

**The Society for
Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.
Spring 2009**

President's Message

The SPA At 80

The first file in my "President's Notebook" is the SPA Charter. When I opened it up the other day I paused a moment to read it again. Its Second article states that the purpose of the organization will be: "... to promote the study of the archaeology of the American Indian, especially as represented in the State of Pennsylvania, to encourage careful scientific excavation in the field and to discourage careless and misdirected digging, to promote the conservation and preservation of important archaeology sites, to oppose the manufacture and sale of fraudulent antiquities, to encourage the establishment of local archaeological museums and organizations, to promote the spread of archaeological knowledge by means of meetings and publications, and to serve as a bond between the individual archaeologists and collectors in the state."

Here we are eighty years later. The words above have been changed slightly and abbreviated on our promotional brochures, but our mission has remained the same, and I think that our founders, including the likes of J.Alden Mason, G.B. Fenstermaker, and Francis Dorrance, would be very proud of the accomplishments we have achieved. Over the years, 29 chapters formed across the State, with 14 currently active. Our membership includes more than 500 amateurs, avocationalists, professionals and institutions not only in Pennsylvania, but also across the nation and beyond. We've produced upward of 165 issues of PA Archaeologist, conducted countless surveys and excavations, and registered hundreds of sites. Our efforts have aided in saving many sites from destruction, and the knowledge from many more to be saved as a result of salvage efforts. All of this has resulted from many trials and tribulations, but mostly from our members' love of archaeology and its ability to uncover the secrets of the past.

We are happy to have the PHMC host our 80th Annual Meeting, and the State Museum will be a great venue to celebrate 80 years of our saving the past for the future. Thank you all for your contributions to archaeology in Pennsylvania, and we hope to see you in Harrisburg April 3 – 5!

Paul Nevin, President SPA

Auction Items are needed.

An auction to benefit the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund is held annually in conjunction with the SPA Annual Meeting. Every Chapter should consider donating an item to be auctioned. This is the only fundraiser for the Elmer Erb Fund. This fund is the financial security for our life memberships and for the viability of the Society. Please bring send your items to Kurt Carr or bring them along to the meeting.

The SPA and PAC wish to thank Tom Vallana, Westmoreland #23, for his support of the James W. Hatch Scholarship fund. His contribution will provide one full scholarship for a student applicant.

**The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council
and
The Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.**

Announce the

2009 James W. Hatch Scholarships

The Pennsylvania Archaeological Council (PAC) and Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology (SPA) will provide up to five \$100 scholarships to enable students to attend the SPA annual meeting. This year's meeting will be held April 3-5 at the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg. The meeting includes a PAC symposium on Friday afternoon, April 3, and general sessions on Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. Current undergraduate or graduate students at Pennsylvania colleges and universities and Pennsylvania high school students are eligible.

The scholarships honor the memory of Pennsylvania archaeologist and scholar, Dr. James W. Hatch.

Please contact Paul Raber, PAC President, to apply (praber@heberlingassociates.com; 717-935-2204; mail: c/o Heberling Associates, Inc., PO Box 376, Alexandria, PA, 16611). Applicants should provide a brief statement summarizing their interest in attending the annual meeting, their educational background and the name and contact information of a faculty reference. Preference will be given to students planning to present a paper at the annual meeting. **Applications are due by March 20, 2009.**

Jacob L. Grimm IV Matching C14 Award

Submissions for the 2008 Jacob Grimm C-14 Annual Award should be sent to:

James Herbstritt, Chairperson
Jacob Grimm Radiocarbon Award
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North St, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0093

SPA News

Annual Chapter report forms have been mailed or emailed to the individual chapters. This report details chapter activities for the previous year (2008). This report is a chapter obligation under the SPA constitution. Forms are available to download from the SPA website.

If you have questions, please contact the Secretary.

All SPA chapters are required to report **chapter officers** to the Secretary **annually**. This report is necessary for maintaining current contact information for all chapters. Please report officers even if there has not been an election or change of positions in your chapter. Please include addresses, phone numbers and email addresses if possible.

