

The 19 September 2008 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. The meeting was opened at 10:05 a.m. by Vice President King, who presided in the absence of President Chapman. The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were present at the meeting. The following individuals were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Status</u>
Jessica Crawford	Archaeological Conservancy	Guest
George Lowry	Archaeological Conservancy	Guest
Stacey Young	New South Associates	Member
Sandra Reinhardt	THPO	Member
Nena Rice	SCIAA	Member
Lora Holland	SCIAA	Member
Jim Bates	U.S. Forest Service	Member
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	Member
Carl Steen	Diachronic Research	Member
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Charlie Cobb	SCIAA	Member
Ken Styer	R.S. Webb	Member
Sean Taylor	SCDNR	Member
Andrew Agha	Brockington and Associates	Member
Katy Weisensee	Clemson University	Guest
Melissa Vogel	Clemson University	Guest
Chris Gillam	SRARP - SCIAA	Member
Robert Morgan	U.S. Forest Service	Member
David G. Anderson	University of Tennessee	Member
Martha Zierden	Charleston Museum	Member
Chester DePratter	SCIAA	Member
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	Member
Keith Stephenson	SRARP – SCIAA	Member
Frances Knight	SCDAH	Member
Adam King	SCIAA	Member

The Vice President introduced the guest speaker. Jessica Crawford will convey information about The Archaeological Conservancy and its interests in becoming more active in South Carolina. The business meeting will be held after the guest speaker session concludes.

### **The Archaeological Conservancy – Jessica Crawford, Southeast Regional Director**

Jessica Crawford thanked the membership for their interest. She is from South Carolina and gave a brief biography and introduction to herself. She has been the Regional Director for two years. Most of her Conservancy work so far has not been in South Carolina, but in Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana. The Middle Archaic is her area of interest. The Conservancy does not currently own any sites in South Carolina. Chris Judge had suggested to her the Conservancy could acquire sites in the state, as the state itself is not acquiring sites at this time.

Membership fee in the Conservancy is \$25 per year. It acquires archaeological sites for education and preservation purposes. It acquires the sites through donation or purchase in fee simple. The Conservancy is a charity, which means they pay for all costs of donation. A donation can be used as a tax deduction. They do not themselves conduct research on the

acquired sites, they just hold the title to them. The Management Plan for an acquired property identifies uses compatible with archaeology. Generally a site area can be used as it had been used, e.g. pasture, forest, other, as long as it is not detrimental to the archaeology. The Conservancy finds out about sites through archaeologists, historical societies, landowners, and others. The main criterion for acquisition is a site's research potential. The site does not have to be endangered. Once the Conservancy is notified about a particular site, it will contact the landowner and make arrangements from there.

Ms. Crawford took questions.

Martha Zierden asked what the annual budget is for acquisition. There is no limit. It all comes from one organizational fund and is relative to the property. The Conservancy can partner with other groups to acquire as well. They do whatever they need to do to acquire an important site.

Charlie Cobb asked what is the decision making process when there are multiple sites worthy of acquisition. The sites first have to be for sale, then the size, cost, and archaeology on the sites are considered. It is easiest for the Conservancy to acquire a property, as it is most manageable after acquisition. They have also acquired properties and turned them over to state parks or the National Park Service.

Chris Gillam inquired how to get research access to sites owned by the Conservancy. There needs to be a document prepared that states what you want to do, when, how long it will take, and why. There needs to be a research justification. The Regional Director and outside reviewers familiar with the region will then review the request.

Martha Zierden queried about the provisions for protection after a site is acquired. Protection differs for each site but could involve stabilization, clean up of looting, cameras. A Management Plan is developed for each site, often before acquisition and in conjunction with the landowners. In the Conservancy's articles of incorporation, if the Conservancy becomes defunct, the properties will go to another preservation organization for perpetual preservation.

David Anderson promoted the Conservancy's wonderful magazine with articles about archaeology. Ms. Crawford thanked him and noted she has copies of the magazine and other brochures. Her contact information is on the Conservancy's website and in the magazine if you have sites of interest. Don't hesitate to give her a call.

