

**Board of Directors
Bedford, PA
November 17, 2018**

Call to Order—the meeting was called to order at 10:33 a.m. with President Jonathan Libbon presiding. A quorum was present. (Attendance attached, 1 proxy)

Minutes—the minutes from the previous Board of Directors meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion entered by John Nass, seconded by Laura DeYoung.

Treasurer's Report—Ken Burkett presented a written and oral report which was accepted on a motion by John Nass, seconded by Susanne Haney. The Society is solvent. The mailing costs for the journal are more in range after changing back to our original mailing group. The journal costs will be for 3 printings putting us up to date. Ken also mentioned his attendance at the Elk Fest which had 8,460 attendees as one of the places the SPA should have a presence. These types of events could generate new members.

President's Report—Jon Libbon gave a brief report:

- The SPA is continuing to engage with preservation groups across the state through the P.A. Roundtable. There was a meeting on September 20, 2018, which was attended by Paul Raber and Ira Beckerman. Promoting archaeology amongst other preservation groups is an important, as archaeology is often under-represented in preservation groups and decisions. Attached is the powerpoint for the meeting.
- The member survey is finalized and ready to be made public. A link to the survey will be available on the website and through facebook, sometime in early December.

Old Business

Financial: Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report—a written report was received from Chair, Kurt Karr. The report was accepted on a motion by Laura, seconded by John Nass. The fund is asking for suggestions and guidance in using monies to promote education, special projects and support for other chapter work or promotions. Suggestions are being accepted for consideration.

Annual Meeting Committee/Replacement—no chair person has been appointed to replace Mary Alice Graetzer. Instead, a committee is formed to plan future Annual Meetings and determine the best way to host with everyone taking responsibility. In this manner, smaller chapters can do their part, students can be brought on and scheduling can be done several years ahead. The guidelines are in place and are easy to follow. The Committee: Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Janet Johnson, John Nass, Steve Bugaj and Ken Burkett.

The 2019 meeting is already scheduled for Uniontown, PA sponsored by the Mon-Yough Chapter. See the SPA Newsletter for details and registration. **The chapter is looking for sponsors for the meeting.** A motion was made by John Nass to have \$750 rolled into the 2019 meeting fund to differ expenses, seconded by Jim Barno. **PASSED**

The PAC Symposium in conjunction with Annual Meeting will be *The Value of Small Sites*.

Archaeology Month 2018—Amanda Valko, chair: Archaeology month was held in the designated month of October this year. The Archaeology month committee for this year consisted of Amanda Valko, Janet Johnson, Melanie Mayhew and Bob Oshnock. The poster this year was designed by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and the theme was Bone Tools from the Consol Site. Janet and Amanda decided on the poster topic this year. Bob graciously provided bone tools from the Consol site to be photographed for use on the poster. Janet and Melanie came up with the actual poster design.

The posters were divided between Amanda and Janet as usual with 1000 posters delivered to Amanda and 2000 posters delivered to Janet at the State Museum in Harrisburg. Posters were delivered to the SPA chapters at the annual meeting in April to help cut mailing costs. Posters have also been provided to organizations and individuals as requested. The posters will also be distributed at the Farm Show event in January 2019 at the archaeology booth.

A Calendar of Events was not compiled this year due to the paucity of submissions and Amanda's field schedule. Event information submitted was sent to Roger Moeller to post on the SPA web site.

Workshops at Meadowcroft—John Nass reported: The Third Annual co-sponsored Workshop in Archaeology for western Pennsylvania was held on Saturday, October 13, at Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Museum. Participating parties were Meadowcroft, the SPA, and the Heinz History Museum.

Seven individuals (four faculty members, one Ph.D. student, two private company staff members) shared with attendees their research with genetics, 3-D scanning, drones, photogrammetry, LiDAR, geophysics, and material sourcing. Dr. Kurt Carr served as the discussant for the workshop. Thomas Glover, 2nd Vice President and the Education Committee Chair, served at the coordinator for the program.

