

The 26 February 2010 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held in Room 149 in the Dennis Building at the Department of Natural Resources in Columbia. The meeting was called to order at 10:09 a.m. by President Adam King. The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were present at the meeting. The following individuals were in attendance:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	Member
Jon Marcoux	Brockington and Associates	Guest
Sean Taylor	SCDNR	Member
Natalie Adams	New South Associates	Member
Jon Leader	SCIAA	Member
Charlie Cobb	SCIAA	Member
Chris Thornock	SRARP-SCIAA	Guest
Ben Johnson	SRARP-SCIAA	Guest
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	Member
Adam King	SRARP-SCIAA	Member
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Stacey Young	New South Associates	Member

#### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The draft minutes from the 11 December 2009 meeting were sent by email. President King inquired whether there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the minutes. A motion was moved to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded. All eyes, none were opposed. The minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

#### **Guests**

Ben Johnson and Chris Thornock with SRARP-SCIAA and Jon Marcoux of Brockington and Associates were all in attendance as Guests.

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Respectively Submitted, Keith Stephenson

As of our last meeting on December 11, 2009, our account balance was \$5,113.81. Since that time, we have received \$450.00 in current and past membership dues. Additionally, quarterly expenditures consisted of annual fees in the amount of \$59.40 and \$7.99 to Netfirms for the COSCAPA website and the Netfirms domain name, respectively, as well as \$44.66 for December meeting refreshments, which brings our account balance to \$5,451.76. Of this amount, \$30.00 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with a total available balance of \$5,421.76.

Of the 58 active COSCAPA members for 2010 (48 Full Members and 10 Associate Members), 26 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$440.00, leaving 32 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$610.00.

#### **Workshop Committee**

No member of the Workshop Committee was present.

### **Membership/Qualifications Committee – Eric Poplin**

The Membership Committee received three applications for membership since the last meeting. Applicants include Brent Lansdell (MA, UMiss- currently with Brockington and Associates, Inc.), Jon Marcoux (PhD, UNC- currently with Brockington and Associates, Inc.), and Laura Tedesco (PhD, NYU- currently with Brockington and Associates, Inc.). All applied for Full Membership. The Committee recommends 3-0 (the Chairman recused due to potential conflict of interest) that the Council accepts all three applicants as Full Members.

There was a vote by COSCAPA Membership to accept the three applicants as Full Members. All ayes, none were opposed. All three individuals were accepted for Full Membership, upon payment of dues.

### **SCIAA Liason Committee – Respectively Submitted, Eric Poplin-Chair**

The SCIAA Liaison Committee (Lesley Drucker, Steve Smith, Wayne Roberts, Carl Steen, and Terry Ferguson) met electronically on 30 January 2009 through 18 January 2010 to discuss recent issues with ArchSite brought to the Committee's attention by members of the Council and archaeological colleagues. These interactions were also monitored by President Adam King.

The Committee's concerns are:

- 1) ArchSite experienced an outage over the USC year-end break that prevented access by any outside users. With SCIAA closed, there was no one to contact to correct this error nor was there any direct access to the site files during this period. Lack of access can and did create delays in completing contracted business by some archaeological firms.
- 2) The accuracy of information in the ArchSite site forms (or differences in ArchSite forms and the hard-copy paper forms).

The Committee drafted an electronic message to Charles Cobb (Director), Jonathan Leader (State Archaeologist), and Carmen Beard (ArchSite Manager) voicing our concerns and our desire to assist as appropriate in resolving these issues. This message was delivered on 18 January 2010.

Charlie, Jon, and Carmen responded almost immediately (18-19 January 2010) stating that they were convening a meeting of the ArchSite Steering Committee to discuss these issues and seek resolution. Following this meeting, Carmen responded to our colleague's concerns in three separate messages on 19, 20, and 28 January 2010.

Carmen extended an invitation to the Committee to meet with she and Jon to discuss our concerns further on 27 January 2010. The Committee again met electronically on 27 January through 2 February 2010. The consensus of the Committee was that a meeting at this time was not likely to be productive- the Committee needs to crystallize our thoughts and recommendations further and come before the full Council before meeting with SCIAA. We respectfully declined the invitation to meet with Carmen and Jon for the present on 3 February 2010.

At this time, the Committee remains concerned over the lack of access to site files information that occurs each year during the year-end closure of the University. This issue has been placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the ArchSite Steering Committee. We are awaiting further information from the Carmen/Steering Committee at this time.

President King addressed responses from Carmen and Steering Committee and SCIAA Liason Committee and there is discussion on what COSCAPA can do to aid in the resolution of this matter. Jon Leader suggests that COSCAPA can hire a student to enter attribute data, contribute about \$2500, (will have to get back with us with exact amount). There is discussion among the membership concerning if SCIAA has money to get this started, how long it will take to complete, does it involve scanning site forms or data entry or both, and where the student hire will come from. Suggestions of using interns from a CRM firms, or the Public History or Library Sciences program may eliminate need to hire student. Charlie Cobb informed members that Carmen applied for a \$300,000 grant from NEH that they she expects to know about sometime between March and June. Jon will get back with estimates of costs and time it will take to complete. There is discussion of where or what COSCAPA usually gives money to and how much COSCAPA gives and how much money we are willing to offer to aid in the completion of ArchSite.

No further discussion at this time, but we will wait for further information from Jon Leader to determine how to proceed with COSCAPA involvement.

**Submerged Resources Committee-** No one present.

**Native American Liason Committee** – No one present

**Political Action Awareness Committee** – Jon Leader

Jon brought up concerns of budgetary cuts to State programs and loosing archaeology components of these programs. Sean Taylor added how these budget cuts have been affecting programs at DNR.

Jon mentioned legislation recently passed that involves criminal trespassing and looting of archaeological sites on private property and has concerns that legislation is not aware of the damage that is caused to the sites.

**SCIAA** – Jon Leader

Jon reported multiple projects going on at SCIAA, Steve Smith is working on dissertation and Audrey Dawson has been working at Fort Jackson. Maritime Research Division working in harbor. Jon passed around a poster for a symposium held by Post-Doc David Goldstein “From Fields to Table” and encouraged everyone to attend.

**SRARP-SCIAA** – Adam King

SRARP continuing with field surveys in timber compartments. They visited the Augusta Museum and viewed a burial urn that was excavated by a local in the 60’s and contains iconographic images similar to Mississippian iconography, but some images are

different than anything that is known, and there is a hole in the bottom of the urn. Jon Leader viewed the bowl to understand when images were placed on vessel and what sort of tool was used, and believes that the images were placed on the vessel during historic times. Jon will be doing a paper on the results at the ASSC conference.

Adam received a NPS grant to conduct archaeology and geomorphology along the Congaree, continuing work dating the formation of the floodplain, settlement along floodplain, and understand modifications and changes to landscape.

### **U.S. Forest Service**

No one present.

### **SCDOT**

No one present.

### **SCDNR- Sean Taylor**

DNR has been facing budget cuts and the Heritage Trust revenue is down so they are managing the properties they have. Sean has been doing some work on various archaeological sites on WMA lands in Marion County.

Excavations at the Kolb site will be held March 8-19. This year they will continue with excavation the 4-meter block and a series of 2x2 meter units.

### **USC – Department of Anthropology – Charlie Cobb**

Charlie will be teaching a field school at Palachacolas in Hampton County during the Maymester, they will begin on May 10 and it will last 3 weeks. Jon Leader will be teaching a Geophysics class during the Maymester.

**ASSC-**Sean Taylor requested COSCAPA donate \$500 for Grant-In-Aid and \$500 for Fall Field Day. There was discussion about where ASSC gets other donations for Grant-In-Aid and how much they have received and details about Fall Field Day. ASSC is in early stages of planning for Field Day and unclear of needs at this point. There was a vote for COSCAPA to give \$500 to Grant-In-Aid for ASSC, all ayes and none were opposed. COSCAPA will give \$500 to ASSC for Grant-In-Aid and wait for further details about Fall Field Day.

### **Brockington and Associates – Eric Poplin**

Brockington and Associates has been working on several small projects throughout the southeast. They recently finished a survey in Francis Marion National Forest. Jon has been working on a data recovery at a Late Woodland period site at the State Ports Authority.

### **TRC – Sean Norris**

TRC has been working on finalizing several reports and some small surveys.

### **New South Associates – Natalie Adams**

New South has been conducting testing investigations at sites at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort and working on several small surveys for bridge replacements.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President King returned to the issue brought up at the previous meeting concerning OCRM's decision regarding cultural resources and the need to figure out a way for COSCAPA to become involved.

Natalie Adams, Sean Taylor, and Sean Norris provided an update on the recent SHPO/OCRM workshop held on 18 February 2010. The workshop was mainly discussion of ideas with no resolution, but need more input from archaeological community. SHPO wants survey so sites are recommended Eligible or Not Eligible at the Phase I survey level, OCRM wants to know what sites are significant and how they are determined significant, and a standard for making these determinations. OCRM does not operate under Section 106, but have a MOA with Archives and History. There was discussion about what COSCAPA should do or can do to help out; come up with a set of guidelines or a checklist of what to do, give OCRM a list of what is significant, or sites that are considered Potentially Eligible, and/or identify things that OCRM should be concerned about that is not necessarily addressed by SHPO.

Will wait for Archives and History to process their notes from OCRM meeting and keep in contact with SHPO and follow this matter, and COSCAPA will wait to meet with OCRM until we see how this progresses.

## **Membership Status**

Continuing with the discussion from the 11 December 2009 meeting concerning the classification of Members according to the Bylaws. There was discussion and clarification about the meaning of Active, Inactive, and Former members. Keith noted in discussion with Mona and her review of past minutes and the Constitution both Inactive and Active members have voting rights. Former Members have written letters asking to leave or are deceased. Inactive Members have not paid dues and do not attend meetings, but will remain on the membership roll, and Active Members pay dues and attend meetings. Since we changed the By-Laws so that a quorum is a simple majority rather than a percentage of the electoral this is not of concern in terms of voting, but is of concern of the Treasurer. There are currently 75 Inactive Members, 10 Former Members (letters are on file), and 58 Active Members. Paid Members outside of SC don't typically attend meetings.

## **New Avocational Organization**

Natalie Adams brought up concerns of potential conflicts between the goals of this new avocational group and the ASSC. Jon Leader stated that Lonnie Franklin, the organizer of the new society, is presenting a paper at the ASSC conference and that the group has good intentions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Jon Leader announced the ASSC conference to be held on Saturday April 10 beginning at 8:30 the Darla Moore School of Business and the theme is Archaeological Sciences. Vincas Steponaitis is the keynote speaker and will be presenting on his research with Mississippian effigy pipes. There will be first and second place awards for best student poster.

**Next Meeting**

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 21 May 2010, tentatively at Charlie Cobb's field school site at Palachacolas. Sean Taylor suggested he may be able to get a DNR van to provide transportation.

**Adjournment**

There being no other business, President King adjourned the meeting. The 26 February 2010 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stacey Young  
Secretary