Vice President King opened a discussion as to whether COSCAPA as an organization wants to actively send information to the Conservancy, or act as individuals. Do we want to be a funnel of information to the Conservancy? Sean Taylor has a list of properties for the state to acquire. Chris Gillam thought it would be good for the Council on a case-by-case basis to bring attention to important sites. The Vice President again put forth whether this should be a COSCAPA effort or the effort of individual members. Martha Zierden responded that an individual rather than group effort seems appropriate at this time. The Vice President noted the Council could revisit this matter at any time.

The guest speaker session being concluded, the business meeting commenced.

## **Visitors**

Additional visitors introduced themselves. Melissa Vogel, a relatively new archaeologist on the Clemson University faculty, attended to meet others in the professional community and is on tour to forge relationships with other institutions. She is currently on the way to meet people associated with the C.S.S. Hunley project. She has a website under development. She is a Latin American specialist and is open to learning as much about Southeastern archaeology as possible. Clemson University still hopes to hire a Southeastern archaeologist in the near future.

Katy Weisensee is the new bioarchaeologist at Clemson University. She performs skeletal analyses from archaeological sites.

Vice President King urged them both to join COSCAPA.

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the 23 May 2008 meeting were presented for discussion and approval. The Vice President queried whether there were any changes, corrections, or additions. There were none. The Vice President requested a motion to accept the minutes. The motion to accept the minutes was made and seconded. None were opposed. The minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

### **Treasurer's Report** - Submitted by Keith Stephenson

As of our last meeting on May 23, 2008, our account balance was \$6,134.07. Since that time, we have received \$230.00 in membership dues, and have had two quarterly expenditures of \$500.00 to the USC Ed Foundation as a donation toward the Archaeology Month poster and \$15.00 to reimburse Vice President Adam King for providing the May 23 meeting refreshments. This brings our account balance to \$5,849.07. Of this amount, \$378.61 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with an available balance of \$5,470.46.

Of the 83 active COSCAPA members (68 Full Members and 15 Associate Members), 55 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$1,000.00, leaving 28 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$530.00.

### **Membership Committee** – Eric Poplin

There have been no applicants since the last meeting.

### **Workshop Committee** – Wayne Roberts

Wayne Roberts talked with Chad Long. Chad indicates there are plans for a lithic workshop in the future. Chad also discussed with Jon Leader at SCIAA the possibility of a remote sensing workshop. SCIAA has acquired a new gradiometer and wants to test it. This workshop could be held on the Horseshoe at USC and would focus on the different types of remote sensing equipment that exists and the different results you get with each. Chad's experience is that people often use the wrong equipment for the task at hand and the kinds of information they are trying to elicit. Outside equipment will be welcomed as comparison to the gradiometer. Chad also wants to invite SCIAA's underwater program to discuss underwater equipment and results. Examples were given by Wayne of using improper underwater equipment.

Carl Steen queried as to who would ground truth the results of the workshop. Wayne indicated most of the anomalies/features on the Horseshoe have already been found during 1973 investigations so we know where they are. The ground truthing would be the comparison of the known locations of the anomalies with the results of the remote sensing experiment. Carl inquired whether there is a report written of the 1973 excavations.

### **SCIAA Liason** – Eric Poplin

No action by this committee.

### **Submerged Resources Committee** – Lora Holland

### Committee Chair

The Committee has lost its Chair – Emily Jateff has moved to Australia. Her husband is a doctoral student at Flinders University.

### C.S.S. Hunley Project

Lora has a statement from the C.S.S. Hunley project. They wanted to be at the COSCAPA meeting, but had to prepare for Melissa Vogel's visit. The staff is making progress with scanning the hull and documenting the surface. They are preparing to deconcretion the surface to expose the hull and document the original surface. This should begin in January.

### SDAMP (Sport Divers Archaeology Management Program)

There is an upcoming DNR Law Enforcement talk on the Underwater Antiquities Act and talking about this Act. They are excited about the Cooper River Heritage Trail. Lora has T-shirts for that.

### Maritime Research Division – SCIAA

The Division has received an American Battlefield Preservation Grant for an underwater survey of Charleston Harbor. Fieldwork will start there probably in February.

Lora went with graduate student Chris Thornock to the Savannah River and helped him with his dissertation research.

Lora inquired as to her COSCAPA membership status.

### Discussion

Melissa Vogel inquired of Lora whether there was anyone available to come to Clemson University and talk. Yes, there is. Bob Morgan queried whether the Underwater Antiquities Act covers fossils. Yes, it does.

