

May 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists

On Friday, May 21, 2010 the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) meeting was held at the Webb Wildlife Center, Webb WMA, in Hampton County, South Carolina. Preceding the meeting, COSCAPA members toured the site excavation of Palachacolas Town at Stokes Bluff Landing. Vice-President Sean Norris presided in the absence of President Adam King. Vice President Norris called the meeting to order at 11:40 a.m. The Vice President and Treasurer were present at the meeting and the following individuals were in attendance:

Name	Affiliation	Status
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Nena Rice	SCIAA	Member
Ramona Grunden	TRC	Associate
Keith Stephenson	SCIAA-SRARP	Member
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	Member
Aaron Brummitt	S&ME, Inc.	Member
Chris Thornock	SCIAA-SRARP	Guest
Charlie Cobb	SCIAA	Member
Tammy Herron	SCIAA-SRARP	Associate
Sean Taylor	SCDNR	Member
Jon Leader	SCIAA	Member

Previous Meeting Minutes

The minutes from the February 26, 2010 meeting were approved and accepted by the membership.

Guests

Chris Thornock with SCIAA-SRARP was in attendance as a Guest.

Treasurer's Report-Keith Stephenson

As of our last meeting on February 26, 2010, our account balance was \$5,451.76. Since that time, we have received \$80.00 in current and past membership dues. Additionally, quarterly expenditures consisted of a \$500.00 donation to the ASSC Grad Student Grant in Aid, and \$49.54 to Sean Norris for the February meeting refreshments, which brings our account balance to \$4,982.22. Of this amount, \$30.00 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with a total available balance of \$4,952.22. Of the 61 active COSCAPA members for 2010 (51 Full Members and 10 Associate Members), 30 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$520.00, leaving 31 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$590.00.

Workshop Committee

No members of the Workshop Committee were present.

Membership/Qualifications Committee – Eric Poplin

The Membership Committee received one application for membership since the last meeting. The applicant is Ben Johnson (SCIAA-SRARP) who applied for Full Membership. The Committee recommended that the Council accept the applicant as Full Member.

There was a vote by the Membership to accept Ben Johnson as Full Member. All ayes, none were apposed. Ben was accepted for Full Membership, upon payment of dues.

SCIAA Liason Committee – No Action since last meeting.

Submerged Resources Committee- No one present.

There was discussion if this Committee should be disbanded. It was mentioned that Laura Holland has been replaced and the person who filled this position is working at Topper and may be a good addition for the Committee. Later in the meeting Charlie Cobb suggested that Cheryl Ward of Coastal Carolina University may be a good addition for this committee.

Native American Liason Committee – No Action

Political Action Awareness Committee – Jon Leader

Jon discussed General Bill H4129 that is being introduced. The bill concerns looting of archaeological sites. Jon urges the archaeological community to solicit private landowners to send emails to Paula Benson at paula_benson@scsenate.gov stating “I am a landowner in South Carolina and the legislature needs to pass this bill to protect my land.” He also urges members to contact their state representatives to get this Bill passed.

SCIAA – Jon Leader, Charlie Cobb, and Nena Rice

Jon stated that everyone at SCIAA is busy and his geophysics field school is going well. Charlie informed members of two books that may be of interest, The Day the Johnboat went Up the Mountain by Carl Naylor about Naylor’s underwater archaeology experience in South Carolina and a book by Tommy Charles that should be out late summer or early fall, both from USC Press. Nena has been working on getting the posters from the last 19 years published and possibly getting them web-based.

SRARP-SCIAA – Keith Stephenson

Chris Moore and Mark Brooks have been doing some work on rims of Carolina Bays, excavating a limited number of test units. They are working at Flamingo Bay on SRARP property, St. John’s Bay in Allendale, SC, and maybe going to Friarson Bay. SRARP continuing surveys.

SCDNR- Sean Taylor

Heritage Trust revenue is coming up and there are no thoughts on acquiring new properties. Sean has been working on other projects mostly at rifle ranges.