Fifty-one individuals (faculty members, SPA members, students, walk-ins, and Heinz Center members) attended the workshop. Members of the Mon-Yough Chapter 3 and the Westmoreland Chapter staffed the artifact identification table, which drew a lot of interest. Ms. Hanna Harvey from the SHPO also attended to distribute information about the state site registry and to help individuals register sites. Box lunches were provided by a caterer from Washington, PA.

Workshops at the State Museum—Janet Johnson reported the attendance as 190. The theme was John Smith's Susquehannocks. The all day event was well received. Additional sessions of Flintknapping, Artifact ID and Site Recording were also offered.

Education Committee—a written report was submitted by Tom Glover, Chair. Committee Members: Beverly Chiarulli, Thomas Glover, Susanne Haney, and Valerie Perazio.

A total of seven students and student teams entered the student poster contest held at the 89th SPA Meeting in DuBois, PA April 6-8, 2018. First place winner for \$200.00 was Leighann Wharton of California University of Pennsylvania for her poster titled "Using the Second Cervical Vertebra for Sex Estimation in Archaeological Skeletal Remains", and second place winners for \$100.00 went to the team of three students, Liana Thies, Rebecca Stewart, and Brittany Creely, representing the Carnegie Museum of Natural History for their poster titled "Clovis in a Haystack: Locating Specific Objects in a Large, Site Specific Museum Collection". The judging criteria established in 2017 again proved a success. Having the judging criteria helped streamline the process and guided us in evaluating a number of different elements for each poster.

Note: Since the amount given to all students has varied greatly, The BOD has decided that in order to level the playing field for competition for the Kinsey, Hatch and poster sessions, the top award will be standardized at \$150.00 with a one year SPA Membership included. The awards do not cover registration fees. We ask the committees of these scholarships to adjust their budgets accordingly.

The issue of payment of the winners still needs to be addressed. The winner's payment from the 88th Annual Meeting was straight forward due to the relationship between the hosting chapter and the SPA. Future Annual Meeting will not have that relationship.

Planning needs to start early for the student poster contest to be held during the 90th Annual Meeting to be held in Uniontown, PA hosted by the Mon-Yough Chapter 3.

Future committee members need to be addressed. The committee make up presently is a good mix of professionals, academics, and avocational. Any changes in the future should keep that in mind.

ESAF Representative Report—submitted by Amanda Valko: The 2018 annual meeting was held at the Ramada Inn in Watertown, NY November 1 to November 4, 2018 with the meeting being hosted by the New York State Archaeological

Association. Attendance totaled 112. New York had the most attendees. Pennsylvania was third with 9. A tour was offered on Thursday, November 1 to the Sackets Harbor Battlefield. Papers were presented on Friday, Saturday and Sunday morning. They consisted of organized sessions and contributed papers.

ESAF did not conduct their Student Paper Contest at this meeting as there were no submissions even though there were students presenting at the meeting.

The Annual Canadian-American Friendship Party was held Friday evening. The banquet was held on Saturday night. Dr. Ronald F. Williamson was our guest banquet speaker this year. Dr. Williamson is founder of Archaeological Services Inc., a cultural resource management firm based in Toronto, Ontario. Dean Knight and John Nass drank from the Canadian-American friendship cup and the cup went home with John to Pennsylvania.

Business Manager Amanda Valko, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, has almost completed her first year in this position. It has been a learning year. A new web master, Christy Morganstein, was found by Treasurer Tim Abel. The ESAF website now has a new look.

This year there were three timely applications for the Louis A. Brennan Award. Delaware applied for \$1000.00 to support the ASD Bulletin on a deserving 17th century site. Pennsylvania applied for \$2000.00 to publish a Susquehannock volume as the 5th volume in the Recent Research in PA Archaeology series. Massachusetts applied for \$2000.00 to help with printing costs for a print run of Jeff Boudreau's New England Point Typology book, expanded edition (in glorious color). This year's award of \$1000.00 went to Pennsylvania.

There were no applications for the Ronald A. Thomas award this year.