### **Native American Liason Committee – Carl Steen**

There will be a meeting of the Commission of Minority Affairs this afternoon at 2:00 p.m. Please attend.

### **Political Action Awareness Committee**

No one present.

### **Office of the State Archaeologist**

No one present. No representative present.

### **SCIAA – Charles Cobb**

#### New Facility

350 Wayne Street seems to be back in play as a curation facility. Charlie wants to impress on the University administration the quantity and quality of collections out there waiting to be curated. He would like a ballpark figure from each agency or firm of the number of cubic feet waiting to be curated.

### ArchSite

The site file polygons are on line via ArchSite. There is more work necessary to get the attribute data on line. Thanks to all who worked on this.

### Archaeology of Frontiers Conference

SCIAA has a post-doctorate for a year. It is Jody Barnes whose specialty is the African Diaspora, particularly African American emancipation in North America. There will be a conference in late February, with a call for papers. The conference will be announced as the time draws nearer. Carl Steen and Jody Barnes have set up informal meetings to discuss every Wednesday at the Hunter Gatherer.

### American Battlefield Preservation Grants

Steve Smith was awarded an American Battlefield Preservation Grant for Snows Island and another for the Charleston to Savannah Railroad. Also received was a grant to work on the C.S.S. Pee Dee, which was scuttled in 1865 on the Pee Dee River.

### **U.S. Forest Service – Bob Morgan**

The next speaker will be on Saturday, 20 September at 2:00 p.m. at the Awendaw Visitors Center. Brett Riggs will speak on his work in the Upstate at eroded Catawba sites in the upland Piedmont. Brett's work and results are very impressive.

Jim Bates stated the USFS has several large surveys going on in the Forest.

### **S.C. Department of Transportation – Wayne Roberts**

#### New Archaeologist Position

SCDOT will finally be getting a new entry level archaeologist position. The position is supposed to be advertised in the coming week. This permanent, full-time position involves survey work statewide and report writing. Contact Wayne if interested, or go on line to the state jobs website where the position will be posted. Wayne will directly supervise the individual, who will work for both Wayne and Chad. There has been reorganization within SCDOT such that Wayne and Chad are now doing archaeology half the time and NEPA documentation the other half. They are serving as in-house consultants, so need the additional fieldwork person.

#### Public Education

Wayne has been working with Eric Poplin, Brockington and Associates, and the Public Education Committee on the public education component for the Combahee Ferry project. There is a wide range of people on the Committee. The public education component for the Georgia Avenue project in North Augusta has been completed. Ten or so signs interpreting archaeology have been placed along the public trails in North Augusta.

#### New Projects

SC5 will be having a bridge replacement over the Catawba River, York and Lancaster counties. There is a buried Late Archaic site and a buried historic Catawba site there. The sites are on both sides of the river and both will be affected by the project. SCDOT will do additional fieldwork. Brett Riggs will be involved with investigating the historic Catawba site.

Earl's Ford on the North Pacolet River. This is the location of General McDowell's encampment and the Battle of Earl's Ford during the Revolutionary War.

There will be a bridge replacement at Anderson Mill.

#### ArchSite

SCDOT is pleased with ArchSite. They will be looking into more funding for it within the year. ArchSite needs the site form function up and accessible.

Carl Steen queried whether the new archaeologist position will be a B.A. or M.A. level position. Wayne responded an M.A. is preferred but not required. Candidates need good survey and field experience as the position will require working in the field unsupervised and at one's own pace.

### **S. C. Department of Natural Resources – Sean Taylor**

Lighthouse Inlet Folly North will be a dedicated Heritage Preserve by the end of the year. SCDNR has a new property in Newberry, a house reputed to be 1785 but more likely the 1810s or 1820s. SCDNR has taken management responsibility at Botany Bay, which should be open to the public 1 July 2009. They are dealing with plantation house outbuildings and preservation plans for them.

There are rumors that the Heritage Trust is not purchasing properties, but they will soon be pursuing acquisition again. Belfast Tract, Woodbury Tract, Morris Tract, Bonneau Ferry Tract have been acquired. If anyone has any sites of interest, let Sean know.