Dues Reminder: 2009 annual membership dues are now payable. The membership form can be found in the Fall SPA Newsletter or on line at www.PennsylvaniaArchaeology.com

Only members in good standing may vote at Annual Meeting, hold office or present papers. Membership includes your subscription to the Pennsylvania Archaeologist, the SPA Newsletter and other informational mailings.

Address changes: Please send address changes to the Secretary or Treasurer. The new mailing regulations require that returned mail is charged to the sender. The post office will not forward bulk mail. If you wish to continue receiving your Pennsylvania Archaeologist and SPA Newsletter, your current address is essential.

The last mailing of the SPA Newsletter had returns for life members: Leroy M. Moose, Jefferson, MD, Mrs. John H. Dilks, Philadelphia, PA and Vernon Leslie, Stroudsburg, PA

*Volunteers are urgently needed to help with hosting duties for ESAF 2009.
Contact the Secretary to Volunteer ASAP.*

Future Annual Meetings:

2010 Meeting will be held at the Sheraton Four Points in Greensburg, PA hosted by Westmoreland Chapter #23. Meeting dates are April 9,10,and 11, 2010.

Need for Annual Meeting Hosts

The SPA invites chapters to consider hosting the Annual Meeting in 2011 and beyond. If your chapter has not hosted a meeting recently, please consider whether this is a possibility for you. Guidelines for meetings are posted on the SPA website. Please contact the secretary or me if you have questions.

Mary Alice Graetzer, Annual Meeting chair

A report on the 2009 Pennsylvania Farm Show Exhibit Submitted by Kurt W. Carr

Despite the fact that the 2009 Farm Show exhibit was recycled from last year, I think the exhibit was very well received by the public. There is no question in my mind that this presentation makes a difference in Pennsylvania archaeology. I continued to see excitement in the eyes of children and adults as they sat in the dugout, amazement as Bob Winters quickly formed a variety of stone tools and wonder as they stood gazing at the petroglyph banner. Over nine thousand brochures on Pennsylvania heritage were distributed, over 1400 coupons for the Curiosity Corner and the planetarium were handed out and we spoke to thousands of visitors.

Pennsylvania has an outstanding wealth of archaeological resources that I believe can enhance the lives of everyone. This exhibit and the information that was disseminated was one step in communicating this heritage to the people of Pennsylvania. As you all know, the archaeology of Pennsylvania is being destroyed at an ever-increasing rate. We need help in slowing this destruction. I feel the Farm Show exhibit represents a significant vehicle for the dissemination of information and for increasing the public's awareness of the threats to their archaeological resources.

In addition, I think this presentation is a great way to promote the goals of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc. This event represents the most intensive interaction with the public that we have all year. Using our sampling scheme of counting all visitors who came into the exhibit for two, one-hour periods each day, we touched between 50,000 and 60,000 visitors. This confirms the estimate developed by Brian Fritz last year. This is over 10% of all of the people who attended the Farm Show. This high volume of attendance is a testimony to the quality of the exhibit, the initiative of our volunteers in engaging the public and the public's interest in archaeology.

We are very interested in everyone's comments so please send me your thoughts. I would think that one of our goals for next year would be to increase the efficiency of getting our message or messages to the public. Obviously, we also need to address the issue of funding for next year. A meeting celebrating our success, and to prepare for Farm Show 2010, will be held in February.

A conference on transportation, Heritage and the Environment

The Statewide Conference on Heritage will be held **May 19th-22nd**, 2009 at the Commonwealth Keystone Building in Harrisburg, PA. The joint conference will feature workshops, sessions and speakers from the historic preservation, archaeological, heritage tourism, transportation, legislative, and planning communities, including a number of nationally known speakers and subjects of state, regional and national importance. The conference is co-sponsored by PennDOT, Preservation Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Federal Highway Administration and other state and regional partners.

Details at www.pennbyways.com



Pennsylvania Federation of Museums and Historical Organizations

SOS SAVE THE PHMC GRANT PROGRAM

February 13, 2009

Dear Colleagues:

As many of you know, Governor Rendell deleted the Museum Assistance line item in his proposed budget for FY2009-2010. He also proposed never funding it again. It is up to us to work with the Pennsylvania General Assembly to reinstate the Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program that is administered by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC). This line item is the only source for this essential grant program that has provided much-needed dollars for museums and historical organizations since 1985. We cannot allow it to disappear; our very existence depends on it.

