

**73rd Annual Meeting
Westmoreland Archaeological Society
Greensburg, PA
April 27, 2002**

The 73rd Annual Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. with President Philip Perazio residing. A Roll Call of Officers, Board of Directors and Chapter delegates was taken with 10 chapters being represented (2 proxies).

The minutes of the 2001, 72nd Annual Meeting were accepted as distributed on a motion entered by Ed Dlutowski, seconded by Amanda Valko.

Treasurer's report and 2002 budget were approved previously by the Board of Directors. A written report was available to the membership.

Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report was submitted in writing by chairman Robert LaBar who is resigning the trustee position.

Committee Reports:

Annual Meeting-Mary Alice Graetzer thanked the Westmoreland Chapter for hosting the Annual Meeting and announced the 2003 meeting location as State College hosted by the Bald Eagle Chapter in May.

Archaeology Month-Amanda Valko reported the status of the poster printing, bookmark order and the deadline for the calendar information to Philip and Valerie Perazio as May 24. The speakers list needs revision. PAC will be contacted concerning this item.

Awards-Donna George reported that the awards are ready for presentation at the banquet.

She asked that the purchase of 10 masques for the awards be approved. These items were budgeted items for the 2002 budget and the purchase was approved.

ESAF Representative-Amanda Valko announced the 2002 ESAF meeting will be held in November in New Jersey. Members are referred to the website for agenda and registration information.

Jacob L. Grimm Carbon 14 Award- Jim Herbstritt informed the secretary that an award will be presented at the banquet.

PAC Representative-Philip Perazio reported for Mark McConaughy on the PAC meeting information. The Board of Directors was presented with the issues discussed by PAC concerning the BHP/PennDot plan to allow GIS access to municipal entities. An SPA committee was formed to make recommendations to the BHP on this policy. It was suggested the **Issues Committee** of the SPA which had been inactive, be activated with new members to handle the SPA response to this proposal.

Publications-the editor of the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* was absent. The backlog of issues due are expected to be remedied and back on schedule by summer. The journal is our best promotional and membership tool and must be kept on schedule. The SPA Newsletter is experiencing no difficulties. The inclusion of meeting paper abstracts in the March newsletter was noted as a positive for members. If possible, this practice will continue.

Site Survey-Kurt Carr presented the annual summary of recorded sites. Kurt stressed the importance of site recording and summarized the BHP's need for maintaining site records for the good of archaeological resources in Pennsylvania. A copy of the report was filed with the secretary.

Curation Committee has a scheduled first meeting on Sunday, April 28, 2002. The President thanked the members who were responsible for the promotional items of shirts, T-shirts, caps and decals for the Society.

Chapter report summary will be printed in the fall SPA Newsletter. Only 8 reports were received. This is an obligation of the chapters as stated in the constitution of the SPA. All Chapters are asked to comply with this reporting.

A motion was request for the ratification of the revisions to the Constitution of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. A motion was entered by Ed Dlutowski, seconded by Roger Moeller. PASSED

A motion was requested for the membership to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology for the past year. A motion was entered by Roger Moeller, seconded by Noel Strattan.

Election of Trustees to the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund-the slate of candidates: Kurt Carr and Thomas Kirshner for terms ending in 2008 was entered by the secretary on a motion by Verna Cowin, seconded by Paul Cowin.

PASSED The President appointed Jim Herbsritt to fill the vacancy on the board of trustees left by the resignation of Robert LaBar. The trustees will elect a chairperson at their first meeting and notify the secretary of their selection.

Deceased Members for 2001 were Jacob L. Grimm IV, Westmoreland Chapter and John Shrader, John Shrader Chapter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa

Secretary, SPA