Chris Gilliam inquired whether the Heritage Trust has any funds for purchase. Sean replied the Heritage Trust fund has money, but it is spoken for for now. There is more coming. Nena Rice inquired how many properties there are. Sean replied 17 cultural properties across the state, approximately 80 total Heritage Trust properties. There undoubtedly are numerous unrecognized sites as well. There are many on Botany Bay. There is an impression the Trust is not acquiring properties, but the last purchase completed was in the last few months, although was years in the making. It was the purchase of Altamaha Town, which will be co-managed with Beaufort County.

### **Charleston Museum – Martha Zierden**

The Charleston Museum has been partnering with Brockington and Associates on two projects. At South Adger's Wharf, they found the redans to the Charleston walled city and figured out it is 50 feet off from the Purcell plat. The strata above the wall are intact but are fill. They hope to return to the parking lot to the south to find more of the wall. At Dock Street Theatre they found an intact 1730s-1750s privy. There has been analysis of the faunal remains, during which a large amount of tiny bird bone was identified. The bird remains may point to use in quill work, as the elements identified are those known to have been used in this decorative work.

### **USC Anthropology – Charles Cobb**

No news to report.

### **General**

David Anderson related that two theses pertaining to South Carolina have been completed at the University of Tennessee. One is a geoarchaeology study of Clovis at the Topper site looking at artifact movement. The second is a new predictive model for the Francis Marion National Forest.

Keith Stephenson mentioned to David the Archaeological Society of South Carolina student grant in aid. The amount of funding has increased to as much as \$1000 per student and may be useful to David's students.

Sean Taylor announced anyone wanting to work at archaeological sites on SCDNR land to let him know. He wants to impress on SCDNR administration the interest in and value of archaeology and the archaeological sites managed by SCDNR. Charlie Cobb and Chester DePratter will be working soon at a site on Palachucola WMA.

**Diachronic Research Foundation** – Carl Steen

Diachronic expects to have the Fort Johnson report completed by the end of the year.

**Brockington and Associates** – Eric Poplin

Brockington is writing reports. Andrew Agha is writing the Dean Hall Plantation report. Eric is working on the Combahee Ferry report. Brockington also recently completed fieldwork at an isolated slave house on Daniel Island. They are also working at a variety of resources at the proposed marina location on Daniel Island, which is the former Governor Robert Daniel plantation, and have several other small projects around the state.

Nena Rice inquired whether Brockington's Raleigh office had closed. Yes, it has. Brockington now has seven offices, with the Mt. Pleasant office being the only one in South Carolina.

Wayne Roberts urged Eric to pass on the news about Sally Brockington. Sally Brockington had a baby this week, so Paul Brockington is now a grandfather.

**TRC** – Sean Norris

Mona Grunden has been conducting data recovery at the former housing area on Parris Island, at Late Woodland and Mississippian multiple component sites with shell middens. TRC also has a couple large surveys, one for the Forest Service. TRC is finishing reports, and Sean is finishing the skeletal analysis of Woodland period burials from a site along the Alabama/Tennessee border.

**New South Associates** – Stacey Young

New South is working on a Puerto Rico report and a Forest Service report. Natalie Adams conducted fieldwork investigations in Beaufort at an outbuilding associated with the Elijah Smalls house. It had been proposed to build on top of the former structure. New South also is finishing up the Highway 17 report and the evaluation of the sweet grass basket stands along Highway 17 as Traditional Cultural Properties. They will be heading to Mississippi for survey.

**R.S. Webb** – Ken Styer

R.S. Webb has completed Phase 3 fieldwork at a small 19th-century freedman site near Bluffton. They will be conducting data recovery at the 18<sup>th</sup>-century Beneventum rice plantation on the Black River in Georgetown County. Ken is writing up the last of the Old Boy [?] site, a dense Thoms Creek deposit with a lithic workshop. Outside of South Carolina, they finished supplemental excavations at the Pig Pen site, excavated by Ledbetter in 1989. There is a Middle to Late Archaic house. They have been able to date Guilford-like ovate points.

**Catawba Tribal Historic Preservation Office** – Sandra Reinhardt

Sandra will be taking a leave of absence. Please let her or Wenonah Haire know of anyone they might contact to take Sandra's place during her leave of absence.

**Old Business**

## Pottery Volume

Vice President King noted David Anderson is in attendance and played a key role in developing the pottery volume. Carl Steen, Chris Judge, and Vice President King have been discussing how to approach the volume. The Vice President requested discussion on the status of the volume and how to proceed with it.