While the Governor cut the Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program to \$0, he retained the grants for the nine "non-preferred" museums with a suggested reduction of ten percent. Art museums obtain their general operating support funding from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and should anticipate an eight-to-nine percent cut. This is grossly unfair to all the history museums, historical societies, science museums and technology centers, nature centers and arboreta, zoos, children's museums, maritime museums, transportation museums and others that have received and depended upon PHMC grant funding in the past. We demand fair funding for all grantees!

Our only hope is the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Our state senators and state representatives can return the funds to the Pennsylvania History and Museum Grant Program. However, it is up to you to tell your elected legislators **now** about how the elimination of museum funding will affect your institution and your community. Write letters to your state senator and state representative or even better visit their district offices; be impassioned in your appeal. Tell them what your community would lose if your organization was gone. Find contact information for your state legislators at www.legis.state.pa.us.

On Monday, February 23rd, the State House Appropriations Committee will hold budget hearings on the PHMC's budget. It is crucial to contact your legislators by **Friday, February 20th**. We know that the most powerful incentive for legislative action is constituent response—from you, your board, your members and supporters. For your convenience, I am providing a sample letter with talking points following this letter and [on our website](#). Please forward this to the people that love your museum or historical organization. They will want the opportunity to support you. Also, send a copy of your letter or notification of your visit to dfilipi@pamuseums.org. We need to keep track of our effort.

Thank you very much for your valuable help. Remember that Pennsylvania's economic crisis cannot be solved on the backs of its museums.

Sincerely,

Deborah M. Filipi
Executive Director
On Behalf of the Board of Directors
and the Staff of PFMHO

P.S. Please cc State Representative Dwight Evans, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee, on your letters to your legislators. The contact information is The Honorable Dwight Evans, 512 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA, 17120-2203. Thank you! You may find your state officials at: [The Pennsylvania General Assembly - Find Your Legislator](#)

Forks of the Delaware, Chapter 14

Editors Note: Each newsletter will feature an article on our chapters beginning with Chapter #1. The purpose is to become acquainted or reacquainted with our membership. Chapter submissions are always welcome.

Chapter # 14, Forks of the Delaware Chapter, began its history on May 25th, 1962. The chapter founder's traveled to the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology Annual Meeting being held in Wilkes Barre, PA. at Wilkes College. This meeting was hosted by Frances Dorrence Chapter # 11.

Our founding members were Elinor Fehr, H.Ben and Doris Freyermuth who were already state members for five years. Our founders were so enlightened by the meeting they decided to stay. An invitation was given to them by the Frances Dorrance Chapter to support a dig at the Schacht Site. A 10x10 was dug at this fortified Native American town assisted by Bill Strohmeier. This was the epiphany that caused these relic hunters to become students of archaeology. Their hard work and effort was realized later that year when Vincent Mrozoske, State Society Treasurer-Secretary, sent a notice September 21, 1962, to members in our local chapter. The first meeting for our new Chapter #14 would be held at the Northampton County Historical and Genealogical Society on September 27, 1962.

Before our group was officially organized as Chapter#14 we were asked to examine a field south of Kintnersville along the Delaware River. Bethlehem Steel Company discovered a skull with a front-end loader while loading sand and it was presumed to be historic. Eventually, sixteen burials were removed from the former Sam Overpeck Farm and many significant artifacts were recovered from a ten square area that was excavated. The burials were repatriated in the proper respected manner.

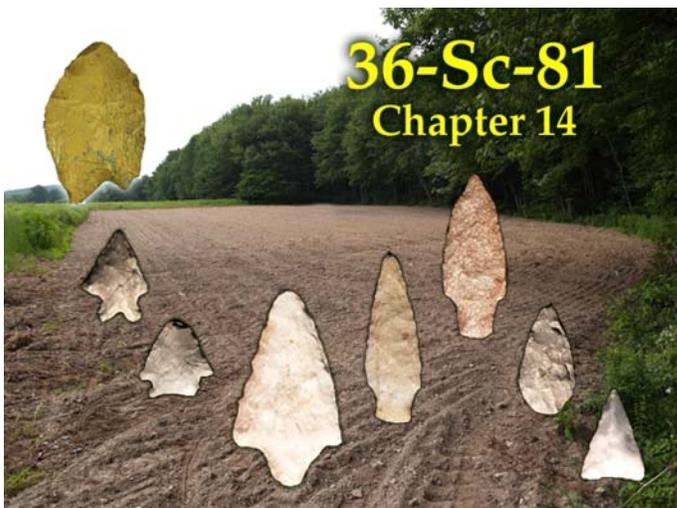
On May 25th, 1963, at the SPA Annual Meeting at Beaver Falls a formal petition was presented to the SPA Board of Directors. A charter was issued by the state to Chapter # 14, Forks of the Delaware. Newly formed Chapter #14 hosted the Annual Meeting at Lafayette College in 1968, East Stroudsburg University in 1975, Moravian College in 1979, Recessa Falls Boy Scout Reservation 2001, and Allentown, PA, 2007.

Two well known sites excavated by Chapter# 14 were the Overpeck Site, 36Bu5, an archaic site; the other was the Sandts Eddy Site 367Nm12, a transitional site. The Chapter has participated in many other sites: prehistoric sites such as Portland Pa sites 36NM2 and 3, Martin's Creek PA site 36NM13, and the Miga Site, in New Jersey on the prehistoric sites: Vanderbilt Site, Rader Site, Beers Site, and the Snyder Farm Site. In recent years the chapter has had excavations at the Lopresti Site owned by founding member Virginia and the late Joe Lopresti. Chapter# 14 has had a large number of distinguished members past and present which includes Elmer Erb, Fred Assmus, F. Dayton & Harold Staats, James Wright, Herbert C. Kraft, Michael Stewart, Judd Kratzer and Phillip Perazio to name a few that have contributed much to Pennsylvania archaeology.

At the present time Chapter# 14 holds meetings on the first Thursday of every month in Palmer Township Public Library, Easton Pennsylvania. Lately we have noticed a lack of new members like so many other SPA chapters have witnessed. To confront this problem we have established a special Membership Committee. We are working hard to attract new members by having announcements in local papers. We have established a liaison with the local historical society. In July we established a special meeting for non-members to bring in any artifact for identification as a community service. In August we have a picnic for members along with primitive games that include friendly competitions for throwing the atlatl and dart, and a favorite, the tomahawk throw.

It has been a few years since our chapter has excavated a site due to new laws, budget cuts, and unwilling landowners. We recently located a Late Paleo to Early Woodland Site, in Schuylkill County, called the Wosochlo Site, 36Sc81. It is the only known paleo site in this county. This site was discovered surface hunting by Chapter# 14 President, James Wosochlo. Fortunately it is on a relative's farm and protected from development. Crowfield (Paleo) type artifacts are being found and hopefully

excavations will begin this summer. A second site discovery has been made at the same farm with both prehistoric and historic artifacts recovered. This site is being considered for a future excavation. We hope that these sites will attract new members and encourage students alike to Chapter# 14 and secure future interest in Pennsylvania Archaeology. Currently we are supporting the Northampton County Museum and the Lenape Indian Nation in establishing a archaeology display for the new county museum to be built in Easton, Pa. The museum plans to be open by December of 2009.



