

# *The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.*

Ligonier, PA

Board of Directors

April 8, 2022

## MINUTES

**Call to Order**—The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm with president Kira Heinrich presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance sheets filed.

**Minutes**—the minutes were approved as distributed on a motion entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by Chuck Williams, **PASSED**

**Treasurer's Report/Budget 2023/Fund Usage**—a written report was present to the membership of expenses and projected expenses for 2022 and a budget planned for 2023. The 2021-22 to date report was accepted. The 2023 budget was accepted on a motion entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by John Nass, **PASSED**. Depending on future financial needs the restricted fund being managed by the treasurer may, on Board approval, be allocated or redirected to address needs and obligations.

### Old Business

**Financial: Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report/ New Use of Funds**—Kurt Carr, chair presented the financial report to date. The fund is doing well but not as well as 2021 due to current market conditions.

Discussion of use of fund profits to support other goals and projects. The Trustees have drafted a plan for an Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Research Grant. The exact wording and process will be distributed to the Board. When received, a copy will be attached to the minutes. (**Note: the draft plan was sent to all board members in late April and was unanimously approved.**) The proposed plan for the establishment of the EEPF Research Grant was approved on a motion entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by Laura De Young, **PASSED**. There will also be a C-14 expense for 2022.

**Annual Meeting Committee**—future venues 2024/permanent venues—Discussion: **The committee needs to meet and establish 2 to 3 permanent sites for holding Annual Meetings in the future, geographically.** For 2023 the meeting has been planned for **April 14-16 in DuBois, PA**. Details will appear in the SPA Newsletter and on the Website. The work for 2024 must be done soon to ensure dates and establish the rotation. If there are nearby chapters who wish to host or who are willing to be responsible for tasks before and during the meeting, that help would be most welcome. It has become clear that most chapters do not have the manpower to host on their own

**Archaeology Month Committee**— Report submitted by Amanda Valko, Archaeology Month Chairperson.

It was the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology's turn to design the 2022 archaeology month poster. Several different themes for the poster were initially considered and the committee chose axes as the focus for this year's archaeology month poster. The theme for the 2022 archaeology month poster is "The Might Axe". This poster focuses on a variety of stone axes and one metal axe. Janet Johnson, State Museum of Pennsylvania, was instrumental in pulling the poster together and getting it printed. Kurt Carr compiled the written information about axes that appears on the poster and will also be compiling the educational handout for the poster. The Education Committee was solicited and supplied their input on the poster.

Fortney Printing, located in Harrisburg, PA, was again chosen to print the poster. Their quote was reasonable at \$770 for 2000 posters on 100 lb gloss text boxed in 200's. We have used them several years now and they produce a great finished product. We had them print 2000 posters with 1000 going to Janet Johnson and 1000 to Amanda Valko. Janet Johnson volunteered to pick up the posters and bring them to the meeting so we will not have shipping costs. Our goal is to always have the posters available at the SPA annual meeting in the bookroom. Amanda is in charge of delivering posters to the SPA chapters. As many as possible will be hand delivered to chapter representatives at the annual meeting. Posters will be mailed to any chapter that is not present.

PAC was responsible for the solicitation of Archaeology Month donations as usual and these donations covered the cost of the printing. Sponsors this year include Skelly and Loy, Inc., A Terracon Company, CHRS Inc., GAI Consultants, Inc., Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC), Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA), and Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC).

The Archaeology Month calendar will be produced this year. Chapters and other organizations are encouraged to submit their Archaeology Month events to Amanda by the August 19, 2022 deadline. Submissions received by this date will be included in the calendar submitted to Judy Duritsa by September 1, 2022 for the SPA Fall Newsletter. Submissions received after the calendar has been

submitted to Judy will not be included in the newsletter but can be added to the SPA web site. Submissions for the 2021 Archaeology Month Calendar were very sparse so it is hopeful that more events will be scheduled around the state this year.

**Awards Committee**—John Nass reported that the 2022 awards would be announced at the Awards Banquet on Saturday. A written report has been filed with the Secretary.

**C-14 Committee**—written report from Bernard Means announcing the 2022 award was approved for charcoal from 36wm811 rock shelter and applicant Bob Oshnock.