Volume 46 (2018) of AENA was delivered to the printer in mid-August and was mailed in early September. State Society reps were sent three copies for their state societies to use/distribute as desired. It contains 11 articles and 242 pages. 400 copies were printed.

A committee is still working on a list of duties and responsibilities of the state society representatives. The Constitution and By-Laws have been amended and will be sent out in January to the ESAF membership, then voted on at the 2019 annual meeting.

Next year's ESAF meeting does not have an official host. It will be held at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Rd., Langhorne, PA on October 31 - November 3, 2019. The room rate is \$109/night. Kurt Carr is the Arrangements Chair and will be taking care of the book room and exhibits space. Timothy Abel is the Program Chair. Information on the meeting is currently posted on the ESAF web site.

Nominating Committee—2018 nominations for 6 year terms for (2) Directors and Row Officers. Committee appointed: John Nass, Tom Glover, and Angie Jailett-Wentling. Slate of officers should be ready by Dec. 15th newsletter deadline to be presented to the membership before Annual Meeting as required by the constitution.

PA State historic Preservation Plan-No report available.

PAC Representative Report—written report submitted by Paul Raber:

- PAC has issued its second newsletter in the revived digital-only series. There was discussion at the October 26 meeting about distributing the newsletter more widely, to include SPA chapters. If chapters are not receiving the newsletter, they should provide an e-mail contact to Gary Coppock (gcoppock@skellyloy.com) or Hannah Harvey (hharvey@pa.gov) to insure that they are included. The newsletter will be issued twice a year and will contain reports on current topics of interest to those in the field, notices of upcoming events, and reports on recent archaeological projects, among other items.

- PAC will continue to support the Hatch Scholarship at the present level of \$300 (covering up to three \$100 awards).

- PAC has formed a committee to promote and support the placement of state historical markers at important archaeological sites. PAC will work with local organizations (historical societies, SPA chapters, etc.) to encourage them to sponsor the markers and help complete the applications.

- The next volume in the Recent Research in the Pennsylvania Archaeology series on Susquehannock studies (edited by Paul Raber) is in production with the Pennsylvania State University Press. SPA has been awarded \$1000 from ESAF through the Louis A. Brennan Award for publication. This is less than the requested amount of \$2000 and leaves us \$1000 short of the amount promised to the press. PAC and SPA are

currently committed to \$1500 apiece. **Action item: I am asking that the SPA, through the Elmer Erb Fund, consider making up the \$1000 remainder.**

A motion was entered by Paul Nevin to have the Erb Fund consider this request. If the request is denied, the SPA Treasurer will fund this amount sourced at his discretion. Seconded by Angie-Jailett. PASSED

Note: There is a discount coupon on this publication available for membership. The coupon will be included in the Winter SPA Newsletter.

- There was some discussion at the October 26 meeting of ways to improve coordination with other preservation-minded organizations. The leading statewide preservation organization is Preservation Pennsylvania. PAC decided to establish a permanent liaison with Preservation PA. Since Scott Heberling is both a PAC member and a Preservation PA board member, he has agreed to serve in that capacity.
- PAC continues to consult with the PHMC and PennDOT on evaluating the Statewide Archaeological Predictive Model.
- PAC elections are being held; results will be available by mid-December.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor—written report submitted by Roger Moeller: Volumes 87(2) for 2017 and 88(1) for 2018 have been published and distributed to the membership. Mss in progress are moving along well to complete 88(2) and 89(1). I am shooting for 80pp per issue, but have been trapped at 52 pp for several months. The problem is that I am receiving long mss. rather than short ones to fill issues. I am promised shorter ones, but the time frame is into early 2019.

The printing cost of the 80 pp book was significantly lower than in the past. We took advantage of the printer's mailing services to get 87(1) to the membership as quickly as possible, but returned to the previous mailing service for later issues.

Zachary Singer has been named Book Review editor. He has a list of books for review and will contact the publishers and then possible reviewers.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist: Free offer to Historical Societies—we have had some feedback but few takers of the free journals. We will continue to contact groups for this purpose.

