

The 11 December 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. The meeting was called to order at 10:08 a.m. by Vice President 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
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	Member
Stacey Young	New South	Member
Ramona Grunden	TRC	Associate
Natalie Adams	New South	Member
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Chris Gillam	SRARP-SCIAA	Member
Gail Wagner	USC-CoLA	Member
Carl Steen	Diachronic Research	Member
Aaron Brummitt	S&ME	Member
Ben Johnson	SRARP-SCIAA	Guest
Jonathan Whitlatch	USC	Guest
Jason Smith	USC	Guest
Chuck Cantley	SHPO	Member
Jon Leader	SCIAA	Member
Adam King	SCIAA	Member
Frances Knight	Independent	Member
Nena Rice	SCIAA	Member
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	Member

### **Previous Meeting Minutes**

The Secretary noted she had sent out the draft minutes from the 11 September 2009 meeting by email and inquired whether there were any changes, corrections, or additions to them. Treasurer Stephenson noted he had reported reimbursing the Secretary for microcassette tapes, but the reimbursement had been for a microcassette recorder. He also noted having left out a sentence in his report regarding the account balance. The sentence "This brings our account balance to \$4,993.81." should have been included between the third and fourth sentences of the report.

Eric Poplin moved to accept the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded. All ayes, none were opposed. The corrected minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

### **Guests**

Jonathan Whitlatch and Jason Smith, two USC students who had been in the Palachucola Field School this past summer, were introduced by Gail Wagner and themselves. Ben Johnson with SRARP-SCIAA is also attending as a guest.

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

As of our last meeting on September 11, 2009, our account balance was \$4,993.81. Since that time, we have received \$120.00 in membership dues, which brings

our account balance to \$5,113.81. Of this amount, \$30.00 remains in the South volume fund, which will be transferred to Carl Steen, thus leaving COSCAPA with a total available balance of \$5,083.81.

Of the 64 active COSCAPA members for 2009 (53 Full Members and 11 Associate Members), 40 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$730.00, leaving 24 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$440.00.

### **Elections**

The ballots were passed out by Vice President King and voting took place. The meeting adjourned briefly so the Secretary could tally the results. The meeting resumed. Fourteen ballots were cast. The Vice President announced that the slate of candidates as presented had been elected. The election results are as follows:

President	Adam King
Vice President	Sean Norris
Secretary	Stacey Young
Treasurer	Keith Stephenson

#### **Membership/Qualifications Committee**

Eric Poplin  
Bob Morgan  
Chris Judge  
Frances Knight

### **Workshop Committee**

No member of the Workshop Committee was present, but Carl Steen reported he is coordinating with Chad Long regarding the Pottery Symposium. The dates are currently foreseen to be Friday & Saturday, 26 & 27 March 2010, with a day of papers on Friday and a hands-on event with experts on South Carolina pottery on Saturday. Papers are open to anyone who wants to contribute. The venue for the Friday papers session is not yet certain, but the Saturday hands-on workshop will probably be held at the SCDNR Styx facility. Carl hopes to include making and firing pottery in the Saturday event. The North Carolina experts will be there - the Chapel Hill crowd.

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

There have been no new applications since the last meeting, although there are still several pending applications.

Eric queried the Vice President whether he wanted to appoint a Chairman for the newly elected Membership/Qualifications Committee, or whether the newly elected Committee should select its own Chairman from the four elected members. Eric is willing to continue as Chairman. Vice President King authorized Eric Poplin as Chairman of the newly elected Membership/Qualifications Committee.

### **SCIAA Liason Committee – Eric Poplin**

There has been no action since the last meeting.

### **Submerged Resources Committee**

No one present.

### **Native American Liason Committee – Carl Steen**

No action since the last meeting.

### **Political Action Awareness Committee – Jon Leader**

Jon will be visiting the Committee for Minority Affairs later today to sign off on the document to make the Edisto Natchez-Kusso Tribe a fully recognized state tribe. They have amazing documentation, including from the 1600s. Despite this documentation, they probably won't be able to meet federal standards for recognition.

McLeod Plantation on James Island has changed hands from Clemson University to the College of Charleston. The College wants to use the property as auxiliary offices and for students. They know about the cemeteries there, have reports of the archaeology conducted, and generally are being sensitive to the resource. However, the Friends of McLeod Plantation don't like it. The College of Charleston is trying to use the property appropriately. Jon is happy to assist the College but there will need to be in-ground fieldwork necessary to follow up his work. Jon would like to see the property in the hands of an educational entity.

There was some discussion during which it was confirmed there are descendants of the African American McLeod Plantation inhabitants still in the area, and queries whether there is an archaeologist on staff at the College of Charleston. There are archaeologists in various departments, perhaps they need to appoint a lead archaeologist, perhaps Dee Dee Joyce.

### **SCIAA – Jon Leader**

Jon reported everyone has been very busy. The American Battlefield grant project by Chris Amer and Jim Spirek has been successful. Steve Smith's work is going well. The Palachucola field school went well. Jon will have a second geophysics class next May. There has been discussion for some time about having a classical archaeologist on staff, but nothing has happened. So, in January, Jon will be teaching a class on Aegean Bronze Age society.

### **SRARP-SCIAA – Keith Stephenson**

SRARP continues with surveys of forested stands to stay ahead of clearcutting.

A few years ago a broken "Dave" pot was found in an early 20th century context. It is signed by Dave and dated April 16, 1862, with that date being the date of emancipation in Washington, D.C. There is no verse on it, but Dave did not write verse during the Civil War. It would seem the pot was made after emancipation, otherwise how would that date be known and on the vessel? There is now interest in making a film about this pot, and they are working with Leonard Todd in Edgefield. Carl Steen noted 1862 is one of the latest dates on a "Dave" pot.

**U.S. Forest Service**

No one present.

**SCDOT**

No one present.

**SCDNR**

No one present.

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

Chris Thornock has finished his thesis on architecture and inequality. Jeremy Vanier will finish within a month. His thesis on inequality compares Late Woodland and Early Mississippian ceramics between three Woodland villages and the mound precinct at Belmont Neck. Richard also has finished and looked at lithic debris/debitage on SRARP as it relates to Early Archaic settlement there.

**Brockington and Associates – Eric Poplin**

Brockington and Associates is keeping fairly busy in the state. They have been doing work for the U.S. Forest Service at the Hellhole Analysis Area on the Francis Marion National Forest. They have also conducted data recovery at a Middle to Late Woodland site at the State Ports Authority Wando Terminal, where they have several discrete features.

Brockington and Associates offices have been working for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers throughout the 12 Corps districts in the Southeast. The work consists of survey level work to GIS documentation, whatever the district wants. The Charleston District has little to do as it manages no federal land, but they may partner with the U.S. Forest Service to conduct some survey on Forest Service land. The Corps received the money as part of the stimulus package.

Nena Rice queried about development around the Angel Oak. Eric replied no archaeology had been found on the tract surrounding the tree.

**TRC – Sean Norris**

TRC has several surveys in Orangeburg County, and has identified a series of sites along a swamp there.

TRC has also been in York County on SCDOT's Ft. Mill Southern Bypass. This project requires coordination with the Catawba, for there may be part of a Catawba village there, and the road may impact it. Sean hopes to have the Catawba THPO and/or other Catawba members come out there to look at the area.

**New South Associates – Natalie Adams**

Stacey is finishing Volume 2 of a 6,000 acre survey in the Francis Marion National Forest. New South also has been surveying for bridge replacements and road widenings.

New South is involved with four sites at the Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort. Also at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, Shawn Patch is mapping 11 cemeteries on the

installation. This is GIS work to map the stones, boundaries, etc. and make recommendations regarding the cemeteries.

There is a new archaeologist, Brian Tucker, in the Stone Mountain, Georgia office. He was a graduate student at Louisiana State University under Becky Saunders, and has a PhD from the University of Florida.

#### **AF Consultants** – Lesley Drucker

Lesley has several small projects, generally cell towers. She just finished a transmission line survey in Horry County for Central Electric Power. They found no archaeological sites, but she noted considerable subdivisions in wet and standing water areas. What are people thinking?

#### **S&ME** – Aaron Brummitt

S&ME Mount Pleasant office is wrapping up out of state projects, specifically one in the Tennessee valley. They have had a few reconnaissances and surveys in the low country.

#### **Diachronic Research Foundation** – Carl Steen

Carl is working on the Native American pottery website. The initial draft is on-line. He is compiling 14C dates for pottery and currently has approximately 550 samples from North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and a few from Tennessee. Anyone with dates to include, please send them to Carl. Keith Stephenson noted he has probably 100 dates to send Carl. Aaron Brummitt also has a few to send.

Diachronic conducted a sand mine survey in Florence County but found nothing. The linear upland landform was extremely promising, with sites expected, but he found nothing.

