Paul Nevin comprising the committee reported that the ballot is unfinished but will be published in the *SPA Winter Newsletter 12-13* to comply with the constitutional requirement of membership notification.

**Annual Meeting**—Mary Alice Graetzer sent a written report as follows:

Thanks to the North Forks Chapter No. 29 for hosting the 2012 Annual Meeting in Clarion. The 2013 meeting will be hosted by the Mon-Yough Chapter 3 at the Holiday Inn in Uniontown April 19-21. The theme is “Riverine Adaptions Past and Present,” and abstracts are due by March 22.

The meeting in 2014 is looking for a host, since Allegheny Chapter 1 has decided recently that they will not be able to host it. If that is a firm decision, I hope that a chapter that has not hosted recently, preferably one in the eastern part of the state, will be interested and able to consider hosting then. If that does not appear to be the case in the near future, I will ask the Westmoreland Chapter if they would consider hosting the meeting in 2014 instead of 2015. Hosts will be needed for other years.

Chapters should be aware that two chapters can co-host a meeting, or a chapter can ask for help from another chapter for certain tasks. Over the past three years, attendance at meetings has ranged from 109 to 118, banquet attendance has been 72 to 80, and the number of guest rooms taken by SPA and PAC members has been 60 to 70. That will give you an idea of what size facility is needed to host a meeting.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. Mary Alice Graetzer [magraetzer@gmail.com](mailto:magraetzer@gmail.com), 814-238-5239, November 16, 2012

## **New Business**

**Cabela’s Exhibit 2013**—Kurt Carr, Janet Johnson and Jim Wosochlo reported on the 2012 event. The event reaches a large number of people and should be continued hopefully with more volunteers and advertisement, especially on Cabela’s website. An SPA banner or official display would be helpful. John Nass thought a banner could be produced at California University of PA for a small fee.

**Cambridge Scholars Publishing**—offers for publication—The SPA has received several email offers for online publication or limited publishing of symposium, meeting, etc. At this time, the SPA does not have any publication needs outside of our journal and newsletter. We will respond to the offers stating that we will consider our future publication needs and contact them.

**Website/newsletter proposals** offers continue to come from outside sources to handle our website and newsletter for a fee. After discussion, the board has determined that at this time, we will manage our own affairs with volunteers and to avoid additional expenditures.

**The Archaeology Channel** supporting membership is up for renewal. A motion to spend \$250 from the Luhman Fund for 2013 supporting organization membership renewal was entered by Cathy Spohn, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED (by a vote of 8 for and 2 against). Janet Johnson will look into getting SPA information and videos to TAC for distribution on the site.

**Allegheny National Forest** sent a programmatic agreement to the SPA as a consulting party. Brian Fritz has managed the consulting parties in the past but might now have a conflict of interest due to his employment duties. It was decided to ask Paul Raber to review the agreement and advise the SPA.

President Jim Wosochlo stated that he has written a letter to SPIKE TV in protest to the “Diggers” programs. Ed Dlutowski suggested that the letter be addressed to the sponsors as well as the network. Jim will send the letter to the Secretary upon completion.

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

Kurt Carr requested a \$500 increase in the SPA’s usual support for the Farm Show. The materials printed with the funds are used by the SPA and other groups, as well as at the museum and PA Farm Show. Paul Nevin entered a motion to donate \$1,500 in support of the Farm Show, seconded by Amanda Valko. PASSED

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary