



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

Virtual Via Zoom

Board of Directors

AGENDA

December 11, 2021

Call to Order—the meeting was called to order at 10:00 am with president, Kira Heinrich presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance: Ken Burkett, Kurt Carr, Laura DeYoung, Judy Duritsa, Susanne Haney, Janet Johnson, Roger Moeller, John Nass, Phil Neusius, Sarah Neusius, Catherine Spohn, Amanda Valko, Chuck Williams

Minutes—the minutes from the April board meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion entered by Phil Neusius, seconded by Roger Moeller. **PASSED**

Treasurer’s Report/Budget 2022/Fund Usage—Ken Burkett presented written and verbal reports as follows: Discussion:

- The Society has a number of specialized restricted funds that have seen little or no activity. Some of the funds were left to the Boards’ discretion to determine their use while others had specific intentions outline when established. We will assess the intent to determine if the funds can be diverted to other use. Treasurer’s report was accepted on a motion by Philip Neusius, seconded by Roger Moeller. **PASSED**
- The budget was presented in line with the previous years’ obligations. The projected budget was approved on a motion entered by Meli Diamanti, Seconded by Amanda Valko. **PASSED**

2021 Finance Year is set to end with a small profit in the range of \$3500.00.

The 2020 IRS statement was filed, and the July 2021 sales taxes reports and payments are complete.

Bonding for the Treasurer is current through 2022.

Currently there are no available copies of the discounted Archaeology of the Native Americans in Pennsylvania but there are 11 copies of the Susquehannock publication still available.

In January a few items were replaced in the SPA logo clothing inventory total \$301.65.

In January 2021 the savings account was drawn down to the minimum required \$2500.00 and additional funds transferred from checking to secure a 30,000.00 CD. A breakdown of current assets and annual to-date income and expenses are attached to this report.

Total current assets = \$50,363.62 of which \$2400.29 is encumbered as Annual Meeting Sponsorships, and \$985.00 in the Cowin Fund. The PHMC State marker fund currently has a deficit of \$435.00

As of this report, 2022 SPA membership renewals are currently underway. As of this time there are:

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>	
	66	66	Life Members (2 new for 2021)
	185	110	Individuals
	45	22	Family
	32	13	Sustaining
	21	5	Students
	<u>51</u>	<u>9</u>	Institutions
Total	398	224	
New	41	9	
Lost	57		

See attached financial reports and budget.

Old Business

Financial: Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report/ New Use of Funds –presented by Kurt Carr, chair:

ELMER ERB PERMANENT FUND ACTIVITY FOR 1/1/21 –12/1/21 2021 interim report.

Balance as of 1/1/21

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund	\$18,466.25
Delaware Value Fund	\$10,443.36
T. Rowe Price Equity Fund	<u>\$31,992.82</u>
mutual funds total	\$60,902.43

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/20)	\$6,533.17
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Checking Account

(\$3 monthly service charge)	<u>\$43,389.92</u>
Total	\$110,825.52

Transactions and Activity in 2021

7/17/21 check to General fund for Lifetime Members	\$1050.00
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Balance as of 12/1/21

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund	\$19,079.30
Delaware Value Fund	\$11,709.00
T. Rowe Price Equity Fund	<u>\$38,082.37</u>
mutual funds total	\$68,870.67
(an 11.6% increase since the beginning of 2021)	

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 0.10% (matures 2/11/23)	\$6539.16
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Checking Account

Citizens account	
(\$3 monthly service charge)	<u>\$42,296.92</u>
Total	\$117,706.75

From January 1, 2021, through December 1, 2021, the Elmer Erb Fund experienced a net gain of \$6881.23 or 5.8% since 1/1/2021.

The trustees will discuss at their next meeting a mechanism to divert profits to general projects—perhaps a formula for a percentage each year to be handed over to special projects (as opposed to the general fund), to be determined annually and by need, i.e. marker fund, scholarships, publications, etc.

Annual Meeting Committee—future venues: The committee must make a decision soon on venues for 2023 and future. Reservations need to be in place a year or more in advance. It was suggested that a permanent east and west location be found. Chapters no longer seem to be able to organize Annual Meetings on their own, due to manpower or suitable facilities. DuBois and Harrisburg (area) were suggested. If permanent locations can be found, then a chapter or jointly with other chapters can volunteer to manage the meeting program, registration, banquet, auction and bookroom tasks. **Interested parties can find the Guidelines for Annual Meetings on the SPA Website.** The committee as it currently stands consists of: Angie Wentling-Jailett, Janet Johnson, Ken Burkett, Steve Bugaj and John Nass. Additional members are needed. If you wish to help with this committee contact Ken Burkett or Judy Duritsa.

2022 planning committee report: presented by Susanne Haney

The 91st Annual SPA Meeting will be hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Board of Directors on April 8-10, 2022 at the Fort Ligonier Educational Center, Ligonier, PA.

The Friday evening Board of Directors meeting, the Saturday evening banquet/auction, and accommodations are at Ramada Ligonier in Ligonier, PA. The single/double room rate is \$89.00 + tax. For more than two people per room there is a \$10.00 + tax per person additional fee. A complimentary hot/cold breakfast is served daily for guests from 6:30-9:30 am. This rate is in effect until March 12, 2022. Make reservations directly with the hotel at 724-238-9545. Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. Fort Ligonier is a two-block walk from the Ramada. There is a limited amount of parking at the Fort, but there is a metered lot directly across the street from the Fort's parking lot. There is another overflow parking lot west of South Fairfield Street, which is not metered, but attendees would have a short walk along Freeman alley. Carpooling is encouraged. We are also considering renting a van from Enterprise to shuttle those who cannot walk, but we would need a volunteer or volunteers to drive (before sessions, lunch, after sessions).

NOTE: PLEASE do not walk the Fort grounds or museum exhibit without a ticket. However, for those who wish to do so, tickets can be purchased at the Fort for a discounted rate of \$10 for SPA Members. The speaker at the Saturday evening banquet will be Fort Ligonier's Director of Education, Matt Gault. I do not have a title for his presentation yet, as he is considering several topics among which is George Washington's Friendly Fire Incident, which has an archaeological connection. Part of his bio reads: Matt is known for his riveting portrayal of a young George Washington and will go to great lengths to increase awareness about French and Indian War history. This past August, clad in a breechcloth, Matt was the only historical interpreter to complete the 30-mile hike from Fort Ligonier to Bushy Run Battlefield to commemorate Bushy Run's anniversary. The theme of the 91st Annual Meeting will be "Forging Ahead: Innovation in Pennsylvania Archaeology." There will be sessions on Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and Sunday morning. Abstracts for papers should be sent to Program Chair Jessica Schumer-Rowles no later than Monday, March 7, 2022.

Students are encouraged and welcome to present. All presenters must be current members of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. We are having a student poster session on Saturday April 9th, but we do need someone to chair that. Typically, this is someone from the Educational Committee, but those outside the committee are welcome to step into this position if they have an interest. Also, all SPA members are welcome to attend the Pennsylvania Archaeology Council spring symposium: Archaeology of Blacksmith Shops Workshop on Friday April 8th. Prior to the Symposium (noon to 1:00 pm) a wrap luncheon buffet will be available at the Ramada for \$17.64 (Includes turkey or chicken wrap, garden salad, potato salad, iced tea/coffee/tea and a dessert. You will pay the hotel on your own that day (we will need a count by around the end of February).

The workshop will begin with a 45-minute introductory presentation at the Ramada followed by demonstrations at Compass Inn Museum. The blacksmith demonstration will be geared especially toward what to look for at these types of sites and what can be learned from them. The entrance fee to the Compass Inn Museum is \$10.00. This can be paid in advance through the SPA Annual Meeting registration (via PayPal on the SPA website) or can be Annual Meeting Planning Committee Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Fall Virtual Board Meeting December 11, 2021 paid that day.

PAC is providing a shuttle to and from the Compass Inn free of charge, but donations will be accepted to defray the cost. We plan to be back at the Ramada in time for people to grab a bite to eat before the Board of Directors Meeting at 6 pm. If anyone has questions, don't hesitate to contact me or Jessica.

Archaeology Month Committee—SPA 2022 Posters/Issues—Amanda Valko, chair reported that PAC was responsible for the 2021 poster on blacksmithing, the theme of the planned Annual Meeting in Ligonier. 2,000 posters were produced and many are still on hand because there was no A Farm Show and few in person events. The subject was specific and did not seem to have a broad appeal especially to children. Amanda and Janet Johnson plan to distribute the overage posters to target groups. **For 2022, the SPA is responsible to producing the posters with 2,000 as the planned total.** They have ideas in hand working from past suggestions. More information and at least a preview poster should be ready for April's Annual Meeting.

Awards Committee—John Nass reports the Call for Nominations will be in the Winter SPA Newsletter and on the SPA website using the same format and criteria as last year. John is looking for a committee member from the eastern side of the state to fill a vacancy.

C-14 Committee—Bernard Means, Chair reports no nominations received for 2021. A reminder will be placed in the Newsletter.

Education Committee—No report presented. Committee is regrouping.

ESAF Representative Report—Amanda Valko reports on ESAF's 2021 Virtual Meeting. Papers numbered 15-20 and attendance was about 85. The virtual meeting went smoothly and the membership enjoyed the get together even if virtually. Plans for 2022 for an in person meeting in Ohio are in planning.

Nominating Committee—Slate for election at 2022 Annual Meeting: Elmer Erb Trustees 6 year term: Janet Johnson and Melissa Diamanti

PAC Representative Report—written report from Paul Raber as follows:

- PAC is now an affiliated member of the RPA (Registry of Professional Archaeologists).
- PAC will be a sponsor of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. • The website has a new webmaster, Tim Carn, and a new look (<https://pennarchcouncil.org>). Check it out; comments welcome.
- PAC hopes to have an in-person business meeting and symposium in Ligonier next April. The symposium topic, held over from 2020, will be the archaeology of blacksmith shops.
- PAC continues to co-sponsor the Workshops in Archaeology at the State Museum, most recently the session on the archaeology of African-American sites held on October 30.
- PAC continues to develop policies and procedures on sexual harassment and inclusivity

Pennsylvania Archaeologist, Editor Roger Moeller reports:

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Issue 91(1) for spring 2021 has been mailed to members and is available as a back issue.

Issue 91(2) for fall 2021 is at the printer and is expected for distribution before year's end. They have been experiencing problems getting labor for various essential positions. I have several mss in progress for the first issue of 2022.

Sarah Neusius is a very active Book Review editor with several reviews appearing in the last.

Note: 91(2) was distributed days before the Board Meeting including those out of country issues. The discussion also noted that there are large manuscripts that might need to be published as monographs or separate publications. One such on Blacksmithing is in the works.

Pennsylvania Farm Show 2022--No participation is planned. Future participation after 2022 is not known. Archaeology may not have a place in the theme or the display. It is too expensive for the SPA to have an individual booth, perhaps a joint booth would be affordable.

PHMC Marker Committee—Ken Burkett—the successful placement of two markers in 2021 was a major undertaking which was supported by state agencies and individual donations. There will probably be no new markers placed in 2022 due to the delayed nomination date. The SPA Marker fund will be gratefully accepting donations for future markers. Nominations of archaeological sites for markers abound in the state with Sheep Rock, Clemson Island, McFate, Fort. Halifax, and the Johnson Site as possibilities. The marker committee will meet at Annual Meeting to decide on the next nomination. Donations are welcome.

Publications—Update—written report from Paul Raber as follows:

- The papers from the PAC symposium on precontact quarries have been published in North American Archaeologist (2021) Volume 42(3-4). Thanks to Roger Moeller and the authors for their patience in this effort.
- In response to my plea for help in relinquishing some of the responsibilities as general editor of the series Recent Research in Pennsylvania Archaeology, **Lara Homsey-Messer** and **Jessica Hedgepeth** have agreed to help organize future PAC symposia and publications. We would welcome any ideas and volunteers to edit future publications

State Museum Archives—Kurt Carr, recently retired, reported that a few PA Archaeologist book sets have been sent out to Historical societies, chapters and interested groups. Several went to chapter libraries, the Seneca Nation, and others. **Sets remain available upon request. Please ask your local historical societies and library if they would like a set, and perhaps the Pennsylvania Rooms of your local libraries.**

Website /Web Sales as follows:

WEB TRANSACTIONS REPORT FOR YEAR TO DATE 2021

Paper Back Issue Sales	\$116.00
Donation	500.00
Rock Art CD	33.50
Susquehannock Book	80.00
PDF Back issue sales	625.00
Memberships	1941.00
Total PayPal Transactions	\$3295.50

Web site Total page views: 34,000.

