

**Board of Directors
Camp Hill, PA
April 7, 2017**

Minutes

Call to Order—The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. with President John P. Nass, Jr. presiding. A quorum was present. Attendance attached, 2 proxies.

Minutes of the previous Board of Directors Meeting were accepted as distributed by the president.

Treasurer's Report—a verbal and written report was delivered by Kenneth Burkett. Ken presented a revised 2017 budget for approval. The Society is solvent. Membership renewals are still an issue but new members are on par with last year. Ken anticipates a few more new members and renewals following the meeting. Institutional memberships are also down. This may reflect cutbacks at the institution or the perceived unattractiveness of our journal. When format changes are in place, we hope to see renewed interest in membership.

The reports and budget were approved on a **motion** entered by Sarah Neusius, seconded by Jon Libbon, PASSED

Discussion on loss of memberships:

- Unattractive journal with few amateur authors represented
- Chapter members do not join the SPA
- Collectors don't feel as if they belong in the Society/or are not welcome
- Chapters no longer have ongoing dig sites
- Difficult to have a professional volunteer to oversee chapter digs.
- Difficulty reaching students and/or faculty at colleges
- Loss of connections with institutions, Carnegie, Ft. Ligonier, etc. where staff were SPA members

President's Report—John Nass

- Would like to survey students on memberships or a membership survey in general, hoping to increase student membership and activity with student/mentor connections. The survey may include neighboring states of Ohio and West Virginia.
- Continue the Western Pennsylvania Workshops in Archaeology scheduled for Saturday October 7, 2017, location to be announced. The theme will be: "Experimental Archaeology". John would like to have the Education Committee on board for the event.
- Help with the SPA Partnering with SHPO on the Pennsylvania Preservation 5year plan.
- Continue the bus/van trips which are very informative and enjoyable giving participants a chance to socialize with other SPA members.

Old Business

Financial: **Elmer Erb Permanent Fund Report**—Chairman, Kurt Carr present a verbal and written report showing the gain of all losses in past years. The plan now is to have the Board approach the Permanent Fund Trustees with ideas for projects to be funded for education and/or more C-14 dates.

Kurt also announced that a \$1,000 community grant was awarded by Wells Fargo to help with administrative costs for the Permanent Fund.

Annual Awards—Donna Smith, Co-chair of the awards committee reported on the nominations and voting process. No nominations were received for the Mason or Shrader/George Youth Award. Awards will be made at the Annual Awards Banquet.

Annual Meeting Report—written report submitted by Mary Alice Graetzer:

We want to thank the SPA members from the State Museum of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for arranging and hosting the current meeting.

The meeting in 2018 will be hosted by North Forks Chapter 29 at the Comfort Suites in Dubois on April 13-15. Venango Chapter #30 has offered to host the meeting in either 2019 or 2020, depending on whether a host chapter in the eastern part of the state will volunteer to host the 2019 meeting.

Chapters that have not hosted a meeting recently should consider whether they can do so in 2019 or later. Two chapters can co-host a meeting, dividing the responsibilities.

The Guidelines for the meetings are in the Archives section of the SPA website. Questions can be addressed to me, to recent hosts, or to the next Chairperson of this committee.

Archaeology Month 2017/18—Amanda Valko—reports that 2017 is PAC's turn to produce the poster which is at the printer. A sample was presented. SPA members should be aware of the supply depot for posters. Janet Johnson has posters in the East and Amanda will have a supply for distribution in the West for Chapters and anyone needing posters for events.

The Archaeology Month Calendar will be compiled in August for the September SPA Newsletter. **Plan NOW** and get entries to Amanda even if it is only your regular chapter meeting. The event calendar will be on the website, in the newsletter and shared with AIA's international Archaeology Day website.

C-14 Committee—No submission were received.

Chapters—Andaste Chapter #5 has been declared inactive.

Education Committee –Poster Session Guidelines—Chairman Tom Glover and his committee have developed the SPA Guidelines for Poster Sessions to be held in conjunction with the SPA Annual Meetings. The session this year has 9 entries from undergraduate and graduate students and will be judged on Saturday in the bookroom. Winning student poster will be announced at the banquet where the prize will be awarded.

ESAF Representative Report—Amanda Valko—reported that ESAF will meet November 25, 2017 in New London, CT with registration information at the ESAF link on the SPA website. Roger Moeller is once again the ESAF webmaster. Information should be sent directly to Roger at webmaster@esaf-archaeology.org. New Officers are Dean Knight, President; Tim Abel, Treasurer; Martha Otto, corresponding Secretary; and John Nass, President-elect. Amanda also reminded us of the ESAF publication awards available for general publication and for CRM report publications. The SPA has received the Brennan award in the past.

Kinsey Scholarship—Janet Johnson reported that there was 1 applicant from Mercyhurst to be awarded at Banquet. Last year's winner will have their paper published in the next PA Archaeologist after the last edit.

