

## 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes

**87th Annual Meeting  
West Middlesex, PA  
April 16, 2016**

**Call to Order—President John P. Nass, Jr.** called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

**Roll Call—Attendance:**

First Vice President, Jonathan Libbon; Second Vice President, Tom Glover; Treasurer, Kenneth Burkett; Secretary, Judy Duritsa; Directors: Dr. Catherine Spohn, Suzanne Haney, Bob Oshnock; Chapters: Allegheny, Mon-Yough, Forks of the Delaware, John Shrader, Ohio Valley, Westmoreland, North Fork, Venango, Hawk Mountain. A quorum was present.

**Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting**—corrected minutes were accepted on a **motion** by Jon Libbon, seconded by Catherine Spohn, **PASSED**

**Treasurer’s Report/Budget—written reports are available.** The treasurer’s report and 2016 budget were accepted at previous Board of Directors meetings.

**Elmer Erb Permanent Fund—written reports are available.** The report was accepted at the April 15 Board of Directors meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- Annual Meeting
- Archaeology Month
- Awards Committee
- Education Committee
- ESAF Representative
- Jacob L. Grimm C-14 Award
- PAC Representative
- Publications/Editor

**See Board of Directors Minutes from April 15, 2016 for full reports of the above committees.**

**Collections and Curation Committee**—Janet Johnson reported that the State Museum received the collection of Fred Veigh. With the help of Brian Fritz, Amanda Valko and Bob Oshnock the collection was packed and transported to Harrisburg. It is a massive and important collection.

Janet is working on a new Discover and Preserve rack card to be used to promote donations of artifact collections. It will be sent to the board for review and funding.

**Site Survey/PASS forms—Noel Strattan reported the 2015 site recording results.** No sites were reported in 2015 by anyone identifying themselves as a member of the SPA, therefore no Frances Dorrance award will be presented this year. All the sites recorded came from CRM work. Both new and revised site forms are counted. The total for 2015 is 635 new sites with total sites recorded in Pennsylvania at 24,138. Information can be found at the website: [www.phmc.pa.gov](http://www.phmc.pa.gov). The BHP is now called the State Historic Preservation Office.

**Chapter Reports:** Summary will be published in the Fall Newsletter

**Call for a motion to ratify the actions of the Board of Directors of the Society for the past year.** A **motion** was entered by Roger Moeller, seconded by Jon Libbon, **PASSED**

**Annual Election Ballot:**

**President –elect:** Jonathan Libbon

**Election of Elmer Erb Trustees for six year term ending in 2022:**

Janet Johnson

Meli Diamanti

On a **motion** entered by Ed Dlutowski, the secretary will cast the ballot as presented, seconded by Noel Strattan, PASSED

**A moment of silence was observed for Deceased Members 2015-2016:**

Sharon Assmus

Don Tanner (Life)

Jack Holland

Fred Veigh

Juliana Ballard (Life)

Thomas D. Edwards

A **motion** was entered by Ed Dlutowski to ask that the Society commit to a new format of 8 ½ x 11 for the *Pennsylvania Archaeologist* journal beginning with the new volume of 2017, seconded by Jim Wosochlo, PASSED

Discussion:

- The committee that John Nass is appointed to help with manuscripts and fact finding will report to the board at the November 2016 Board of Directors meeting.
- Cost estimates will be solicited.
- Ease of publication will be addressed, pdf or other formats for new manuscripts submission guidelines.
- Color, illustrations and other display capabilities will be explored.
- Ways to ensure a steady supply of manuscripts will be outlined.

**The committee will be responsible for addressing these issues and working with editor Bernard Means to accomplish this by the 2017 volume 87 (1) issue.**

**Discussion and Announcements**

**Bus Trip Update**—deadline of May 5<sup>th</sup> for reservation and deposit. Information has been distributed by email, in the newsletter and on the website. This is an unusual opportunity to see the archaeology work being performed behind the scenes at the presidential homes.

**October Archaeology Month Workshop at Meadowcroft Museum** will be held on October 1, 2016 in conjunction with Archaeology Month.

**Scripture Rock Park Grand Opening** is scheduled for June 11, 2016.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy M. Duritsa  
Secretary, SPA