**Education Committee**—reported that the poster session will take place on Saturday.

**ESAF Representative Report/ ESAF donation request**—Amanda Valko reporting:

There was no in person annual ESAF conference in 2021 due to COVID-19. The 2021 ESAF annual meeting was held virtually via Zoom November 5-7, 2021. There was a registration fee of \$15.00 and \$10.00 for students. Attendance totaled 84 including 4 students. All presentations were recorded prior to the meeting, which went very well.

The 2022 ESAF annual meeting will be held as an in-person meeting November 3 – 5, 2022 at Shippensburg University in Stewart Hall, Shippensburg, PA. Clarion Hotel & Suites University in Shippensburg is the conference hotel with a room Rate of \$92.95 + tax per night. The Call for Papers is posted on the web site. Registration for general attendees is \$45 and \$25 for students with current student ID. Registrations can be done via PayPal or snail mail.

ESAF journal AENA Vol. 49 has been mailed to all members. An updated order form for back issues of the journal is posted on the web site. Some back issues are out of print.

During the 2021 executive board meeting motions were made and passed to form two ad hoc committees: Bylaws and Code of Conduct. The Finance/Audit Committee was reconstituted for 2022. President Lothrop appointed the following chairs: Bylaws Committee – John Nass, Code of Conduct Committee – Gabe Hrynick, Finance/Audit Committee – Dave Mudge. During this meeting ESAF's fiscal health was reviewed and a number of measures were instituted to help sustain the organization.

There were no Louis Brennan Award or Ronald A. Thomas Award applications for 2021. The Louis Brennan Award is a monetary grant given to a society member to assist in the cost of a professional publication. The Ronald A. Thomas award is a monetary grant for editing and preparation of a substantive cultural resources management report in a format suitable for publication in AENA. The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology received the last Brennan Award which was given in 2018. These awards are being suspended for 2022 as an ESAF fiscal measure.

ESAF currently has 166 individual members, 42 institutional members, and 14 society members, with the Vermont Archaeological Society as the newest addition.

**Keystone Grants/Petroglyph Projects**—Ken Burkett reports that application for a Keystone Grant for the Western Pennsylvania Petroglyph Recording Project has been made with the SPA support and promise of administering the grant. Brian Fritz and Ken will work jointly on the recording and the SPA will manage the grant.

**Mini Field Trip**—John Nass and Sarah Neusius are in the planning stages for a summer 2022 Mini trip to iron furnaces. Preliminary information as follows:

Accommodations for the SPA Iron Furnace mini trip will be at the Best Western Plus Reading Inn & Suites. Street address is 2299 Lancaster Pike Shillington, PA 19607. Phone number is 610-777-7888, FAX 610-777-5138. Check-in after 300 PM. Check-in is on Friday, June 10, with checkout on Sunday, June 12. Rooms have double queens and are \$135.00 per night plus tax.

Reservations must be received by 06/01/2022. After this date reservations will be accepted on a space a rate available basis.

Reservations may be made thru the hotel by calling 610-777-7888 or @

[https://www.bestwestern.com/en\\_US/book/hotelrooms.39120.html?groupId=A98DE4RtaxTwo Queen](https://www.bestwestern.com/en_US/book/hotelrooms.39120.html?groupId=A98DE4RtaxTwo Queen)

Up to 30 days prior to arrival, the advance deposit is fully refundable. Within 30 days, the first night's deposit will be forfeited. Individual rooms within the block can be cancelled up until 24 hours prior without penalty. If cancellation of individual rooms is received less than 24 hours prior to arrival; 1st night room and tax will be forfeited.

There is a charge for the meeting room of \$125.00 per night. This is the reduced rate.

Respectfully submitted, John Nass, Jr., Co-Organizer

**Nominating Committee**—Slate for election at Annual Meeting April 9, 2022

**Elmer Erb Trustees 6 year term: Janet Johnson and Melissa Diamanti**

**President-elect: Chuck Williams**

**PAC Representative Report**—a written report was received from Paul Raber:

- PAC will have an in-person business meeting and symposium in Ligonier on April 8. The Friday afternoon symposium topic will be the archaeology of blacksmith shops.
- PAC continues to serve as a consulting party for federal and state funded or permitted projects. Currently PAC is a consulting party on six projects.
- PAC is considering ideas on mentoring young archaeologists and facilitating their development as professionals. The ideas include: serving as a clearinghouse for mentoring emerging archaeologists and creating a roster of professionals who are willing to serve as mentors and provide advice.
- We note that as part of the National Science Foundation-funded “Populating a Radiocarbon Database of North America” project a compilation of over 104,000 radiocarbon dates, including over 2,300 dates for Pennsylvania, is available online at
- <https://github.com/ericknrobinson/RadiocarbonDatabaseLower48States>.