Nominating Committee—Sarah Neusius, committee chair, reported on the slate up for election at Annual Meeting as follows: First Vice President - Bill Black; Second VP - Tom Glover; Secretary - Judy Duritsa; Treasurer - Ken Burkett; Director - Paul Nevin; Director - Angie Jaillet-Wentling.

PAC Representative Report—a written report was submitted by Paul Raber:

- PAC members have again expressed concern about the implementation of the new SHPO guidelines (April 2016), especially the application of the new predictive model, which will be used for all PennDOT project and larger non-PennDOT projects. PAC requested that PennDOT and the PHMC schedule a number of workshops or forums where the model and procedures could be discussed prior to implementing them. Seth Mitchell and Paul Raber are coordinating this effort with PennDOT and the PHMC.
- PAC has agreed to increase its support of the Hatch Scholarship from the present level to \$300 (covering up to three \$100 awards).
- The newly elected officers of PAC (effective April 7) are: President: Beverly Chiarulli; Vice President: Mike Stanilla; Secretary/Treasurer: Lisa Dugas; Executive Board members: Jonathan Burns and Gary Coppock.

- Progress is slow but steady on the two new volumes in the Recent Research in the Pennsylvania Archaeology series: Susquehannock studies (Paul Raber) and prehistoric quarries (Kurt Carr and Paul Raber). PAC is seeking additional grant funds to support the publications. but steady.
- PAC is developing a Speakers List of PAC members willing to speak on various archaeological topics. More speakers are needed.
- PAC will sponsor a table and session at the 2017 Conference on Heritage in Carlisle. No details yet.

2017 Hatch Scholarships--We received seven applications and awarded six scholarships of \$100 each: Casey Bleuel, Mercyhurst; Zaakiyah Cua, IUP; Bram Kyer, Juniata; Cristine O'Brien, Pittsburgh; Christopher Swisher, IUP; Eden VanTries, IUP

Pennsylvania Archaeologist Editor—no report available.

Pennsylvania Archaeologist: New Format Report—A committee is working on the change to 8 ½ X 11 format with color photos and graphics. The format change should actually reduce publication costs but the Elmer Erb Permanent Fund is willing to invest in funding changes if the board needs funding to improve the journal.

Pennsylvania Farm Show 2017—A written report was published in the *Fall SPA Newsletter*. Kurt Carr reported that the show was very successful with a recycled petroglyph theme. SPA volunteers from Mon Yough and North Fork Chapters as well as Sarah and Phil Neusius helped in the booth. The 2018 show will need volunteers again. Please plan to help out if you can. More details will be coming in the Newsletter.

Publications

Discover and Preserve Rack Card Funding—Curation Committee Chair, Janet Johnson requested funding for the printing of promotional rack cards at a price of approximately \$750.00 for 2,500 cards on a motion entered by Jim Wosochlo, seconded by Amanda Valko, PASSED

Since the budget has already been approved, the source of the funding was discussed. It was decided by the board to ask for a **motion** to remove the restriction of permanent endowment from the Luhman Fund. The fund is to be used for education at the discretion of the Board of Directors and would be rolled over in its entirety to cover education expenses as they occur. A **motion** was entered by Amanda Valko, seconded by Jon Libbon, PASSED.

Publication—See PAC report

SPA Website /Web Sales—Roger Moeller reported there were 371,000 hits on the website many coming from the Ukraine and China. The publication sales were down for pdf versions but paper sales were up. Memberships through the website and meeting registrations worked out well.

SPA Bus Trip 2017—Sarah Neusius outline the New York, museum and site tour which will include a stop at a winery. The trip will be in two vans. Details are on the website and handouts are in the bookroom. Reservation and payment deadline in May 5.

Dakota Access Pipeline Controversy—a letter was sent from the SPA. No response has been received.

New Business:

PA State historic Preservation Plan—Hannah Harvey outlined the expectations for the SPA as planning partner for the 5 year plan for the SHPO preservation program for the time period of 2018-2022
Planning procedure will include:

- Open houses and focus groups who will be analyzing and identifying problems and issues
- Develop objectives for the state plan
- Develop action steps
- Input from all partners is needed
- Results will be taken to the government and National Park Services
- Dissemination of plan information to all interested parties
- Heritage regions and preservation groups will be reviewing the plans
- Please voice what we are most concerned about

Discussion for the good of the Society

Kurt Carr, EE Fund Chair, reiterated that the use of Elmer Erb funds will come through the Board of Directors to the Trustees. The Trustees will not initiate any projects. The board will need to act as the agent for the request for funding.

Donna Smith has some suggestions for improving the voting process for the Award Committee and a possible need for a bylaws change to accomplish that. John Nass has some ideas about the awards and changes also. Since the officers of the Society will change at Annual Meeting, it was decided that the changes will wait for a new committee.

If by-law changes are needed, a standing rule may be made by the board until such time as the constitution needs revised.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa
Secretary, SPA