Carl Steen reported having gotten the components of the pottery volume together to assess laying out the existing report with no additional effort. He concluded it is not worth reproducing the existing volume. For one thing, it is necessary to rephotograph all the artifacts from the sorting guide in color. He has given everything back to David Anderson. The type collection at SCIAA is needed for the sorting guide. The current sorting guide is largely North Carolina types and we need South Carolina types.

David Anderson thanked Carl, Chris Judge, and Adam King for moving this along. Carl put together the black and white illustrations. We need to move forward on this, but first need to go to South Carolina ceramics, as the descriptions and black and white illustrations are based on North Carolina ceramics. Anderson indicated Sharon Pekrul at SCIAA has the collections, and requested of Charlie Cobb to access the collection. The type collection at SCIAA is available for inspection and use. Anderson had read the minutes of the last meeting. COSCAPA had gotten grant money for the volume, which is now unencumbered, but agree that money was given to COSCAPA to publish a volume like this. He still has no firm plan to finish the volume, but hopes COSCAPA will honor funding a pottery volume. The resulting publication probably will be a DVD of the sorting guide, with illustrations of the ceramics. There is a transcript of video of the conference, but it is useful mainly for historical purposes. The sorting of pottery and temper types is of most importance. David has asked others who proposed pottery types for their type/temper descriptions for the sorting guide.

Vice President King noted taking color photographs of the types is good, but we also need the sorting guide.

David Anderson indicated the sorting guide needs editing and updating. He would need to read the entire literature for South Carolina to plug in all references to types.

Carl Steen opined this would need a year of constant work.

Martha Zierden stated we need a sorting guide, that we've never had one.

Vice President King supported the need to work on the sorting guide.

David Anderson stated this was doable, that it is 80% to 90% done already. However, the type descriptions are formidable, especially if he did not develop them, but he can't tell now where the types are found as he is behind in the literature for South Carolina.

Vice President King clarified as to what COSCAPA wants. The color photographs and sorting criteria would be the most immediate need met. It could be distributed as a DVD or webpage.

Martha Zierden affirmed this statement and indicated everything else is too enormous at this time. We need to implement the more manageable components. We have nothing to show all these years after the conference.

David Anderson countered that copies are available on CD.

Vice President King queried as to making PDF files available and linked to the COSCAPA website. How would these be cited?

David Anderson indicated these would be 4 MB files and could go to COSCAPA now. A finished product could be on DVD. If people who proposed types don't care to provide the description information, then those types would not be included.

Vice President King indicated the webpage could be via ongoing entry to get up what we have, but influence people to get their descriptions in.

David Anderson agreed.

Sean Taylor supported a "Wikipedia"-type approach.

Vice President King recommended giving a copy of the existing CD to the webpage and



voting on this recommendation. David Anderson moved to place the type descriptions on the webpage. The motion was seconded. The membership voted to put it up on the webpage.

It was then discussed whether to spend money or not on the color photographs and sorting guide. There is \$2000 in the budget. Carl Steen stated he will do this and will get access to the type collections at SCIAA. He has already talked with Sharon Pekrul about access.

David Anderson urged the membership to scream at him to get his part done.

Vice President King indicated the membership does not need to vote on spending money for this, then.

### Other Old Business

Vice President King inquired as to any other Old Business. None was brought forth.

### **New Business**

#### ASSC Request for Donation

Vice President King brought up that he had misunderstood the ASSC request for donation at the last meeting and had morphed it into Nena Rice's request for the Archaeology Month poster. We gave \$500 to the Archaeology Month poster last meeting, but the request for donation had actually been to support ASSC outreach efforts. Still outstanding is the request from ASSC to donate money to support its outreach efforts.

Chris Gillam queried how much was raised in membership dues this year. \$1000.00. We have already paid out \$500 and now another \$500 is being requested. Chris stated ASSC has membership and dues of its own to raise money. Chris tried to keep ASSC and COSCAPA separate when he was in office at ASSC. He stated Fall Field Day to be a successful failure and that there has never been any new membership result from it.

Sean Taylor replied he has taken over Fall Field Day. There is better assistance and attendance now.

David Anderson indicated this is a different request than just supporting Fall Field Day and that COSCAPA should support it.

Keith Stephenson reported we spend \$400 to \$500 for the Archaeology Month poster per year. We also spend \$400 to \$500 for the student grant in aid per year, plus miscellaneous expenses.

Chris Gillam pointed out we are donating all our yearly income to various projects. He objected to this, and to donating entirely to one organization. There is no measurable benefit of Fall Field Day.

There followed considerable animated discussion as to what COSCAPA is going to spend its money on. Ken Styer preferred building a base of support for archaeology, so we need to support Fall Field Day. Carl Steen supported the need for Fall Field Day to have COSCAPA support and indicated Sean Taylor had 15 or 20 exhibitors there last year. Sean Taylor asked for support for Fall Field Day. Stacey Young noted the ASSC request for donation involved settling money on other issues, too, such as publications, other outreach, etc. Vice President King noted this to be true. Nena Rice feels COSCAPA should partner with and support other major organizations in the state. ASSC is composed of professionals and amateurs and supports students, the yearly professional conference, and the professional journal. COSCAPA needs to be more involved. Wayne Roberts observed most of the people in the room are funded directly or indirectly by public funds. We need to convince the public to continue funding positions by reaching out. David Anderson observed that, based on the amount of funds in the treasury, COSCAPA has the resources to give a contribution. The question is how much.

Vice President requested a motion for a pledge of support and the amount for an ASSC donation, and queried whether it should be earmarked. Nena Rice moved a \$500 donation for

general outreach to ASSC. The Vice President requested any discussion.

Martha Zierden countered that the motion was vague. What is ASSC's greatest need, and will there be subsequent requests for assistance? Chris Gillam preferred to have ASSC come once a year and ask for funding rather than come several times for different requests. Nena Rice responded ASSC has not approached COSCAPA more than once. Vice President King noted we will be approached for the student grant in aid, and are discussing support now. Charlie Cobb proposed supporting general outreach as it gives the widest latitude to ASSC to use the money. Vice President King read the letter from ASSC requesting the donation. Treasurer Stephenson inquired as to what we are talking about. Stacey Young cautioned that we need Natalie Adams here to present her position. Carl Steen summarized ASSC's activities as public outreach - that is all it does. COSCAPA can earmark a donation for outreach, publications, or general expenses. Chris Gillam did not want to support normal business expenses for another society. He preferred the alternative of being more actively involved via partnership rather than just funneling money to ASSC. ASSC has its own budget and funds for normal business expenses. Supporting the grant in aid program is great. Carl Steen noted he has scanned the 40 years of South Carolina Antiquities with the intention of putting it on CD for distribution. Will COSCAPA support this effort? It is not regular business and would be a bonus. There was discussion between Chris Gillam and Carl Steen.

Vice President King requested a motion to vote on whether to give money to ASSC or not. Martha Zierden moved to give money. The motion was seconded by Stacey Young. It was objected that there already was a motion by Nena Rice on the floor. The Vice President noted that motion had not been seconded and requested a second now. None was supplied. Nena Rice withdrew her motion. The Vice President requested another motion. Chris Gillam motioned that COSCAPA partner with ASSC to make public outreach and other issues a common goal. This could be financial aid agreed upon and a direct partnership of COSCAPA in those events. Vice President King noted this is our constitution. We do not need to move on it. The question is do we give money to ASSC or not? Chris Gillam commented further. Vice President King queried as to a second for Chris Gillam's motion. It was queried as to what the motion is. The Vice President summarized the motion as being Chris Gillam's motion that we partner with ASSC on common goals and whether we give them money and how much. After a long silence, the motion was seconded by David Anderson.

Considerable additional discussion and disagreement ensued. There were questions about parliamentary procedure and the definition of "partnership". Lora Holland offered that it sounds like we want to support the student grant in aid but not other outreach. Carl Steen noted COSCAPA has traditionally supported Fall Field Day.

Vice President King queried as to whether there was any more discussion of the motion. Do we want to partner with ASSC? The motion did not pass. David Anderson moved to give something to ASSC, that Fall Field Day is a good thing and we need to support that. Perhaps \$100 to \$200? Chester DePratter thought COSCAPA should commit to more than that, perhaps \$500. ASSC is trying to build itself up. Sean Norris seconded the motion to give a donation to ASSC. The membership voted yes. None opposed.