USC – Department of Anthropology – Charlie Cobb

Charlie is currently in the field with field school. The lawsuit with Duke Power is in the works and may free money that will allow for continuing the work at Mulberry.

ASSC- Sean Taylor

Sean talked to David Jones briefly about having Fall Field Day at Charles Towne Landing and has a meeting scheduled to talk more with representatives of Charles Towne Landing about what they can offer and provide at the site for field day.

Brockington and Associates – Eric Poplin

Brockington has been working on several small projects and finishing reports for SCDOT and Francis Marion National Forest, Hellhole Analysis Area. They identified approximately 41 sites including 15 tar kilns. They are also working on several projects outside of SC.

S&ME- Aaron Brummitt

S&ME has been working on several reconnaissance surveys around SC, and Aaron has been doing work in Tennessee.

TRC – Sean Norris

TRC has been working on small surveys in Orangeburg and York County and doing some reconnaissance work for industrial parks projects that the permits have expired for and the clients are reapplying.

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 to complete the entry of site forms into the database.

Jon Leader stated that Archives & History is looking to replace Chuck Cantley and they are trying to replace Carmen Beard as soon as possible, but for now Jon will be assigning site numbers and maintaining ArchSite.

Sean Taylor asked how much money would be needed for the student hire to do the work. Jon replied that student assistance is needed to process the information into ArchSite and solicited \$1500.00 to go towards hiring a student for at least two semesters, and that he and Charlie Cobb also have money they can provide to hire the student.

Mona Grunden, Aaron Brummitt, Eric Poplin, and Jon Leader discuss what is needed and what is to be accomplished by the ArchSite assistant.

Aaron Brummitt asked if Archsite will ever be populated with all of the data and expressed concerns over the lack of data that is currently available and that the some forms do not even provide basic information that is needed to satisfy Section 106 requests such as the National Register status of sites. So, on top of paying ArchSite subscription fees they also have to pay to have someone drive to Columbia to access the site files. Mona would like to see the site forms in the system and to get more information than the location of the site, perhaps scanning the site forms.

Jon provides a brief history of the funding for ArchSite and that the initial concept was that funding would provide for several people entering the data; however, due to administrative and institutional changes emphasis went elsewhere and other concerns have provided limitations.

Keith inputs that President Adam King (not in attendance) expressed concerns about making a decision regarding funding from COSCAPA for ArchSite since he expected a low number of members in attendance to the meeting.

There was a count of the number of voting members in attendance (8) and the number was compared to the number in attendance at last meeting (12 or 13). Eric Poplin stated that hiring the student advances the cause and is a step forward towards getting the information entered and made available. Sean Taylor and Charlie Cobb have to leave the meeting, Charlie states that his vote would be a conflict of interest and Jon reiterates that the conflict is not the policy at hand.

There is discussion of where COSCAPA finances typically go. Approximately \$1000 to ASSC for poster donation, grant-in-aid, and possibly fall field day, and there has been no more discussion of possible workshops.

Eric Poplin makes a motion to donate \$1500.00 for use of an intern to enter information into ArchSite. Aaron Brummitt seconds the motion. Vice-President Norris calls for a vote. There is a unanimous motion to donate \$1500.00 to fund an intern for ArchSite.

Keith Stephenson inquires to Jon about when the student will be hired to get this started. Jon replies that he would like to get an upper level undergraduate with experience or a graduate student, and would like to have things in place by July so the student could start at the beginning of the semester, mid-August. Jon will provide a status update in August.

NEW BUSINESS

Curation Facility- Jon Leader

The expansion of the curation facility will double the size of the current storage space and will have new HVAC, sprinklers, and alarm. They are hoping that the expansion will be completed before the end of the year. If money is left after the renovations it may allow for lab space.

SCIAA Library-Nena Rice

Over 7000 books have been entered into a database and by December there should be a complete list in the form of an Xcel Spreadsheet of all materials in the SCIAA library. The materials are non-circulating, but Nena hopes to make the list available to Thomas Cooper library.

Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2010 at Archives and History (if available).

Adjournment

There being no other business, Vice-President Norris adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Stacey Young
Secretary