Chapter 14 Future Excavation Site

Lenape Pot Found on Minisink Island
by Fred Assmus



Meetings, Publications and Shows

National Park Service's 2009 Archaeological Prospection Workshop

The National Park Service's 2009 workshop on archaeological prospection techniques entitled Current Archaeological Prospection Advances for Non-Destructive Investigations in the 21st Century will be held May 18-22, 2009, at the National Park Service's National Center for Preservation Technology and Training, Natchitoches, Louisiana. Lodging will be at the Ramada Inn. The field exercises will take place at the Los Adaes State Historic Site (a Spanish presidio and capital of the Spanish province of Texas between 1719 and 1772). Co-sponsors for the workshop include the National Park Service, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Adaes State Historic Site, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, and the Louisiana Division of Archaeology. This will be the nineteenth year of the workshop dedicated to the use of geophysical, aerial photography, and other remote sensing methods as they apply to the identification, evaluation, conservation, and protection of archaeological resources across this Nation. The workshop will present lectures on the theory of operation, methodology, processing, and interpretation with on-hands use of the equipment in the field. There is a registration charge of \$475.00. Application forms are available on the Midwest Archeological Center's web page at <http://www.nps.gov/history/mwac/>. For further information, please contact Steven L. DeVore, Archeologist, National Park Service, Midwest Archeological Center, Federal Building, Room 474, 100 Centennial Mall North, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508-3873; tel: (402) 437-5392, ext. 141; fax: (402) 437 5098; email: steve_de_vore@nps.gov The workshop is open to all archeologists and students, as well as those interested in forensic and cemetery investigations.

39th Annual Meeting of The Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference, March 19th – 22nd, 2009, **Clarion Resort Fontainebleu Hotel**, 10100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, Maryland 21842
Reservations: 1-800-638-210 Individuals should register before February 1, 2009. There will be a \$5.00 added late registration fee after February 1. Registration and Membership information may be found at www.maacmidatlanticarchaology.org

The Society for American Archaeology 74th Annual Meeting, April 22-26, 2009, Atlanta, Georgia. Registration and meeting information at www.saa.org

Publications

New Book from Edward J. Lenik: MAKING PICTURES IN STONE: AMERICAN INDIAN ROCK OF THE NORTHEAST

MAKING PICTURES IN STONE: AMERICAN INDIAN ROCK OF THE NORTHEAST by archaeologist Edward J. Lenik was recently released by the University of Alabama Press and is now available in both soft cover and hardcover through most bookstores. **MAKING PICTURES IN STONE** is organized by type of artifact and covers portable rock art such as decorated tools, pendants and gorgets, effigy heads and figures as well as boulders and other non portable sites.

MAKING PICTURES IN STONE: AMERICAN INDIAN ROCK OF THE NORTHEAST joins Lenik's other books which include:

- IRON MINE TRAILS
- THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF WAYNE, NJ
- INDIANS IN THE RAMAPOS
- PICTURE ROCKS, NATIVE AMERICAN ROCK ART IN THE NORTHEAST WOODLANDS
- MAX SCHRABICH: ROCKSHELTER ARCHAEOLOGIST
- A CLAY TOBACCO PIPE SAMPLER

University Press of Florida www.upf.com or 1-800-226-3822

New offerings:

- The Bioarchaeology of Tuberculosis, A Global View on a remerging Disease, By Charlotte A Roberts and Jane E. Buikstra.
- The Archaeology of North American Farmsteads, by Mark D. Groover
- The Tao of Anthropology, Edited by Jack Kelso
- The Archaeology of Alcohol and Drinking, by Frederick H. Smith

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 4TH ANNUAL
**ANTIQUE FIREARMS &
INDIAN ARTIFACTS SHOW**

JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, AUGUST 22ND 2008
PENNSYLVANIA INTERSTATE 80, EXIT 81, 1/4 MILE NORTH OF EXIT

A JOINT VENTURE OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
AND THE NORTH FORK CHAPTER #29
SOCIETY FOR PENNSYLVANIA ARCHAEOLOGY



THE SHOW WILL FEATURE ANTIQUE FIREARMS
THROUGH 1898 (FOR EXHIBIT & SALES), WITH A
RAFFLE FOR A REPRODUCTION MUZZLELOADER.

THE ARTIFACT EXHIBIT WILL FEATURE BOTH PREHISTORIC
AND HISTORIC ARTIFACT DISPLAYS, AS WELL AS
AN OPEN ATLATL COMPETITION.

SHOW IS OPEN 9 A.M. TO 4 P.M. ADMISSION IS \$5.00 FOR
ANYONE 16 OR OLDER. CALL 814.849.0077 FOR INFO.