**Pennsylvania Archaeologist, Editor**—Roger Moeller reports:

Issue 91(2) for Fall 2021 has been mailed to members and is available as a back issue.

Issue 92(1) for Spring 2022 is at the printer and is expected for distribution in May. It is currently available as a pdf with color graphics as provided by the authors.

I have several mss in progress for the fall issue of 2022. The ms flow continues to be steady.

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

**PHMC Marker Committee**—Ken Burkett stated that new guidelines were distributed and approved markers will now be paid. An application has been made for a marker at Sheep Rock Shelter by Paul Raber and Jonathan Burns. Keeping on track at a rate of 2 per year archaeological site markers applications for the future might be Quarry sites, McFate or Monongahela. If you are interested in making applications the Spa committee headed by Ken Burkett will advise.

**Publications—Update**—Paul Raber send a written report:

- As noted previously, I am 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. Ideas and volunteers to edit future publications are welcome. Please contact Lara, Jessica, or me.
- An unresolved issue is the 13 copies of The Susquehannocks due to the state members of ESAF (14 minus SPA) as a condition of the Brennan grant we received. I believe the SPA approved the purchase of half the copies (6), while PAC will fund another 6 and I will contribute one. If the board will confirm this I will make arrangements to buy the books and deliver them to ESAF at its fall meeting in Shippensburg this November.

**State Museum Archives**—Janet Johnson reported that the journal inventory is still being reduced by giving sets of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologists* to chapters and historical societies and into auction at Annual Meeting. We plan to continue reduction until inventory and storage-space are manageable.

**Website /Web Sales**—Roger Moeller reported: FULLYEAR 2021

Paper Back Issue Sales	\$130.26
Donation	500.00
Rock Art CD	23.50
Susquehannock Book	80.00
PDF Back issue sales	736.60
Memberships	2326.00

Annual Meeting Registration	30.00
Total PayPal Transactions	\$3826.36
Website	

Total page views: 39,000.

Average page views per day is 107.

People typically enter the site at the opening page (15,000).

The next most popular are Chapters (105) and Publications (959).  
Most likely place (82%) visitors come from is Direct address, Bookmark, or Link in email.  
Less than 10% comes from search engines.

No links came from other web sites that were archaeological, museum, or history web sites.  
The most popular downloads are:  
Susquehannock flyer  
Summer trips

Length of stay: 90% were under 30 seconds.  
Stays of more than 60 minutes: .2%

### **Workshops in Archaeology**

State Museum Workshop—2022 will be held October 29 at the State Museum themed: Pathways to the Past, the Underground Railroad.

Meadowcroft Workshop—2022 will be held October 8 at Meadowcroft Museum. The theme is Tattoos.

**The Site Survey Committee** will be reviewed and revamped since some members have changed working positions. All up to date site information is available on line.

### **New Business:**

**Appointment of Nominating Committee for 2023 Elections**—President Kira Heinrich appointed Jonathan Burns, Jonathan Libbon and Amanda Valko to prepare the slate of nominations for 2023 which includes row officers and two directors. Anyone wishing to stand for election can contact the committee.

**Cowin Fund**—A motion was made to change the application process for the Cowin Fund to coincide with the other awards and scholarships given by the Society. Seconded by Laura DeYoung. PASSED

**PAC fund raising—Angie Jaillett-Wentling reports** the plan proposed to help mentor and support students with a goal of \$15,000 will send out requests for financial support from various funding sources. At this time the SPA is offering verbal support for the program and will write letters of support if needed to accompany the grant and funding applications. More information to follow as it becomes available.

John Nass on behalf of **ESAF request a \$100.00 sponsorship** for the next ESAF Annual Meeting. A motion was entered by Chuck Williams, Seconded by Kurt Carr. PASSED

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

Our own **Kenneth Burkett was awarded the Crabtree Award** at the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Congratulations Ken. This honor was well deserved. A review of the award will appear in the SPA Fall Newsletter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Co-Secretary, SPA