

## 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes

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Uniontown, PA  
April 20, 2013

**Call to Order**—the meeting was called to order at 8:08 am with President James Wosochlo presiding.

**Roll Call**—Chapters present: Allegheny, Mon-Yough, Forks of the Delaware, John Shrader, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, Bald Eagle, Conejohela, North Fork, and Franklin.

**Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting**—were accepted as distributed on a motion by Amanda Valko, Seconded by Sarah Neusius, PASSED

**Treasurer's Report/Budget**—Kenneth Burkett reviewed the report and 2013-2014 budget that was approved by the Board of Directors. The budget is balanced. Membership retention remains a problem. Chapters need to reinforce the benefits of membership in the state organization.

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund**—Kurt Carr's written report shows the Fund is doing well.

### Committee Reports:

**Annual Meeting**—Mary Alice Gratezer thanked the Mon Yough Chapter for hosting the meeting and announced the meeting dates for 2014 as April 4, 5 and 6 in Greensburg, PA hosted by Westmoreland Chapter. Hosts are needed, hopefully in the central and eastern parts of the state for 2015 and beyond.

**Archaeology Month**—Amanda Valko reports that the poster is in the hands of PAC and should be ready in May with the theme of Gettysburg commemorating the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Civil War Battle. Calendar items for Archaeology Month events need to be sent to her by August 15, 2013 for inclusion in the newsletter and on the website.

**Awards Committee**—Paul Nevin, reported that the awards are ready for presentation at the banquet. No nominations were received for the Shrader/George Youth Award.

**Collections and Curation Committee**—Janet Johnson reported on the new rack card being developed to replace the outdated brochures. The cards will contain information for the public on donating collections and contact information for preservation and curation of collections to an established repository.

**ESAF Representative**—Amanda Valko reported that she has been elected to the presidency of the ESAF with Kurt Carr as President-elect. She also suggested that the SPA take advantage of publicity available through the ESAF website for events and publications.

**Education Committee**—Catherine Spohn reported that the Cabela event and the Pennsylvania Farm Show are the main projects of the education committee. The SPA needs to find a similar venue in western Pennsylvania. Any speaker information should go to Meli Diamanti in spite of the difficulty with managing speakers for the large area of the state.

**Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award**—Bernard K. Means reported that the award would be present to Westmoreland Chapter 23 for the Consol Site.

**PAC Representative**—Paul Raber reported that PAC re-elected its officers for an additional term. PAC is looking for Pennsylvania public officials who are helpful to archaeology for the Fisher Award. PAC has publications that lack funding. Solutions are being discussed as well as the best form of publication, paper vs. digital. Two Hatch Scholarships will be awarded at the Annual Banquet.

**Publications/Editor**—Bill Tippins thanked his editorial committee. Bill reported that the Spring issue is ready and within budget. He needs manuscripts for the fall issue and beyond.

**Site Survey/PASS forms**—Noel reported the annual count of new sites recorded in Pennsylvania totaling 409 for 2012. A large percent of them were reported due to work done around the Marcellus Shale industry. There will be a database change in the PASS files to provide fill-in pdf forms for site reporting. The forms, when ready, will be available on the PHMC and SPA websites.

**Chapter Reports:** Summary will be published in the Fall Newsletter.

**President James Wosochlo made a call for a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for the past year. A motion was made by Amanda Valko and seconded by Noel Strattan, PASSED**

**The Ballot was presented to the membership as follows:**

**Ballot: Election of Officers for two year term:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Dr. Sarah Neusius</b>
<b>1st Vice President:</b>	<b>Jason Espino</b>
<b>2nd Vice President:</b>	<b>Dr. John Nass</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Judy M. Duritsa</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Kenneth Burkett</b>

**Board of Directors for 6 year term ending in 2019**

**Dr. Catherine Spohn, Director**  
**Mary Jane Shaw, Director**

There being no nominations from the floor, Amanda Valko entered a motion to accept the ballot as present, seconded by Bill Tippins, PASSED.

Deceased Members 2012-2013: Fred Assumus, Forks of the Delaware, Chapter 14  
Dr. Verna L. Cowin  
Paul F. Cowin  
Patricia Kaufman, North Fork, Chapter 29  
John Orlandini, Frances Dorrance, Chapter 11  
Robert Powell, Cumberland Valley Chapter 27

### **Discussion and Announcements**

Due to scheduling conflicts the presentation of the Archey Award to Bill Tippins was made at this time. The SPA appreciates Bill's service and dedication to the Society.

**The 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. is dedicated to the Memory of Verna and Paul Cowin.**

There being no further Business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Judy M, Duritsa, Secretary