

The 11 September 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. by Vice President King. The Vice President and Secretary were present at the meeting. The following individuals were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Status</u>
Adam King	SCIAA	Member
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Carl Steen	Diachronic Research Foundation	Member
Wayne Roberts	SCDOT	Member
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	Member
Stacey Young	New South Associates	Member
Sean Taylor	SCDNR	Member
Chuck Cantley	SHPO	Member
Frances Knight	Independent	Member
Charlie Cobb	SCIAA	Member
Gail Wagner	USC	Member
Jeff Craves	SCDOT	Guest
Ben Johnson	SRARP	Guest
Aaron Brummitt	S&ME	Member

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Secretary noted she had sent out the draft minutes from the 29 May 2009 meeting by email and inquired whether there were any changes, corrections, or additions to them. No changes, corrections, or additions were brought up.

Adam King made a motion to accept the minutes. Carl Steen seconded the motion. All ayes, none were opposed. The minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report - Respectfully submitted by Keith Stephenson, Treasurer

In the absence of Treasurer Stephenson, the Treasurer's Report was read by Vice President King:

As of our last meeting on May 29, 2009, our account balance was \$4,900.65. Since that time, we have received \$130.00 in membership dues and \$30.00 in sales for the South volume fund. Additionally, we had two quarterly expenditures of \$29.40 to reimburse Fran Knight for providing refreshments at the last meeting and \$37.44 to reimburse Fran Knight for new microcassette tapes for recording the meetings. Of this amount, \$30.00 remains in the South volume fund, which will be transferred to Carl Steen, thus leaving COSCAPA with a total available balance of \$4,963.81.

Of the 64 active COSCAPA members for 2009 (53 Full Members and 11 Associate Members), 33 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$610.00, leaving 31 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$560.00.

Discussion

Carl Steen noted he has already been paid for the South volume, so the \$30.00 should go into the general fund, as should any new money received for the South volume.

Native American Liason Committee – Carl Steen

No action.

Membership Committee – Eric Poplin

In the absence of Eric Poplin, the Membership Committee report was read by Vice President King: There have been no new applicants since the last meeting.

SCIAA Liason Committee – Eric Poplin

In the absence of Eric Poplin, the SCIAA Liason Committee report was read by Vice President King: There has been no action since the last meeting.

Workshop Committee – Wayne Roberts

The Workshop Committee has not met, and there is nothing scheduled. However, they are looking to coordinate with Jim Bates a field visit to metavolcanic quarries in Edgefield and Saluda counties. Everyone thinks of metavolcanic lithic material as being of North Carolina origin, however, these are local outcrops.

Carl Steen announced he has been discussing with Chad Long a pottery workshop in February. It will be a two-day symposium, with both papers and hands-on sessions. There will be pottery experts such as David Anderson and John Cable present to discuss South Carolina pottery. The symposium will be modeled after the 1996 pottery conference held at Hobcaw Barony. They are looking at the week of 12 or 18 February, Friday and Saturday, to be held in Columbia, hopefully at the Department of Archives and History and SCDNR's Styx facility.

SCDOT – Wayne Roberts

The archaeologists are slammed with work due to the stimulus package. Their federal expenditure doubled for the year due to stimulus money, with the money going mostly toward repaving projects. They are working on the second wave of projects, to be let in February. The first wave of projects was shovel ready projects.

They will be starting projects with consultants and also have some underway. TRC has been in Florence County conducting 18 miles of survey for US 378 widening and has found ca. 14 sites. Sean Norris noted that count has now been collapsed to ca. 12 sites, including one prehistoric site near wetlands, ca. 75 structures from the ca. 1950s, and a church and frame house that may be eligible or potentially eligible for the National Register. Carl Steen inquired whether the US 378 bridge over the Great Pee Dee River was being widened. The SC 701 bridge is being widened. This will affect a small area. There are graves in the area. This project will require careful monitoring.

There are seven sites on the northern section of the I-73 project, six sites in Marlboro County and one site in Dillon County. Testing will begin on these sites as soon as landowner permission for right of entry is received.

Widening of seven miles of US 25 in Edgefield County is coming up. This will be in the vicinity of North Augusta toward Trenton. The historic Pine House is within that location, as are associated archaeological sites. The Pine House has a pecan alley that contributes to eligibility and that will be avoided by a reroute with ca. one mile of new road.

They are getting a consultant in the field to metal detect the entire Buford's Battlefield massacre site. This is where Tarleton clobbered Buford. The fieldwork should result in a better understanding of what happened where. There also is a possible mass grave out there.

There are two projects in Spartanburg County, both bridge replacements. For the first project on the North Pacolet River, Scott Butler with Brockington and Associates is metal

detecting and has found 30 to 50 caliber range bullets, which is what would be expected for frontier militia bullets. The intensity of bullets increases away from the road. There is some thought that this could be Earl's Ford, associated with a Revolutionary War battle, however, there are several alternative roads/locations proposed for the ford. There is no time or money to metal detect a second possible location on Old Rutherford Road. The second project is at Anderson Mill Bridge. The Anderson Mill at this location was the first place court was held in Spartanburg District in 1785. The mill is still there, but has been rebuilt through time so that the mill there now is of late 19th century construction. It is on the North Tyger River. SCDOT moved the project upstream to avoid the historic site, however, archaeologists found a Late Archaic/Early Woodland site at the new location. Survey even further upstream showed the site to be present there as well. SCDOT cannot shift the location of the new bridge more than it has, so will need to test the prehistoric site to determine its significance and provide information to develop a data recovery plan. A local organization may take the Anderson Mill Bridge on as a pedestrian bridge, with the possibility for a trail there. The foundations under the existing bridge are late 19th to early 20th century for a covered bridge, having had a concrete capital put over the stone piers of the old bridge. The bridge is eligible for the National Register and contributes to the Anderson Mill site, which is on the National Register.

Carl Steen reported he is working on a Native American pottery website that is an outcome of a MOA between the SCDOT and Beaufort County. Wayne noted this website is creative mitigation and a way to get out of the rut of data recovery. SCDOT is also considering offsite mitigation as a form of creative mitigation.

Charlie Cobb inquired why SCDOT decided not to put money from TEA21 into historic preservation. Wayne responded he can't figure out what is going on there, they have used these funds in the past, for example, to acquire the Fish Dam Ford property. The decision is in the enhancement realm, and the project needs to be transportation related. Everyone wants to redo their train depots and this is using up the funds. Wayne is trying to find out whether planning funds are encumbered by the same requirement.

SHPO – Chuck Cantley

Chuck reported not much is going on. He has a review that involves Micheaux's gardens in Charleston. This was the third botanical garden in the United States. Micheaux exported trees, seeds, and animals to King Louis XVI, and in return received the crape myrtle. The site is next to the Charleston Airport, with part of the site being developed by SCE&G. The government owns a fair portion of the remaining garden area. The remaining 111 acres of the site is mostly developed, but some of it near the garden area still exists. Drayton talks about Micheaux's gardens and getting plants there. Dee Dee Joyce of the College of Charleston had limited fieldwork going on there this summer, involving a few weekends and a few students. She placed small, spaced units near where the house was identified, based on a domestic midden but no foundations, and found several very rich, 1700s features. Slave cabins are documented in diaries, but it is unknown where these were on the ground. The SCE&G project has an OCRM land disturbance permit and SHPO has argued the need for fieldwork. SHPO has had to justify the significance and need for work. They hope to get shovel testing near the garden area, which is under SCE&G ownership.

Carl Steen queried whether any legacy photographs were available. Chuck noted some 1911 photographs show big trees that are no longer there, now being the approach to the airstrip. Chuck indicated Dee Dee Joyce needed an ARPA permit to conduct her work at the site, which took time to get and meant she didn't get much done in the time remaining to her. She also had few students to conduct the fieldwork. A national level of significance could be argued for Micheaux's gardens.

USC – Department of Anthropology – Gail Wagner

Gail is in the lab analyzing just-excavated materials from Palachucola Town, and is concentrating on colonial era Indian sites. She is pulling together data from Daniel Island site 38BK1633 and Palachucola Town. She previously analyzed Daniel Island site 38BK552, is reanalyzing 38YK3 (Spratts Bottom, ca. 1500), and is getting to look at some of her own work at 38KE12 (Mulberry Site). She will be presenting a paper on this work at SEAC and the SAAs next year.

Gail discussed that historic accounts from the 1680s mention peach and figs. She is finding peach in her assemblages. She also has found cowpea at Daniel Island site 38BK1633, where, in addition, one feature alone has more tobacco than all the sites in South Carolina and North Carolina to date. She also finds maize, squash, and gourd, but not many weed seeds. Wood is pine or oak.

Wayne Roberts noted peach was found on the Cherokee sites at Tellico. Gail noted the Spanish brought peach, cowpea, and maybe watermelon, and that watermelon astonished the French coming down from the Great Lakes. Peaches can produce in three to four years. They are prolific trees, with the fruits in the Lowcountry used to feed hogs. Carl Steen queried whether grapes noted in historic accounts had been identified. Gail responded not, but also that they would need to be preserved/carbonized. Lesley Drucker queried whether Europeans would have called figs something else. Gail responded probably not. She brought up that “peas” means cowpeas. She is finding mostly wood at Palachucola, with few native nuts and few weed seeds. She noted the range of variation among the assemblages she is analyzing, and that it remains to be seen whether mostly wood is common to these late sites.

SCIAA – Charlie Cobb

Charlie reported that Tommy Charles retired at the end of May. Tommy has been working on the Robertson Farm sites north of Greenville. There is a possible/probable palisade and a recent find of a pair of chunky stones in situ in a feature. There is an A.D. 900 date for the possible/probable palisade, which makes it contemporary with those in Georgia and elsewhere. All the individuals associated with this project, including the landowners, received a Palmetto Trust award this year for their efforts.

Several field schools were held. Jon Leader had a remote sensing field school. Charlie and Chester DePratter conducted a field school at Palachucola Town, a late 1600 to early 1700s Indian town. They found many features associated with the short term Native American occupation. The location was probably reoccupied by a colonial earthfast building. They will return to the site next year for additional fieldwork. The site is on SCDNR property, so thanks to them for permitting the excavation. There was a combined terrestrial and underwater field school at the Mars Bluff Naval Yard near Florence, held in conjunction with Eastern Carolina University. They found the remains of where the CSS Pee Dee was scuttled. Cannon from the ship will be raised in ca. 2010.

At SRARP, Adam King and Keith Stephenson are preparing a synthesis of Mississippian archaeology in the Savannah River region. Chris Moore hopes to initiate a new research program for Carolina bays. Based on gastroliths they are finding, the bays probably were resting places for migratory waterfowl.

Regarding the post-doctoral scholar program, USC Press will publish the results of Jodi Barnes's conference. The new post-doctoral scholar is David Goldstein, an ethnobotanist who focuses on historical ecology written large and how archaeology can contribute to present-day discussions of sustainability, landscapes, etc. He is organizing a conference on this topic to be held next spring. Gail Wagner noted David Goldstein will be teaching a 500 level course in historical ecology next semester. It will focus on landscapes in South Carolina.

Adam King noted the annual report is in preparation, Chris Moore is reviving the local archaeology program, and Tammy and Rob have been working at Galphin's trading post. Wayne Roberts queried how the volunteer program works. Adam indicated Chris goes out to find volunteers locally. It is informal, with no mass call for volunteers. Wayne queried about training. Adam responded volunteers receive on-the-job training, although Chris is looking for people with experience already. Wayne queried whether people can be directed to this program, with Adam responding yes.

Gail Wagner noted there is open lab at USC from 5 to 8 p.m. on Thursdays.

AF Consultants – Lesley Drucker

Lesley has several small projects across the state and in North Carolina. She also will be going back to Calhoun Mills for a one-day consultation. The mill and dam is within land bank acreage, and it is not yet clear how land bank projects will affect the mill site.

Diachronic Research Foundation – Carl Steen

Carl is working on a Native American pottery website and has spent considerable time doing background work on pottery. He will be conducting a survey at the Penn Center probably next month.

Aaron Brummitt queried whether the website will focus on a particular site. Carl responded the website will focus on all pottery from South Carolina, with the backbone being the David Anderson's pottery sorting guide that resulted from the 1996 conference. Carl has photographed the South Carolina type collection at SCIAA. Lesley Drucker inquired whether North Carolina was uploaded. Carl noted the 1996 pottery sorting guide has that already. A lot of material is available on-line now at Carl's "ning" website. He has a deadline, theoretically, of January 15, 2010.

S&ME – Aaron Brummitt

Aaron is continuing the Mount Pleasant office's projects. Fort Pemberton is the main project at the moment. They have had a few reconnaissance surveys, site certifications in coastal counties, and a data recovery at a 19th to 20th century farm in east Tennessee.

TRC – Sean Norris

TRC has conducted a survey for SCDOT for widening US 378. They also performed a small survey and testing in Blythewood but found very little. Another small survey and testing in Lexington County near the Dreher's Fort marker found a house mound with a rebuilt chimney, with ca. 20th century and maybe some mid-18th century artifacts. There was nothing definitive to indicate the fort, which may have been destroyed by the clay pits that are there now. The fort probably was near Twelve Mile Creek near the current millpond. They also have a couple other small surveys.

New South Associates – Stacey Young

Stacey has concluded a survey of ca. 3000 acres in the Francis Marion National Forest. Natalie Adams is working on proposals. Natalie will be conducting two surveys in York County next week.

Wayne Roberts noted there is a final report by New South for the county-wide surveys in

Marion and Horry counties that were sponsored by SCDOT as part of the I-73 research. The county-wide surveys are the architectural surveys of the two counties and this is the final report for those surveys.

Old Business

Vice President King queried as to any old business from the floor. None was brought forth.

New Business

Nominations Committee

Vice President King brought up the need to assemble a Nominations Committee for the December election. Chris Judge usually chairs the committee, but the Vice President inquired as to volunteers for the committee. Carl Steen volunteered to help Chris. Mona Colburn and Natalie Adams also are usually on the Nominations Committee. Adam King appointed Carl, Mona, and Chris as the Nominations Committee to have a slate ready for the next meeting.

OCRM Guidelines and Workshop

Vice President King addressed the SHPO invitation to COSCAPA regarding OCRM's guidelines and workshop and read aloud the following invitation from SHPO:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control, Office of Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) has asked the SHPO to develop procedures for fulfilling a portion of the *South Carolina Coastal Program Document*. This Document states that "in review and certification of permit applications in the coastal zone, the [Department] will be guided by the following general considerations:.....historic or archaeological resources—irretrievable loss of sites identified as signification [sic] by SCIAA or SCDAH without reasonable opportunity for professional examination and/or excavation, or preservation." The SHPO would like the cultural resources professionals' input on what will determine a "reasonable opportunity for examination, excavation, or preservation", as well as input on what constitutes "professional." We will be hosting a workshop on **Wednesday, December 2, 2009** from **1:00 PM to 4:00 PM** at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. We invite all interested members of COSCAPA to join us in this discussion. Please contact Rebekah Dobrasko at (803) 896-6183 or dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us if you have any questions or comments.

Considerable discussion ensued. Gail Wagner queried whether this said sites determined significant or potentially significant, as there is a big difference between these two categories. Adam King noted Chuck had mentioned OCRM is interested only in sites that are significant, but that OCRM thinks it is not responsible for identification of new sites, although that discussion is not the topic of this invitation. Chuck noted SHPO is still in discussion with OCRM, which is saying identification of sites is not in their program, and further discussed OCRM's position on cultural resources. Gail queried about listing Micheaux's site. Chuck indicated this would be a good thing if someone can be found to do it. Gail noted maybe David Goldstein's class. Chuck noted this would be good, there is a huge potential there but we don't know the precise location of the gardens or the extent of the deposits. Gail noted the National Register State Review Board sees very few archaeological applications. Would the entire plantation be the site? Chuck noted the lack of known site boundaries and that SCE&G has buildings, etc. on it. Site boundaries and integrity are integral to a National Register nomination. He also mentioned the new National Register reviewer at the National Park Service is very tough. SHPO had nine or ten nominations returned last time as needing additional documentation.

Lesley Drucker queried whether SHPO will be notifying COSCAPA of the OCRM

workshop. The Secretary indicated the SHPO's invitation had just been received and she would forward it to the membership.

Charlie Cobb noted if identification is not in the program document it means they don't have to find it. Chuck indicated archaeologists need to demonstrate significance if a site is identified. Also, OCRM recognizes "eligible" to mean determined eligible by the Keeper of the National Register, not by SHPO. In OCRM's eyes and for OCRM's purposes, SHPO can only determine that a resource is "significant" or not; it cannot act as the Keeper and determine eligibility for the National Register.

Wayne Roberts noted that OCRM is a state agency, but isn't it related to NOAA or EPA? If so, the Executive Order for delegation should apply. OCRM is hiding behind a false law. How can this be exposed – would it take a lawsuit? Aaron Brummitt noted there is some DHEC delegation by USEPA, so wouldn't this constitute federal delegation to a state agency?

Vice President King indicated COSCAPA could take this up and have a voice and should pay attention to the workshop. Gail Wagner proposed a newspaper reporter to publicize and raise public awareness. Wayne Roberts proposed getting organizations in the coastal plain interested, such as the Coastal Carolina League, National Trust for Historic Preservation, etc. Carl Steen proposed the Acting President should write a letter. The Vice President noted he could do this, but it would go nowhere. A political push would be necessary. Sean Taylor indicated we need a law that makes all state agencies take care of their cultural resource responsibilities. The Vice President will talk with Chuck Cantley and Wayne Roberts about what to do. This situation will require advocacy and deep pockets to push by someone not vested in the outcome. Aaron Brummitt queried about contacting the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation for their advice and whether they would get involved. Sean Taylor indicated this may work, or at least talk to them about the matter. The Vice President indicated he would write a draft letter and circulate it, but it will be a huge effort to not have this happen.

Chuck Cantley indicated all this is resulting from OCRM's attorneys going through all their laws and program documents and reassessing their processes. The Vice President indicated it sounds like OCRM is being regulated by the people being regulated and their interests.

SCDNR – Sean Taylor

Sean arrived late to the meeting so is just now giving his report. The revenue for the Heritage Trust Fund appears to be coming up, but there is a large loan payment due next month so the money is going there. No new acquisitions, natural or cultural, are being contemplated.

Sean has been looking at firing ranges and trails here and there. He saw some pieces of soapstone in Laurens County and inquired whether anyone knew of soapstone outcrops in that county. Carl Steen noted soapstone outcrops in Abbeville, which would be the same geological formation as in Laurens County.

Fall Field Day will be held 3 October 2009 at Walnut Grove near Spartanburg. The idea is to piggyback on the Walnut Grove Plantation FestiFall event rather than have a separate ASSC event. ASSC will have one table to talk about the Society, membership, publications for sale, etc. Scott Jones will be there, as will the Foothills Chapter of ASSC. Chris Judge and Fran Knight will be there probably.

Announcements

Gail Wagner announced a new conference to be held in Charlotte. Sean Taylor explained this is a conference on experimental archaeology, to be held 1-3 October 2010 at the Schiele Museum.

Sean Taylor brought up he needs volunteers for the ASSC Board. He has candidates

for some slots, but needs candidates for President, Vice President, Nominations, and a few other positions.

Next Meeting

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 11 December 2009 at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. Chuck Cantley will check on the availability of the meeting room and the Secretary will notify the membership.

Adjournment

There being no other business, Vice President King adjourned the meeting. The 11 September 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances R. Knight
Secretary