

September 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists
 Sean Norris, Secretary

On Friday, September 7, 2007, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. President Eric Poplin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following individuals were present.

Name	Affiliation	Status
Sean Norris	TRC	M
Leslie Drucker	AF Consultants	M
Daphne Owens	Cypress Cultural Consultants	M
Sean Taylor	SCDNR	M
Bonnie Frick	SCDOT	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Wayne Roberts	SCDOT	M
Carmen Beard	SCIAA	Guest
Chris Gilliam	SCIAA	M
Charlie Cobb	SCIAA	Guest
Frances Knight	SCDAH	M
Chester DePratter	SCIAA	M
Jim Bates	USFS	M
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Ben Johnson	USC	Guest
Chuck Cantley	SCSHPO	M
Martha Zierden	Charleston Museum	M
Richard Sidebottom	SCSHPO	Guest
Elizabeth Johnson	SCDAH	Guest
Nena Rice	SCIAA	M
Gail Wagner	USC	M
Keith Stephenson	SCIAA-SRARP	M
Jon Leader	SCIAA	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington & Assoc.	M
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M

Seven guests were present: Charlie Cobb and Carmen Beard from SCIAA, Elizabeth Johnson and Richard Sidebottom from SCDAH, Laura Holland Sport Diving, Ben Johnson USC and Carol Poplin Brockington History Workshop.

Secretary's Report (Sean Norris)

Sean asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Prior to the meeting Chris Judge asked the minutes of the May meeting be amended to read that his dissertation was not on Dunlap Site.

Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)

As of our last meeting on May 11, 2007, our account balance was \$4,744.82. Since that time, we have received \$540.00 in membership dues and \$20.00 in proceeds from sales of the South Volume, and we have no quarterly expenses. This brings our account balance to \$5,304.82. Of this amount, \$378.61 remains in the South volume fund. This leaves COSCAPA with an available balance of \$4,926.21.

Of the 88 active COSCAPA members (73 Full Members and 15 Associate Members), 46 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$850.00, leaving 42 members with a collective outstanding total of \$760.00.

Membership Committee (Eric Poplin)

Three applications for membership have been received at the time of the meeting. None have been reviewed. Voting has been table until the December meeting to allow the Membership committee time to review the resumes.

Native American Liaison Committee (Eric Poplin for Chris Judge)

The Committee will be inviting representatives of local and regional tribes to the December meeting to initiate a dialog over common concerns.

Newsletter (Eric {Poplin)

The first COSCAPA E-Newsletter will be sent out to replace the hardcopy newsletter. Anyone interested in becoming the newsletter editor please contact Eric.

Nominations Committee (Eric Poplin)

Elections for the COSCAPA Executive Board will be held during the December meeting. The candidates for the Board are as follows:

President - Ashley Chapman

Vice President - Sean Norris and Adam King

Treasurer - Keith Stephenson (Keith has volunteered to be Treasurer for as long as the membership will have him or until someone else really wants to do it)

Secretary – Stacey Young and Fran Knight.

Any additional nominations please send to Chris Judge before November 30, 2007.

Political Action/Awareness Committee (Jon Leader)

State

- S.C. African American Heritage Commission was established.
- Cemetery Access bill was passed and ratified.
- A bill protecting the CSS Pee Dee was passed mandating no collection from one mile above to one mile below the Hwy 76 bridge.

- A number of bills still in discussion phase: Endangered animal materials for use in religious practices.

National

- The ACHP will be visiting SCDAH

SCIAA Liaison Committee (Eric Poplin)

Eric will be preparing a letter to urge the Governor to speed up the process of getting new facilities for SCIAA.

SHPO (Elizabeth Johnson)

Elizabeth is the new Deputy SHPO.

Sept. 28, 2007, two members of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will be in Columbia to discuss the Section 106 process and issues. An interactive question and answer session with the archaeological community is planned.

Richard Sidebottom is the new supervisor for Review and Compliance.

SCDAH is seeking a new staff archaeologist.

Jon Leader proposed a resolution to thank Mary Edmunds and Valerie Marcil for their service (addressed under New Business).

SCIAA/State Archaeologist Report (Jon Leader)

Three candidates are being scheduled to be interviewed for the GIS position at the Site Files. The committee is made up of Keith Derting, Lynn Shirley, Dave Cowan, Thorne Compton and chaired by Jon Leader. There will be a careful evaluation of the individuals for this very important position. The position is a rolling one, open until filled.

Applied Research Division:

The Research Division has added a new member. Adam King began work at SCIAA in mid-August. He is currently working with the Dept. of Anthropology in planning a possible rejuvenation of the Master's in CRM archaeology program. His research will focus on Mississippian settlements along the Savannah River and the Etowah site in Georgia.

Stanley South has submitted a manuscript on his 1960s work at Brunswick Town in North Carolina to the NC Department of Archives and History for publication. He is working on an inventory of his own personal possessions modeled after the "Attic Project" that he did in Roswell, Georgia, in the early 1990s.

Al Goodyear is at work digesting the results of his spring field session at the Topper site. He is also actively trying to find major funding to continue that project.

Tommy Charles is in the midst of a major reorganization of his massive files from the collector's survey. He has completed a manuscript on his rock art survey, and he is currently revising an extensive manuscript on point typology for South Carolina.

Chester DePratter and Jim Legg, with assistance from Lisa Hudgins, are at work on a series of reports relating to recent work at Santa Elena.

Maritime Research Division

The division has completed its third field season survey for the Capitana with a grant from the Archaeological Research Trust.

State Archaeologist

Continuing work on the Archsites project. Continuing to write grants to bring in new people to upload and populate data. Without funding for sufficient staff it could take two to three years to get all the data on the site.

SRARP (Keith Stephenson, Rob Moon and Chris Guillam)

Richard Brooks Retired at the end of August.

Mark Brooks continues his research on Carolina Bays origins.

Keith is writing the annual report.

Geoff Hughes is working on an antebellum site. Geoff and Rob are switching roles, Geoff will be conducting outreach programs while Rob will be taking over compliance projects.

In June Chris completed revisions on the predictive model for the Savannah River Program. The model seems to be applicable to other portions of SC. Tommy Charles has been working on updating the Paleoindian database for SC.

International Research: Chris is working on the Far East Archaeological Database with colleagues from Russia, the Uruguay Paleoindian survey, is a co-P.I. for the Heinze Program for Latin American Archaeology funded project "Architectural Evolution of Taquara/Itarare Earthworks) in Argentina, the co-P.I. for the SPARKLE project, developing an archaeological extension of the Specific Biodiversity Collections Software, a research member of the joint Japanese-Russian project.

Charlie Cobb

Charlie Cobb introduced himself as the new Director of SCIAA. He is aware of issues concerning things like obtaining a new facility.

SCDNR (Sean Taylor)

Working on the maintenance of all the preserves. Trying to jump start a stabilization project of the Pointsette Bridge. Working with Steve Smith looking for Francis Marion and hopes to be mapping and have a geomorphologist check out a site in the fall.

SCDOT (Wayne Roberts)

Have gotten SHPO signatures for the southern half of the I-73 project. No adverse effects on archaeological or historically significant sites. Was able to coordinate with various agencies prior to planning the I-73 route in order to address issues and pick a route with the lowest potential impact.

The Road to Rockingham is in its final design phase.

The first meeting of the consultant selection committee will be Monday (September 10, 2007). Selection of on-call consultants will take place after that.

Wayne will be conducting some presentations for the South Carolina African American Heritage Commission. Has presented on the Combahee Ferry Project adds that the bridge being built will be named the Harriet Tubman Bridge.

DOT is expecting the final reports on the Combahee and North Augusta projects.

Revive the Workshop Committee perhaps conduct workshops on metal detecting and remote sensing (tabled until New Business)

SCPRT (Ashley Chapman)

A successful field school with the help Ben Johnson was completed in June. Weekend Excavations (every Saturday 10-3) are continuing to find kaolin wig curlers. Trying to move facilities out of their current single wide trailer and trying to move facilities away from archaeological impact zones.

USC (Gail Wagner)

Working on the artifacts from Belmont Neck.
Gail will be teaching an Archaeological Methods course.

Charleston Museum (Martha Zierden)

College of Charleston Field School was conducted at the Cloud Plantation. Drayton Hall and worked with Carter Hudgens who is now part of the preservation staff at Drayton Hall. They are doing an architectural analysis of the privy building.

Received a grant from the Ashley Foundation for work on two African American cemeteries on James Island.

Hopefully funding will come through as part of the Mayor's Walled City Commission. The museum and Brockington and Associates will be looking at an area that is currently under construction.

USFS (Jim Bates)

Forest Service has issued a number of contracts this year and surveyed over 14000 acres this year.

Rhyolite quarries have been identified in Edgefield and Saluda counties.

USFS is entering old site and project data from the last 30 years on USFS database.

Chatooga Village has been issued a historic site marker.

Convicted two individuals for looting a site in McCormick County.

ASSC (Sean Taylor)

Fall Field Day will be held October 20 at Brattonsville. The focus will be on foodways. The 2007 issue of Antiquities is complete.

New t-shirts and decals are available.

The midlands chapter of ASSC will meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month at the SCIAA Ed. Room any presentations, interaction and support from the professional community is encouraged. Chris Gillam is looking for someone to take over as chapter president.

Call for papers for the April 19th conference.

AF Consultants (Leslie Drucker)

Conducted a number of small surveys. Leslie has been doing a number of shoreline surveys at Lake Keowee.

In March testing excavations were conducted at the Brattonsville Store. The store burned in 2004. Identified an older part at the rear of the store, the "west wing" that was likely a previous building that had been moved to the current location.

Brockington and Associates (Eric Poplin)

Surveying several small tracts and one large tract in Charleston and Colleton counties. I-73 survey is underway in Horry County.

Completed excavations on a Mississippian site and an 18th century site on Daniel Island. There was a privy and an early 18th C. building.

Eric has been conducting a survey in the Bahamas.

TRC (Sean Norris)

Excavations are complete analysis continues on a 17th -18th century site on James Island. In May and June Sean was in NY at the Deutsche Bank Building doing a search for 9/11 remains.

Getting ready to begin a testing project on two sites in Kershaw County that may contain Paleo deposits.

Old Business

Prior to the meeting Eric met with Elizabeth Johnson, Chuck Cantley and Jon Leader to discuss the recent issues with Standards and Guidelines and SHPO review. It was suggested that more time be spent at COSCAPA meeting be devoted to workshops and discussions and dialogs rather than focusing on what recent projects have been conducted.

A lowcountry archaeology forum has been set up in Charleston by John McCarthy.

There will be a discussion of Standards and Guidelines on Sept. 28th after the members of the Advisory Council discussion.

Workshop Committee. Jon Leader made a motion to reestablish the committee. The motion was seconded. Discussion included a list of topics for future workshops (metal detecting, remote sensing, lithics)

By presidential decree the committee was reestablished. Chad Long was appointed chair of the committee, Wayne, Jon and Leslie volunteered for the committee.

New Business

Jon made a motion to establish a committee to draft a resolution to thank Mary Edmunds and a second resolution to thank Valerie Marcil for their years of service to SC archaeology.

The motion was passed by unanimous vote. Jon will chair the committee and draft the resolutions. Eric will also participate on the committee. The goal is to have the draft prepared quickly.

Announcements

September 14 The Departments of Geography, Anthropology and the Institute will sponsor a presentation on GIS and GPS work at the Necropolis. The talk is from 4-6 pm in room 151 at Gambrell Hall.

September 29 Chris Gillam will give a presentation on the peopling of America from 2-3 pm at the Seawee Visitor Center.

October 25 and 26 Andrei Tabarev will give a presentation on the Paleolithic period in Russia.

The next meeting was set for December 7, 2006, at Archives and History (if available). The meeting adjourned at 12:00 P.M