The Northfork Chapter 29 of the
Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Invites you to be an exhibitor at the
4th Annual Antique Firearms and Indian Artifacts Show

August 22, 2009

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Jefferson County Fairgrounds

(Route 28 approximately 1 mile north of Interstate 80 exit 81)

We are maintaining our policy of not selling authentic Native American
Artifacts. Exhibitors are welcome however to sell reproductions, books or
other items relating to the hobby.

There is NO fee for exhibitor 6 ft tables

Please reserve your tables as soon as possible:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to reserve _____ Tables

Please mail this form to:
Jefferson County History Center
Box 51
Brookville, PA 15825
(814) 849-0077

or contact:
kburkett-jhc@windstream.net

Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology
April 3 – 5, 2009

The Archaeology of Penn's Woods
Hosted by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Location: The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Program Chair: Jim Herbstritt 717-214-8648 Fax: 717-772-0920 E-mail: jherbstrit@state.pa.us

Accommodations: The Comfort Inn Riverfront on Front Street in Harrisburg is offering a special rate of \$79 per night and parking is free. Reservations can be made by calling 717-233-1611. Identify yourself as being with the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology. The hotel offers a hot continental breakfast. It is located about 6 blocks from the State Museum. The rate is in effect until March 20, 2009. A limited number of vans will be available to transport members between the hotel and the Museum.

Saturday Banquet Buffet: The banquet speaker will be Bruce Bomberger, Curator, Landis Valley Museum. He will speak on the French and Indian War Forts of Pennsylvania.

Auction: Items for the auction should be brought to the bookroom for display. We are asking that each chapter consider annually providing a special auction item to help support the Erb Permanent Fund

Book/Exhibit Room: Direct table reservations and inquiries in advance to Noel Strattan at dstrattan@state.pa.us or 717-214-6572.

SPA Board of Directors Meeting: Friday afternoon beginning at 4:30 PM at the museum

The Friday Evening Reception will be held at the Troegs Brewery (www.troegs.com) from 5-7. Please indicate on the registration form if you are planning to attend. A limited number of vans will be available to transport members from the Museum to the reception and back to the Comfort Inn.

The title of the PAC meeting symposium is "The Nature and Rate of Change in American Indian Cultures, 4000 to 3000 BP". It is being organized by Michael Stewart and will focus on the Terminal Archaic/Transitional Period.

Registration Form:

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Chapter/Institution: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State _____ Zip: _____

Registration: \$20.00 x _____ Student Registration: \$15.00 x _____ **After 3/27: \$25.00**

Please check here if you will be attending the Friday evening reception and brewery tour. _____

Dinner Buffet: \$30.00 x _____ dinners Vegetarian dinners x _____

Tours of The State Museum's Archaeology lab and gallery will be offered Saturday at 4:30. Please check here if you are interested in attending. _____

Make check payable to SPA Meeting, and mail to: Roger Moeller, PO Box 386, Bethlehem, CT 06751-0386
Questions to alchemy60@sbcglobal.net

CALL FOR PAPERS

Eastern States Archaeological Federation

The 76th Annual Meeting

Hosted by the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology

Nov. 5-7, 2009



Johnstown,
Pennsylvania

250 Market Street, Johnstown, PA 15901

ESAF Rate: \$79.99 a night

For Reservations, Please Call 1-814-535-7777

Special Events will include Thursday Tours
Johnstown Flood Museum and Flight 93 Memorial Site

Others tours to be announced
Meeting Contact Information

Please send suggestions for individual papers and/or sessions no later than July 15, 2009
to:

Jason Espino – Program Chair

email: jasonespino@hotmail.com

Phone: 412-585-0124

Address: 132 6th Street Oakmont, PA 15139

<p>Arrangements Co-Chair Brian Fritz, President SPA Email: brian@quemahoning.com Judy Duritsa, Secretary SPA email: jmduritsa@comcast.net phone: 724-836-0895 301 North Dr. Jeannette, PA 15644</p>	<p>Book Room and Exhibits Chair Westmoreland Chapter #23 email: tomvall@comcast.net or bob36wm100@wpa.net Phone: Tom Vallana-724-694-2845</p>
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Nominations for Officers of the Society for Pennsylvania Archaeology, Inc.

Election at Annual Meeting

Voting is limited to members in good standing

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