Vice President King queried how much the donation should be and whether it should be earmarked. Martha Zierden motioned to donate \$500 for Fall Field Day. The motion was quickly seconded. It was briefly discussed whether the donation should be earmarked for Fall Field Day. The decision was yes. The membership voted on the motion. All votes were in favor, none were opposed. Vice President King summarized that COSCAPA had voted in the affirmative to donate \$500 to ASSC for Fall Field Day.

The intense and extensive discussion raised additional comments. Jim Bates questioned whether our membership dues are high enough. Perhaps they should be raised. Vice President King thought we could start looking more closely at the budget to assess income and expenses and where the money goes. Part of the issue is we have a limited amount of

money, what do we want to spend it on? Andrew Agha inquired when dues were last raised. David Anderson suggested the Vice President direct the Treasurer to explore these issues and report on the amount of discretionary funds available.

### Running Website of Excavations

Nena Rice brought up initiating a running website of archaeological investigations being conducted around the state that could be used as a clearinghouse for people interested in archaeology. The Vice President noted COSCAPA would not necessarily ferret out this information, just post the information it receives. Rob Moon is managing the COSCAPA website.

Vice President King opened a discussion as to whether COSCAPA is the place to host this website and serve as a clearinghouse. Nena responded that it will be/could be posted on the SCIAA website. The Vice President noted that this would then be repeating SCIAA's efforts. Nena countered that it was best to get it on as many websites as possible. The Vice President offered that SCIAA can collect the data and COSCAPA can post it on the COSCAPA website or link to it on SCIAA's website. Nena requested that postings be sent to her and the information would be on SCIAA's webpage. Vice President King summarized the question as being whether COSCAPA should collect this information and put it on its webpage. Nena noted this has already been started but inquired as to what is all the work going on in South Carolina. We need public access to this information for public outreach. The Vice President queried whether SCIAA will be the clearinghouse for all this information. Nena countered that COSCAPA needs to be involved. Charlie Cobb described that the initiative for this website came from a newspaper reporter's suggestion. Vice President King questioned who will administer. Should COSCAPA be compiling the information should the postings be sent to Nena to compile? Eric Poplin inquired wasn't ASSC creating a similar webpage for its website? Chris Gillam expressed the need to partner with ASSC. David Anderson mentioned that Tennessee has Archnet to tap into. He advises South Carolina to do this, too, although it is intensive and needs weekly to daily attention. Money needs to be devoted to server space. Martha Zierden agreed, noting linking is the way to get information easily and not duplicate efforts. David Anderson related the undertaking would need a dedicated individual, as it is intensive and would require daily postings. Eric Poplin stated the undertaking would require effort and funding. He would like to see the results of the budget study before committing to the website endeavor. Martha Zierden stated COSCAPA does not seem to be the right organization for this, it does not have the infrastructure to carry out the objective. David Anderson indicated it does, but the endeavor would need a manager. Martha Zierden indicated COSCAPA can help but cannot implement. David Anderson replied maybe COSCAPA could not afford to do this, but could help. Charlie Cobb stated ASSC should be the key player. He will attend the board meeting and bring back the results of discussion to COSCAPA. Carl Steen thinks we are making all this too complicated. We just need to make one page, send it to ASSC, and then link to the existing information.

### Other New Business

Vice President King inquired as to any other New Business. None was brought up.

### **Announcements**

Martha Zierden announced the Lowcountry Archaeology Forum will next convene Friday, 5 December 2008 at the Charleston Museum. The Forum will be devoted to a Show and Tell Extravaganza from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All artifacts from mundane to bizarre are welcome.

Nena Rice announced an excellent ETV documentary on finding Clovis. David

Anderson and Lora Holland appear in it. Nena also thanked Chris Judge for the excellent 2008 Archaeology Month poster and requested all members to take posters for distribution.

Nena Rice also noted that a slave/diaspora topic will be the focus of next year's Archaeology Month poster. Brockington and Associates has offered to design the 2009 poster.

### **Next Meeting**

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The day and date of Friday, 5 December 2008 was agreed upon, with the place of meeting tentatively identified as the Charleston Museum, Charleston. The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Lowcountry Archaeology Forum Show and Tell Extravaganza. Martha Zierden will confirm the availability of the meeting room and notify the Executive Committee.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was requested by Vice President King. The motion was moved and seconded. All votes were in favor of adjournment. The 19 September 2008 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances R. Knight  
Secretary