Average page views per day is 106. People typically enter the site at the opening page (13,000). The next most popular are Chapters (972) and Publications (838). Most likely place (82%) visitors come from is Direct address, Bookmark, or Link in email. Less than 10% comes from search engines.

The only link from other web sites that were archaeological, museum, or history web sites was The State Museum. The most popular downloads are: Susquehannock flyer Summer trips Length of stay:

90% were under 30 seconds.

Workshops in Archaeology:

State Museum Workshop—The virtual workshop on African American Archaeology was well attended with 122 participants and museum staff. The diverse presenters were well received. To see the full roster of speakers and topics, refer to the workshop announcement in the SPA Fall Newsletter 2021.

Meadowcroft Workshop—The fifth annual Meadowcroft Workshop in Archaeology was held on Saturday, October 16. The focus for 2021 workshop was Native American and early Colonial Pipes and Tobacco usage. Six invited scholars shared with the attendees their understanding of the temporal and spatial parameters of tobacco usage and the paraphernalia for its consumption. The session was moderated by Angie Jaillet-Wentling, second Vice-President, Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA). The program was printed at California University and the cost covered by the SPA.

Approximately 125 individuals (including 35 students) visited Meadowcroft to attend the workshop, to see the demonstrations on flint knapping and weaving (the latter presented by Donna George and John Cody Edgar), and to have artifacts identified by members of the Mon-Yough Chapter #3. Excluding presenters, 14 members of the SPA from four different western Pennsylvania chapters attended the workshop.

Although the focus of the workshop was western Pennsylvania and the upper Ohio River Valley, presenters expanded the scope of their research to incorporate relevant data from surrounding states. Dr. Sean (SUNY) Rafferty's presentation encompassed the broadest scope, essentially including all of the eastern Woodlands. Within this temporal-spatial context, other participants provided more specific regional views of tobacco, smoking and pipes. James Herbstritt (State Museum) summarized existing botanical evidence and pipe data for the Susquehanna River valley and southeastern Pennsylvania beginning with the Early Woodland and ending with the 17th century Susquehannock occupation. Mark McConaughy (Carnegie Museum Research Associate) reviewed the evidence for smoking and pipe usage during the Early Woodland in western Pennsylvania and the northern portion of neighboring West Virginia, while William Johnson (Carnegie Museum Research Associate) shared his assessment of pipe usage during the Late Woodland and Late Prehistoric periods for western Pennsylvania. Pipe and tobacco usage during the Middle Woodland was summarized by Andrew Weiland (NPS) who expanded his presentation to include the central Ohio Valley. Mike Lucas (New York State Museum) concluded the workshop with his summarized of what is known about 17th century colonial smoking and the impact of tobacco upon western European nations using data derived from the Dutch settlements of New Amsterdam, historical records, and period paintings.

All in all, the workshop was a success and plans are being made for the 2022 workshop which will focus on tattooing, other forms of perishable body art and self-expression. **John Nass, Jr. Co-organizer Mon-Yough**

Chapter #3

New Business:

Keystone Grants/Petroglyph Projects—Ken Burkett will be applying for a Keystone Grant to re-record the Swauger Petroglyph sites as well as sites on the Ohio and Monongahela rivers. Brian Fritz and Ken will be taking on this project and making application by the March deadline. A financial match is needed to apply. That match is in place. Ken is asking the Society to manage the grant. We have done this for projects in the past. A motion to manage the grant was entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Laura DeYoung, **PASSED**

Mini Field Trip—With continuing travel restrictions, a program for a self driving tour is being planned for the summer of 2022. Sarah Neusius, Ken Burkett and John Nass are planning a tour of Pennsylvania Iron Furnaces. The discussion produced many suggestions. A plan will be presented soon with details at Annual Meeting and in the SPA Newsletter, on the website and sent out by special notifications.

When restrictions are lifted, the committee plans to revisit the Civil War Tour that was previously planned before lockdown.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy Duritsa,
Co/Secretary, SPA