Pennsylvania Farm Show 2019/ SPA at the Pennsylvania Farm Show/ Ken Burkett SPA. A schedule will be circulated to cover the SPA table within the display area. The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology will be assisting the PHMC at the archaeology exhibit during the 103rd Pennsylvania Farm Show again this year from January 5 – 12. This is a fantastic opportunity to reach thousands of people from all across Pennsylvania and invite new members for both the SPA and individual Chapters.

To complete this we need help from our chapters NOW! Please consider sending a group of (1 – 4) volunteers from your chapter to help for 1 day or more during the week. The exhibit is open from 9 am – 9 pm. It was suggested at the recent SPA Board meeting that individual chapters might support their volunteers for a stipend for travel, parking and lodging if needed. If money is an issue, you might consider applying for the Cowin Award to defray travel and/or room costs.

We also need handout materials from your chapter to distribute to people from your area who are interested in attending your meetings or learning more. Please bring a packet of your brochures, rack cards or other marketing materials with you or get them to Ken ASAP.

Please contact Kurt Carr at kcarr@pa.gov to coordinate your time availability or Ken Burkett for the SPA table within the exhibit at kenburkett@comcast.net

Publications—Discover and Preserve Rack Card—This promotional card will be share with CRGIS and will be ready for printing in early 2019.

SPA Bus Trip 2019—John Nass presented the proposed **Fifth Annual SPA Summer Field Trip.** The Trip would start with orientation in Hagerstown, MD, travel to the National Museum of the American Indian Cultural

Resources Center in Suitland, MD.; The National Museum of Natural History in DC; Alexandria Archaeology Museum Torpedo Factory; The National Museum of the American Indian; Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum. The trip would run Thursday through Sunday. Details of cost and registration will be in the SPA Newsletter and on our website.

Website /Web Sales—written report submitted by Roger Moeller:

Web transactions report for 2018 to date	
Paper Back Issue Sales (6)	\$526.79
Donation	\$3,035.00
Annual Trip	\$3,850.00
PDF Back issue sales (50)	\$487.00
Memberships (56)	\$1,410.00
Annual Meeting Registration, Banquet (52)	\$3,148.00
Total PayPal Transactions	\$12,456.79

Total page views: 52,741

Average page views per day is 169. Page views jump to 253 at the time of the annual meeting.

People typically enter the site at the opening page (22,967). This means they are not bookmarking a favorite other place.

The next most popular is Annual Meeting (3035).

Most likely place visitors come from Google.com.

Links from other archaeology web sites are primarily limited to Facebook.

The most popular downloads are:

Annual Meeting Programs

membership.pdf

PAC Quarry Program

Length of stay

86% were from under 30 seconds

4% were from 30 seconds to 2 minutes

2% were from 2 to 5 minutes

The remainder ranged to more than 60 minutes

PHMC Marker Initiative—The Society has received information and guidelines for nomination of archaeological sites as part of the PHMC marker program. These sites are underrepresented and the PA SHPO invites the SPA to nominate significant sites. Some of the new markers are meant to replace old DAR markers. The expanded program information is available to all.

New Business:

John Nass and Kurt Karr have committed the SPA to hosting the 2019 ESAF Meeting and are asking approval at this time. The bills will be processed through ESAF. It is not known if manpower will be needed. **A Motion to support the hosting of the 2019 ESAF meeting was entered by Ken Burkett, seconded by Jim Barno, PASSED.**

The date and location have been set as the following:

**Eastern States Archeological Federation
86th Annual Meeting
October 31-November 3, 2019**

The annual meeting will take place at the Sheraton Bucks County Hotel, 400 Oxford Valley Rd., Langhorne, PA. Phone: 215-269-3408. Identify yourself as attending the conference for a room rate of \$109. Online registration will begin summer 2019.

A motion asking the SPA to sponsor as session of ESAF or hospitality was entered by John Nass, Seconded by Ken Burkett. PASSED

Discussion for the good of the Society

The Fayette County Cultural Trust is looking for Speakers and might possibly be able to use individual SPA Members or the PAC speakers list if that is available.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA