

The 23 May 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 had been asked by President Chapman to preside in his absence. The Vice President and the Secretary were the Officers present at the meeting. The following members were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Member Status</u>
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	Full
Stacey Young	New South Associates	Full
Jim Bates	U.S. Forest Service	Full
Chad Long	SCDOT	Full
Katie Epps	IAS	Full
Carmen Beard	SCIAA	Visitor
Carl Steen	Diachronic Research	Full
Jon Leader	SCIAA	Full
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	Full
Robert Morgan	U.S. Forest Service	Full
Frances Knight	SCDAH	Full
Adam King	SCIAA	Full
Sean Norris	TRC	Full
Mona Grunden	TRC	Associate
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	Full

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the 14 March 2008 meeting were presented for discussion and approval. Frances Knight queried whether Marcy L. Hayden was affiliated with SCIAA, as stated in the minutes, or with the state. She is affiliated with The South Carolina Commission for Minority Affairs. Stacey Young commented that she had not made the remarks attributed to her in the minutes. The Vice President requested a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Wayne Roberts moved to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Carl Steen. None were opposed. The corrected minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Keith Stephenson, read by Vice President King

As of our last meeting on March 14, 2008, our account balance was \$5,884.07. Since that time, we have received \$250.00 in membership dues. This brings our account balance to \$6,134.07. Of this amount, \$378.61 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with an available balance of \$5,755.46.

Of the 83 active COSCAPA members (68 Full Members and 15 Associate Members), 45 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$820.00, leaving 38 members with a collective outstanding of \$700.00.

Membership Committee

No one present.

Workshop Committee – Chad Long

There will be a Round Table discussion after the meeting today on the topic of

postbellum agricultural sites. Several people contacted Chad that they would have liked to attend this session but couldn't and inquired into the possibility of a followup meeting. A followup meeting is possible.

SCIAA Liason – Mona Grunden

No action by this committee.

Political Action Awareness Committee - Jonathan Leader

POW WOW

The Pow Wow was held on the 18th on the Statehouse grounds. Jon encouraged people to attend in the future.

Several Bills in Statehouse

The Turkey Bill, which is being helped by SCDNR. This is a solution for the use of turkey parts but not the entire bird for Native American rituals and crafts.

Marriage Bill - There was debate about the ability of a medicine man or chief to marry members of a tribe.

A Third Bill – A bill initiated because of complaints by constituents and members of the public about claims of Native American descent being made for personal gain when actually the claimant is not recognized as Native American. The bill provides for incorporation with the Secretary of State if not state recognized.

State Budget

There will be a state budget shortfall this year. 51% of agencies will be required to give back part of their budget. Land Trust money is to be redirected to help make up the budget shortfall. This will result in repercussions for archaeology and other natural resources. The Governor is opposed.

NAGPRA

There was a teleconference on the definition of unidentified human remains in January. The issue has moved forward to the meeting in Racine, Wisconsin. The agenda of the meeting is available. The minutes of the meeting should be posted on the website in eight to ten weeks.

Amicus Brief – SAA and others vs. Chertoff

Chertoff insists that under emergencies all regulations for everything, including Section 106, EPA, etc. can be set aside. He has done it already. Jon will follow the court case.

Deaccession of Materials

From LA1050, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Submerged Resources Committee

No one present.

Native American Liason Committee – Mona Grunden

No action by Committee.

Vice President King noted that USC Lancaster had a Native American week to highlight the Native American studies there and invited USC as it has a Native American studies program of sorts. Charles Cobb, Tom Leatherman, Gail Wagner, and Thorne Compton were invited to attend, as were Chiefs and Tribes, to talk about Native American studies and what USC could and should be doing. The USC Lancaster program is supported by the Native American community. There is talk about having a workshop in Columbia for Native American communities to discuss different regulations and information about sacred places, remains, etc. There is talk of an oral history project with Native Americans, which is something COSCAPA could look into and perhaps spend its money on.

Office of the State Archaeologist – Jonathan Leader

Most of the members of the Research Division are in the field - Al Goodyear and others at Topper, Chris Clement will be on a survey this coming week. Steve Smith is writing reports.

ArchSite is going well. There has been input from SCDAH and SCDOT. Funds have been received to update the server, and accounts are in place at USC.

Savannah River Site – Rob Moon

Geoff Hughes has left for employment with a contract firm in Maryland. Keith Stephenson is working in Georgia on mound sites and at sites on St. Simon's Island.

U.S. Forest Service – Bob Morgan

General

The Forest Service had a historic roadside marker dedication on 12 May at Chatooga Old Site. The Regional Forester was there, as were the Eastern Band Cherokee who were pleased with this and other Forest Service work in North and South Carolina. Jim Bates has been working on recognition of this site for years. They will begin working with local historical societies for historic preservation and interpretation.

There will be a September guest speaker on archaeology at the Visitors Center. On Saturday, 20 September, Brett Riggs will speak on his work at Catawba sites. This event will tie into Archaeology Month activities.

Heritage and Cultural Resources and the Francis Marion National Forest Management Plan

The Forest Service performs land management in accordance with guiding document plans for permissible activities. The Management Plan for the Francis Marion National Forest is up for revision. Morgan wants outside support for heritage and cultural resource issues that can then be integrated into the plan. There will be public notification and outreach, with subsequent tallying of areas of concern and interest. These concerns and interests have to be addressed by the Forest Service. At present there is a perception by management of no constituency or concern for heritage and archaeology. Outside support would make management aware of interest.

Chad Long queried whether comments would be accepted by letter only or would email correspondence be allowed. Morgan responded that comments probably will be postable on the webpage. The Forest Service is looking at the numbers for pressure points of interest. If you email him, he will send along information. Carl Steen inquired whether there could be a mass emailing of the notice to COSCAPA members. Vice President King queried whether a letter from COSCAPA would be of help or whether the number of letters is of interest.

Morgan explained the situation further. The National Park Service has written a letter to the Forest Service about its stewardship of archaeology, so there is high visibility for this now.

Attention is at the Regional level, and even up to the Chief of the Forest Service.

There was discussion about how to approach this matter. Vice President King queried whether COSCAPA should write a letter. Carl Steen said yes. Morgan indicated that professional groups, the Office of the State Archaeologist, organized groups, etc. should consider writing letters. Jim Bates inquired into letters from companies who work on the Forests. Jon Leader suggested that COSCAPA, Office of the State Archaeologist, SCDOT, and other institutions should work together to coordinate language but write separate letters. Morgan explained that form letters are not the best way to go, but that the language and letters should be united in approach. Morgan can give us talking points to address in language they can understand. Morgan also stressed that this is not Section 106, it is other legislation. The Forest Service budget contains less and less money for archaeology/cultural resources as the years go by.

S.C. Department of Transportation – Wayne Roberts ArchSite

SCDOT and SCDAH had a meeting with SCIAA/Jon Leader at which SCDOT and SCDAH stressed they wanted ArchSite up and running as soon as possible. It will not be perfect, but will be a considerable improvement over current arrangements. Problems have been identified with submitting site forms on-line. The hope is when people use ArchSite those problem situations will be addressed with new grant money next year.

Considerable discussion ensued. Lesley Drucker queried about how to get a site number if there are problems with the site form. Roberts responded that particular problem has been fixed and that site numbers can be issued. Bob Morgan stated the attribute data is not populated. This is true. Chad Long indicated this data entry is a massive undertaking. Jon Leader responded SCIAA does not have the money or people for this. They have had money taken from them by the University, and the personnel dedicated to ArchSite decreased from three people to one person. It is hard to get and spend money. Wayne Roberts stated Carmen Beard is making a great effort - she has brought problems to attention and devised solutions to many of them. Bob Morgan raised issues about the site form. Wayne Roberts queried whether anyone was using the SCDAH databases. SCDAH has given its databases for National Register sites and nominations. There is a problem with the amount of site forms and data, but there is hope that SCIAA and SCDOT will get money to correct the problem. Jon Leader reminded funding from private firms will be accepted, which donation will be acknowledged. Carl Steen inquired whether professional typists could be hired to do the population of the attribute data. Carmen Beard replied money would be needed to hire typists. Chad Long thought it would be possible for typists to populate attribute data from the newer site forms, but individuals knowledgeable about archaeology would be necessary for the older site forms. The priority would be time, money, and people to populate the data. Carmen Beard also explained that a new web server had been necessary, and that it would be about a month before settled with the University. The Forest Service and Brockington have been testing ArchSite. The new server needs to be in place before ArchSite goes on-line. The server was ordered this week and should be received in the next few weeks. She will let people know as soon as possible when ArchSite is available, and estimates it will be about a month. Jon Leader acknowledged there is bureaucracy but the University has no money. Mona Grunden inquired about the fee. Jon Leader replied there will be a subscription base. Carmen Beard elaborated the subscription fee would be \$1800.00 a year (per firm, not per person), which was based entirely on the logistics of the program – a person to administer the system and manage the equipment. Lesley Drucker inquired whether there was money in the COSCAPA budget, whether some of the membership fee could be used to cover the subscription fee or otherwise defray costs. Carl Steen questioned who can pay the amount of the fee. Jon Leader countered the basis for the

\$1800.00 figure was true costs. Wayne Roberts reminded all to consider the costs of such systems in other states and that ArchSite is bringing the wheel to South Carolina. Carmen Beard reminded all that there will be public terminals at SCDAH and SCIAA, so the service will be available free of charge at those locations. The topic of training was inquired into. Carmen Beard responded she will provide a schedule for training when the announcement about ArchSite going on-line is sent out. Vice President King indicated we seem to be moving to where we want to be with ArchSite.

On-Call Consultants

The new round of on-call consultants has been signed up and projects are coming through. TRC will soon be in the field. Many projects are coming soon, especially bridge replacements. Also coming are resurfacing projects, but that is not archaeology.

Current Projects and Announcements

Chad Long is working on the Mark Clark extension to link U.S. 17 to Johns Island and around to Folly Road and the James Island connector. This will provide a ring around the Charleston area.

Chad Long and Wayne Roberts announced the new archaeologist position has been approved but is now on temporary hold for the next few months. There is reorganization going on in SCDOT. SCDOT hopes to hire more people in the future – an architectural historian and another archaeologist, as well as a biologist and NEPA writers. They are grossly understaffed.

Debra Joy will soon be on the Bluffton Parkway project, conducting data recovery at a Woodland and Mississippian shell midden. The research design parallels Joel Gunn's work on shell middens on Hilton Head Island.

Debra Joy is finishing up at the Andrews Bypass site. There are features at the site, but it is uncertain which are in the right-of-way and which are outside of it. It is not clear if the site is National Register eligible or not.

Diachronic Research Foundation – Carl Steen

Diachronic was excavating at Fort Johnson and is now pursuing the lab work and artifact writeup. There is a small War of 1812 era midden, a small ca. 1830-1850 midden, and a cistern filled in ca. 1860s.

AF Consultants – Lesley Drucker

AF Consultants was working in Brattonsville in April, for the Museum and Commission, on Hightower House. This is where Mel Gibson filmed Patriot. The house is being redone through window restoration and lead abatement, including in the soil. AF Consultants is to sample during removal of the soil. There is a 0.001% lead concentration, which is negligible. They will sample all four sides of the house with 60 units of varying size as needed for the area being sampled. Artifacts being found include maintenance items such as window glass and roofing nails as well as personal items (doll parts, buttons), door parts, and metal. There is talk of setting up a conservation lab for the numerous metal artifacts being found. There may also be interpretive exhibits in the house using artifacts collected during the excavations.

Bill Barr and crew are at a quarry site in Lexington County. They have identified parts of an entrenched roadbed, the old road between Strother and Blair. Fairview Plantation also is on the quarry tract. The 18th-century house ruins are there. Blasting at the current mine has reduced the house to ruins. AF will test around it, if an archaeological component is present, it may be eligible for the National Register.

AF Consultants has also been doing cell tower studies elsewhere.

TRC – Sean Norris

TRC completed a sand mine survey in Lexington County and are preparing the draft report. They also are preparing draft reports for the U.S. Forest Service and SCDOT. TRC performed a sewer line and development survey in York County on the Catawba River at a location five miles downstream from Brett Riggs' sites. Sean Norris just returned from Nashville with human skeletal remains to analyze. These had been collected by TRC Nashville during a data recovery investigation in Alabama and constitute approximately 275 Woodland period burials. TRC also has several other small survey projects.

S&ME

No one present.

New South Associates – Stacey Young

New South is finalizing the Francis Marion report. At Lake Keowee, New South has examined a rock cairn that has Native American pottery and European trade goods associated. They are recommending it National Register potentially eligible under Criterion D and under Criterion C for type, period, and method of construction. Natalie Adams met with Sean Taylor at Poinsett Bridge to examine workers camps and areas. Natalie also will be starting oral interviews with seagrass basketmakers along the five-mile stretch of U.S. 17 in Mount Pleasant that is being widened. Widening will affect the seagrass basket stands, which may be Traditional Cultural Properties.

Integrated Archaeological Services, Inc. – Katie Epps

IAS just returned from conducting fieldwork in Georgia. They are now conducting data recovery at a Woodland site at Palmetto Bluff, and will soon be conducting data recovery at a 19th century plantation site there. IAS also has one more data recovery, after which fieldwork at Palmetto Bluff will be complete.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina – Nena Rice

The ASSC annual conference was held in conjunction with the Colonial Frontiers conference held by SCIAA. There were approximately 79 attendees at the ASSC conference. The after party was less well attended.

Fall Field Day will be held on 25 October 2008 at Colonial Dorchester State Park.

Chris Judge is working on the poster for Archaeology Month. The theme is Native Americans from 1600 to the present. Will there be a COSCAPA donation to help support the Archaeology Month poster?

ASSC has a new board. There is a new chapter in the Camden area. The Hilton Head Island chapter is going great guns, but the Charleston chapter is struggling. Details were provided.

State Historic Preservation Office – Frances Knight

As of 1 May, the SHPO has reoriented its review process to more closely follow federal and state law and regulations. SHPO will be holding training workshops for consultants over the following months. Currently planned are a workshop focusing on historic properties and the Ocean and Coastal Resources Management Act in Charleston on 26 June 2008 and a Section

106 workshop in Columbia in September. Both SHPO and OCRM will speak at the Charleston workshop. Also, SHPO will hold an archaeology training session in Beaufort on 16 June for OCRM staff. Training will include a visit to Palmetto Bluff and exposure to archaeological fieldwork.

Carl Steen queried whether the training workshops are just for archaeologists or for all consultants. The workshops are for all consultants, as well as agencies and local governments. The Charleston workshop is oriented toward historic properties, both archaeological and above ground, and how they are handled by OCRM. Due to a change in management staff, OCRM has taken a more positive view toward cultural resources in the last few years and SHPO is working to take advantage of this.

Old Business

Discussion regarding unencumbered funds was continued from the last meeting. Vice President proposed to spend some of the money on the Native American initiative, perhaps to help support the workshop that Jon Leader, Charlie Cobb, and Chris Clement are putting together. Vice President King also proposed helping an oral history project for Native American groups. Jon Leader thinks the oral history project is especially important.

It was proposed that the money was originally to be used for publication, so it should be used for that.

Carl Steen proposed that the money be spent on the ceramic volume that was the original intent for the money. He has the photographs and more. All is there, it just needs someone to take an interest in it. Should SCIAA be responsible for this – a SCIAA employee initiated the project? Carl offered to put together what he has and publish that. This proposal met with widespread approval from the attendees. Carl will check into the “as is” status of the volume and report back at the next meeting. Vice President King noted this sounds like a reasonable idea. It will be brought up again at the next meeting.

New Business

ASSC Request for Donation

Nena Rice requested funding for Archaeology Month, especially the poster. Vice President King offered that this is an effort worth supporting, with the level of funding open to discussion. He suggested a range of \$200.00 to \$400.00.

There was a motion by Jon Leader that \$500.00 be donated for the Archaeology Month.

Discussion ensued. Lesley Drucker suggested we look in last year’s minutes and donate that amount (\$400.00?). Wayne Roberts questioned as to what COSCAPA would get for its donation besides its name on the poster. He would like greater recognition, perhaps even just a sign at events with sponsors noted.

Jon Leader moved that \$500.00 be authorized for support of Archaeology Month, with the understanding that sponsorship information will be provided both in digital and hard copy for publications and at the even with contact information for President of the Board. The motion was seconded by Carl Steen and Rob Moon. It was agreed without dissent.

SCIAA Research Library

Nena Rice noted the SCIAA Research Library has approximately 30,000 volumes. It has an endowment of \$50,000.00, and currently there is approximately \$7,500.00 of interest to spend. A computer has been purchased. With technical support from the Thomas Cooper Library for computer and software, there is an initiative to have a student to enter the reports, which will then be linked to the Thomas Cooper Library. Nena is looking for a part-time person to start entry as soon as possible and will pay \$10.00 an hour.

Archaeology Month

There was a return to the subject of Archaeology Month. Lesley Drucker remembered in prior years there were little cards based on the poster, with the sponsors printed on the cards. She thought this was a good idea in the past, that it could be done again now, and COSCAPA could be prominent as a sponsoring organization.

President Chapman

Vice President King stated the Executive Committee is seeking guidance from the membership regarding President Chapman. President Chapman has indicated to the Vice President that he cannot serve due to constraints of time and circumstances. There has been no formal resignation by President Chapman, but he has empowered the Vice President to act as President in his stead. It is important to have an elected President to serve. This would require a new nominating committee, nominations, and an election.

Considerable discussion ensued. Jon Leader queried whether isn't that the Vice President's job? Jim Bates thought the organization should carry on as is. Nena Rice suggested getting a nominations committee. Bob Morgan suggested impeachment. It was queried as to what the by-laws say. Another suggested getting Ashley to resign, then get a nominating committee together. Lesley Drucker thought if the current term Vice President takes over then a new Vice President will be needed. Nena Rice thought there needs to be four active people on the Board. Wayne Roberts proposed asking President Chapman to resign. Jon Leader felt this is not a big issue and Ashley should be allowed to resign.

Announcements

Nena Rice is headed to the Topper site – David Anderson's Barbeque is today.

Next Meeting

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The day and date of Friday, 19 September 2008 was agreed upon, with the place of meeting tentatively identified as the South Carolina Archives and History Center, Columbia. Frances Knight will confirm the availability of the room and notify the members.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was requested by Vice President King. The motion was moved and seconded. All were in favor of adjournment. The 23 May 2008 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances R. Knight
Secretary