



The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

**93rd Annual Meeting
Board of Directors
Carlisle, PA**

MINUTES

April 12, 2024

Call to Order—The meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was called to order at 6:06 p.m. with a quorum present. Attendance attached.

Minutes—the minutes of the November 2023 BOD meeting were approved as distributed on a motion entered by Roger Moeller, seconded by Kristina Gaugler. **PASSED**

Treasurer's Report—The treasurer's report written and verbal was delivered by Ken Burkett:

The 2023 Finance Year ended with and income of \$35,154.55 and expenses of \$31,428.4 producing a profit of \$3729.15.

This doesn't include the active Keystone grant totaling \$27,400, as the match of \$ 13,700 previously deposited in 2022 and an additional grant reimbursement of \$ 3677.37 received from PHMC after the end of the year. The grant is approximately ½ complete with a balance of \$11,349.65 remaining.

The 2023 IRS statement was filed, and all 2023 sales taxes reports and payments are complete.

Bonding for the Treasurer is current through 2024.

Current assets as of March 31st consist of :

Checking	\$ 31,271.78
Savings	\$ 15,001.65
CD	\$ 30,105.18

Total current assets = \$78,378.61

Current encumbered funds include: Cowin Fund - 985.53

As of this report, the SPA membership currently includes:

63 Life Members
196 Individuals
49 Family
34 Sustaining
13 Students
37 Institutions (down from previous years)

The report was accepted on a motion entered by Roger Moeller, seconded by Amanda Valko. **PASSED**

Old Business

Financial: Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report/Elmer Erb Research Grant Program—Kurt Carr, chair, gave a verbal a written report as follows:

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund annual meeting report, April 13,2024

From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023, the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund experienced a net increase of \$5466.28 representing an annual growth of approximately 3.8%. By the end of 2023, the fund was only down \$582.72 since it's high of \$120,387.02 on December 31, 2021.

There were no applications for the Elmer Erb Research Grant, although an individual suggested he was going to apply. More effort for advertising the grant will be made.

Page two below reflects the Fund as of 4/1/24. The total value is \$122,242.38; this surpasses the previous high by \$1855.36 so we are doing well. With all the world turmoil and the US election, this number will almost certainly be adjusted in 2024. In addition, two C-14 dates have been approved, totaling approximately \$600.00, so this is probably a momentary high.

Activity for 1/1/23 –12/31/2023

Balance as of 1/1/23

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund	\$17,295.98
Delaware Value Fund	\$12,273.16
T. Rowe Price Equity Fund	<u>\$37,539.81</u>
mutual funds total	\$67,108.95

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 3% (matures 2/11/26)	\$6546.15
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Checking Account

Citizens account	<u>\$40,682.92</u>
Total	\$114,338.02

Transactions and Activity in 2023

Balance as of 12/31/23

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund	\$19,524.84
Delaware Value Fund	\$12,497.17
T. Rowe Price Equity Fund	<u>\$40,559.39</u>
mutual funds total	\$72,581.40

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 3% (matures 2/11/26)	\$6548.98
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Checking Account

Citizens account	<u>\$40,673.92</u>
Total	\$119,804.30

ELMER ERB PERMANENT FUND – FIRST QURTER 2024 REPORT

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Balance as of 1/1/2024

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Transactions and Activity in 2024

3/12/24 check to General Fund for 68 Lifetime Members	\$2040.00
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Balance as of 3/19/2024

Mutual Funds

Delaware High Yield Opportunities Fund	\$19,713.55
Delaware Value Fund	\$13,455.71
T. Rowe Price Equity Fund	<u>\$43,889.73</u>
mutual funds total	\$77,058.99

Certificates of Deposit

Citizen's Bank 3 yr. CD – 3% (matures 2/11/26)

\$6549.47

Checking Account

Citizens account

\$38,633.92

Total \$122,242.38

Annual Meeting Committee—2024 Carlisle, PA/2025 planning—the committee is looking for feedback on this Carlisle facility for the 2026 meeting. Attendance is good and sessions are robust. We are fortunate to have other groups meeting in conjunction and sharing.
Save the date for DuBois in 2025 for April 12-14.

Archaeology Month Committee—SPA 2024/Poster—Amanda Valko, Janet Johnson and Callista Holmes worked on the 2024 poster available in the book room. Chapters were asked to take their supplies to cut down on postage costs. PAC is responsible for 2025 poster and Kira Heinrich suggest the Fort Gaddis site as subject.

Awards Committee—John Nass, Jr., Chair, Awards Committee reported:

The Awards Committee received only one nomination for an individual SPA award. The nomination for the Archey Award was reviewed by the committee and received unanimous support. No other awards were sent to the committee.

This is discouraging state of affairs. While I did receive queries regarding eligibility of an individual for an award, no action took place. SPA members can visit the society webpage and on the awards page, she/he/they can find whether an individual has received a specific award. While eligibility candidates for the Life-time Achievement Award might be more difficult to identify, the other two awards are not.

It is up to individuals and groups/chapters to nominate individuals and to get the supporting documentation to the Awards Committee. We need to stress this point at the banquet on Saturday.

John will be stepping down as awards chair before the next application cycle. He suggested Paul Nevin as his replacement.

Collection and Curation—Janet Johnson will be retiring completely soon. She has been busy helping with the donation of collections from the public including many donations from SPA members and their surviving families. Janet will also be looking for information on chapter collections and member collections still out there. If your chapter or chapter members have collections that need a repository or you know of a collection that may be lost, please contact Janet. She introduced the new Curator, Paul Nasca who spoke about his orientation time and thanked those staff members who have helped him this past year. He also thanked those who produced the Archaeology Month poster for 2024—Janet Johnson, Callista Holmes and Amanda Valko. He thanked Jim Herbsrtitt for his work on the current exhibit at the State Museum honoring the life's work of Dr. Stanley Lantz. Continued help and support from the SPA and PAC will be needed in the future for research projects, artifact donations and the challenges of the changing opinions of the worth of supporting archaeology by the State. The SPA will help with support letters or other activities to help, as needed.

Education Committee—poster session 2024—

Committee: Ben Ford (Chair), Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Susanne Haney, and Amanda Valko.

Comments on Archaeology Month Poster: In March, Committee members provided comments on the layout of the 2024 Pennsylvania Archaeology Month poster.

Student Poster Competition: Angie, Amanda, and Susanne will judge the student poster competition.

We received a total of five entries from students at two universities.

Laura Broughton (IUP), Amarah Karlick (Kutztown), Emma Lashley (IUP), Elizabeth McCreary (IUP), and Lauren Metzger and Sam Lonstein (Juniata) Prizes will be announced at the Award Banquet.

ESAF Representative Report—Amanda Valko reported that the 2024 ESAF meeting will be in Newport RI with very expensive rooms and activities, November 7-10. Information and registration on the ESAF website.

Keystone Grants/Petroglyph Projects Update—Brian Fritz reports that their two year window has filled up with more work than they imagined. Revisiting sites and specialized night time photography is time consuming. They will be determining how to organize and limit the study for the best informational reporting for the grant. Determining which sites still exist and which have been destroyed will be a big part of the project.

Nominating Committee—Elmer Erb Trustees (2) for election in 2024 for 6 year terms ending in 2030.

Phillip Neusius

Gregory D. Lattanzi

PAC Representative Report—Paul Raber reports:

- PAC will hold its semi-annual business meeting on April 12, at the joint meeting of PAC and the SPA in Carlisle. The Friday afternoon symposium will be on Pennsylvania's Moving Frontier.
- Based on the success of last year's CRM Expo, PAC will hold it again on Friday evening at the April 2024 joint PAC/SPA meeting in Carlisle.
- PAC is responsible for the 2024 Archaeology Month poster, which is titled Tied to the Past and features organic material found at Sheep Rock Shelter. It has been submitted for the SAA poster contest. Copies will be available at the April meeting.
- PAC is developing an archeological training certification program modeled on the Virginia program. Jonathan Burns is chairing the effort, with Sarah Neusius, Casey Hanson, and Amy Covell-Murthy serving on the working group.
- PAC is continuing its PA Hallowed Grounds initiative, dedicated to African-American Cemeteries, and especially cemeteries containing the graves of US Colored Troops from the Civil War. To date the effort has obtained GPS, LIDAR, and GPR data for the Midland Cemetery in Steelton. The current working group includes Lisa Dugas, Angela Jaillet-Wentling, Casey Hanson, Kira Heinrich, and Heather Wholey. Volunteers are always needed.
- PAC has a YouTube Site. If you have a worthy video, please contact Amanda Zuckerman, so that it can be posted.
- PAC is in the process of establishing a Diversity and Equity Scholarship to underwrite access to archaeological education for a broader population. Seth Mitchell is leading this effort. Contributions are welcomed. The goal is \$10,000 but the current fund balance is \$1400.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist, Editor Roger Moeller reports: For Year 2023

Issue 94(1) for Spring 2024 appeared on time.

There are currently no mss for issue 94(2) for Fall 2024.

The ms flow stopped all of a sudden.

Sarah Neusius is a very active Book Review editor with a small, but steady stream of reviews.

Please consider submitting your work for publication. Editing help is available. Roger promises it will be painless.

PHMC Marker Committee—Ken Burkett Update: The state is starting to move on the markers after a hiatus and Sheep Rock should be coming up soon. The Committee is looking for new sites to nominate.

Publications—Update—Paul Raber

The PAC Symposium and Publications Committee will present Spring 2024 symposium—Pennsylvania's Moving Frontier—on Friday afternoon, April 12. The presenters include Jonathan A. Burns, Juniata College; John T. Crawmer, Goldfinch Archaeology; Stephanie Zellers, Skelly and Loy, Inc.; Gary Coppock, Skelly and Loy, Inc.; Katherine Peresolak, DCNR; Susan Bachor, Delaware Tribe of Indians, and Heather A. Wholey, West Chester University. The discussants are Katelyn Lucas, Delaware Nation, and Ben Ford, Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Publication of the papers is planned in a venue to be determined, possibly as a special issue of *Pennsylvania Archaeologist*.

SPA Field Trip 2024—A trip flyer was distributed in the registration packet so all attendees have the information. It will be a car pool trip because bus rental was prohibitive and would price many people out of going. The registration deadline is May 12.

You-Tube SPA—The SPA will not attempt a You-tube channel at this time but may piggyback in the future with other partner groups as an educational and promotional tool.

Website /Web Sale 2023—Roger Moeller, webmaster:

Paper Back Issue Sales	\$150.51
PDF Back issue sales	813.45

Civil War Sites Tour	1928.73
Memberships	3605.61
Annual Meeting	6099.22
Total PayPal Transactions	\$12,597.52

Website vists:

Total page views: 49,004.

Average page views per day is 134.

The most popular pages are Annual Meeting (2766), Chapters (2461), and Publications (178).

Most likely place (78%) visitors come from are Direct address, Bookmark, or Link in email.

About 18% of the visitors come from search engines.

Outside links are 1.8% with Facebook and PHMC topping the list.

The most popular downloads are:

Historic Markers

Poster Description

Annual meeting program

Length of stay: 85% were under 30 seconds.

Stays of more than 60 minutes: .2%

Workshops in Archaeology—2024

State Museum Workshop—the workshop is planned for the last Saturday in October. The topic is being decided.

Meadowcroft Workshop—John Nass, Jr. reports: SAVE THE DATE!

The Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village, in partnership with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology and the Senator John Heinz History Center, are pleased to announce the theme for the 2024 Workshop in Archaeology “*Curation and Management of Small Museum and Family Collections.*” The guest speakers will share with attendees **best practices** for managing and preserving small museum and private collections of both perishable and non-perishable material items for display and for long term curation. Information for individuals seeking to donate their private or group collection(s) to a curation facility will also be discussed.

A list of speakers and registration information for the workshop will be available later this summer on the Meadowcroft and SPA websites.

Flint knapping and weaving demonstrations are also scheduled for the event.

The date for the one-day workshop is **Saturday, October 19.**

New Business:

Facebook Page Manager—Jonathan Libbon has resigned and a replacement is coming. The Society thanks Jon for all his effort and positive support for the SPA through the Facebook page.

A **Field Certification Program** is being developed jointly by PAC and SPA. An outline of the program has been developed and there will be an implementation plan soon. More information will be forthcoming in the Newsletter and at the November Board Meeting.

Field School Support—SPA/PAC—presented by Jonathan Burns

Proposal for student field school support from SPA

Archaeology field schools are how undergraduates receive their basic training in excavation and fieldwork; however, these experiences can be expensive for students who cannot access student financial aid in the summer. I am proposing that SPA considers creating a fund to assist students in attending academic field schools. The tuition rate per credit hour is somewhat variable across institutions but averages around \$500. On top of tuition, students often need to come up with funds for course fees, lodging, and meals making the experience cost prohibitive for many. In the interest of making archaeology experiences obtainable for all, such an initiative would be welcomed by students and would have the effect of bringing more diversity to the field. Several annual awards of \$500 would likely make a significant impact.

Memorial planned—A Committee to field suggestions on a way to honor Ed Dlutowski's legacy in the SPA was appointed consisting of: Noel Strattan, Amanda Valko and Pam Billman. A scholarship fund benefitting field school recipients was suggested as it reflects Ed's love of students and mentoring the next generation. Emails: Noel, dns@telecommute.net; Amanda, amanda@quemahoning.com; Pam, pbillman7@comcast.net.

Nominating Committee 2025—President Chuck Williams will appoint a committee to present nominations for the row officers and directors needed for election in 2025.

Discussion for the good of the Society

Please send any important officer, committee or chapter documents to our **SPA Archives** at the Library at IUP, 431 S. 11th Street, Indiana, PA 15705. Collections #119, Attention: Harrison Wick.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA