

## **20 August 2010 Meeting Minutes Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**

On Friday, August 20, 2010 the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) meeting was held at the South Carolina Archives and History Center in Columbia, South Carolina. The meeting was called to order at 10:11 a.m. by President Adam King. The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were present at the meeting and the following individuals were in attendance:

| <b>Name</b>      | <b>Affiliation</b>   | <b>Status</b> |
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| Leslie Drucker   | AF Consultants       | Member        |
| Michelle Schohn  | UNC-Chapel Hill      | Member        |
| Robert T. Morgan | USDA Forest Service  | Member        |
| Nena Rice        | SCIAA                | Member        |
| Aaron Brummitt   | S&ME, Inc.           | Member        |
| Rob Moon         | SCIAA-SRARP          | Member        |
| Tammy Herron     | SCIAA-SRARP          | Associate     |
| Ben Johnson      | SRARP                | Member        |
| Chris Judge      | USC Lancaster        | Member        |
| Steven D. Smith  | SCIAA                | Member        |
| Ramona Grunden   | TRC                  | Associate     |
| Gail Wagner      | USC                  | Member        |
| Martha Zierden   | Charleston Museum    | Member        |
| Sean Norris      | TRC                  | Member        |
| Adam King        | SCIAA                | Member        |
| Keith Stephenson | SCIAA-SRARP          | Member        |
| Stacey Young     | New South Associates | Member        |

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The minutes from the 21 May 2010 meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

### **Guests**

Several Guests were in attendance including: Jodi Barnes, Rebekah Dobrasko, and Elizabeth Johnson from SCDAH-SHPO; Cameron Howell and Walter Clifford IV both graduate students from USC; and Karen Smith from Monticello.

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

As of our last meeting on May 21, 2010, our account balance was \$4,982.22. Since that time, we have received \$80.00 in current and past membership dues, which brings our account balance to \$5,062.22. Of this amount, \$30.00 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with a total available balance of \$5,032.22.

Of the 62 active COSCAPA members for 2010 (52 Full Members and 10 Associate Members), 34 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$610.00, leaving 28 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$530.00.

**Workshop Committee**

No members of the Workshop Committee were present.

**Membership/Qualifications Committee – Eric Poplin**

No activity since last meeting. A few inquiries, but no applications.

**SCIAA Liason Committee – No Action since last meeting.****Submerged Resources Committee- No one present.****Native American Liason Committee – No Action****Political Action Awareness Committee – Nena Rice**

Nena mentioned Bill H4129 was passed. The bill concerns looting of archaeological sites.

**SCIAA –Nena Rice**

Nena reported that David Goldstein has been retained by USC and will be teaching a field school along with Ken Kelly in St. Croix at Salt River Bay during the Maymester. The new visiting scholar is Molly Zuckerman, a bioanthropologist from Emory. Her research focus is disease of bones and she will be holding a conference in March.

Tommy Charles has a new book that will be published in September about rock art in South Carolina and Stan South is publishing a book about Brunswick Town. Steve Smith recently conducted work at Williamson Plantation, and Jim Legg did some work in Camden. Topper Site received a documentary award. Much of this work will be discussed in the new issue of Legacy that is coming out.

Nena announced that October is Archaeology Month and Fall Field Day will be held October 9<sup>th</sup> at Charles Towne Landing.

**SRARP-SCIAA – Adam King**

The annual report is in preparation for SRARP.

**Archives and History- Elizabeth Johnson**

The new Staff Archaeologist is Jodi Barnes. There is a free Section 106 workshop at Archives and History October 21. They just got response from OCRM in regards to the February meeting and a letter sent in April concerning policies. Archives and History has not responded yet, but she needs to talk to Rebekah Dobrasko to find out the details of OCRM's response.

**USFS- Robert Morgan**

The Forest Service is ending the Fiscal Year and has been busy with some non-compliance projects including cemetery preservation in Edgefield County and CCC shelters. In the Francis Marion they are processing radiocarbon dates from samples obtained by Chester DePratter from a clam shell midden, and two samples obtained by

John Cable from a Mississippian site on Fogarty Creek. In addition, Hayden Smith, a student from Georgia, is actively writing a dissertation on interior rice plantations.

**USC – Department of Anthropology – Gail Wagner**

Gail spent the summer attending and presenting at conferences about her recent work and is finishing a book chapter. She has been looking at Colonial Indian plant remains and subsistence including the use of sumpweed.

**USC-Lancaster-Chris Judge**

This summer Chris Judge and USC Lancaster took part in the USC field school at Palachacola and he worked with Dennis Blanton in Georgia. Chris reported that USC Lancaster now has the largest collection of Catawba pottery with approximately 12,000 items and they will be collecting oral histories from three Catawba communities.

**Charleston Museum-Martha Zierden**

Martha announced that the route for 526 will not cross over Dill Sanctuary property. The Museum is up for re-accreditation and they have been working on curation for work from past field seasons.

**AF Consultants- Leslie Drucker**

Leslie has been working on projects in Brevard, North Carolina and Richland County, South Carolina.

**New South Associates-Stacey Young**

New South is working on a data recovery investigation at a couple of prehistoric sites at Haile Gold Mine and recently did a survey in Florence near Jeffries Creek.

**S&ME- Aaron Brummitt**

S&ME has been working on several reconnaissance surveys and environmental assessments.

**TRC – Sean Norris**

TRC has been working on small surveys. Mona is working on a survey in Tennessee of areas impacted by the ash spill. Sean just got back from a project in Quantico, Virginia at a National Cemetery and recently did some work near the Savannah Riverwalk at a shipwreck site.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**ArchSite** Discussion continued regarding the request at the February 26, 2010 meeting by Jon Leader for funds from COSCAPA to hire a student to enter attribute data into ArchSite in order to complete the entry of site forms into the database. At the meeting on May 21, 2010 a vote was made to give up to \$1500.00 to SCIAA. Since then initial request was made Carmen Beard is no longer with SCIAA, and there are no plans to replace her at this time.

President King suggested in the absence of Jon or Charlie the discussion should be tabled until they could comment. The Membership was in agreement to wait for comment from Jon or Charlie before pursuing this matter, although discussion continued regarding what we want to see accomplished if COSCAPA provides the money for ArchSite.

Some of the items discussed were:

- Scanning all of the site forms.
- Issues regarding transportation of the site forms from Site Files to a scanner.
- Identifying the student worker to perform the task.
- What do we want done first?
- Having a list of things that we expect to be finished and the timeframe it should be accomplished.
- Making sure there is oversight of the student worker and the tasks being performed.

Bob Morgan commented that the Forest Service is currently scanning all of their records using a private company with industrial-sized scanning machines and their cost is approximately \$10, 000 and it can be finished in less than two hours.

After brief discussion among the membership concerning what could be done and how, and that a GIS Specialist is not necessarily needed to scan site forms, it was decided to wait to put the matter on hold until Jon or Charlie can provide comment.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting was tentatively scheduled for Friday, December 10, 2010 at Archives and History.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, President King adjourned the meeting at 11:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Young  
Secretary