#### **SHPO** – Chuck Cantley

SHPO had a meeting with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to discuss “Area of Potential Effects” and “potentially eligible” sites. The Corps is tightening the reins, as is OCRM. The Corps argues there are only National Register listed properties and properties that are eligible for listing on the National Register. There is no such thing as “potentially eligible” properties in their legislation, which is the Corps’s Appendix C counterpart regulations. However, this is not in concert with the National Historic Preservation Act or Section 106 regulations, and the Corps’s Appendix C has never been accepted by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. The Corps/Advisory Council attempt to rewrite the Appendix C regulations to be in concert with the Section 106 regulations has fallen through and is now a dead issue, so the Corps will be following Appendix C as written.

Chuck then got a call from the Corps archaeologist in Beaufort for a coordination meeting. The Corps wants to put a directional bore across the sound to Little Barnwell Island. There are two Mississippian mounds at the bore location, and they need to replace a pole and existing line on one of the mounds. Obviously, they can’t put the pole back on the mound. The mounds themselves are listed on the National Register, in the 1970s, but there is no data for archaeology surrounding the mounds. The area of potential effects was the topic of discussion and disagreement. Chuck’s advice to the

Corps was to take its lead from tribes' responses to the Public Notice about how the tribes would like the project to proceed.

There was some discussion. Jon Leader queried whether SCIAA could dump all the potentially eligible sites from the database and disassociate itself from all the associated collections. Chuck thought investigating around the mounds would be a good project for a student. C.B. Moore had visited the mounds and reported it at the time to be the only mound on the east coast with an intact standing structure on the mound. Jon Leader queried whether there had been any geophysics. Chuck indicated not, but that C.B. Moore had dug into the mounds. Sea level is now rising and a shell midden is exposed. Also, a trench surrounds the mounds but its affiliation is unknown. It could be a fortification ditch associated with the mounds or could be a more recent structure. The property, which is just north of Beaufort, is privately owned and used as a hunting camp. The Corps is using Appendix C to guide its efforts. There are several options for the pole itself - leave it there, cut it down flush with the ground, remove it entirely. It is up to the Corps and the tribes.

As part of the meeting with the Corps, there was an educational site visit to the Dill Tract on James Island. This is owned by the Charleston Museum. It is one of few properties with integrity of the 1700s landscape, and has Civil War batteries as well. Ron Anthony has been doing work there for years. There are also foundations of Revolutionary War buildings, and more. They are working to get a National Register nomination for landscape - the fields, Revolutionary War road, foundations, etc. One of the proposed I-526 corridors would destroy part of the Dill Tract, but the final corridor has not yet been selected. There is Early Archaic to present day occupation on the tract.

### **Old Business**

Vice President King returned to the issue brought up at the last meeting of OCRM's decision regarding cultural resources and the need to figure out a way for COSCAPA to become involved. At the last meeting he offered to write a letter to OCRM, but in talking with Bill Green and others about the issue thinks a better approach is to first sit down with OCRM and have a discussion. Now that he has been elected President, he wants to talk with OCRM as COSCAPA as an advocate for archaeology to figure out the issues and how to proceed.

Chuck Cantley noted the SHPO/OCRM workshop scheduled for 2 December to discuss these issues had been cancelled due to the severe weather that day. The Workshop has been rescheduled for Thursday, 18 February 2010. There will be OCRM personnel there, and Chuck hopes as many archaeologists as possible. There had been only 12 to 14 replies for the cancelled workshop, which was not very many. The workshop will have OCRM personnel, including higher-ups, discussion groups, etc.

There was considerable discussion. The Vice President queried whether it would be useful to have a conversation with OCRM, or would it be replicating the workshop. Would a conversation be before or after the workshop. Aaron Brummitt thought it would be good to have a direct COSCAPA and OCRM meeting, that the workshop would be SCDAH and OCRM with COSCAPA members invited as individuals. The meeting should be before the workshop, and should talk with the head of OCRM. One person thought the meeting should be with the head of DHEC, not just OCRM. Vice President

King thought it appropriate that a few people go with the President and start a conversation at the lowest reasonable level, working up the chain. Would this be detrimental to the SHPO workshop? Chuck Cantley thought not, as COSCAPA is a separate organization and could gather information first hand and report it to the members. Gail Wagner volunteered to go as a citizen on the board. Aaron Brummitt inquired whether tribes were invited to the workshop. Chuck Cantley didn't know, as Rebekah Dobrasko was handling the arrangements. Eric Poplin volunteered to go with Gail and the President as a person on the coast. Vice President/President Elect King will try to schedule a meeting in January, if the workshop is in February. Natalie Adams recommended keeping the entourage to a small group. Vice President King will keep it small and stress to OCRM that this is COSCAPA, not individuals. Mona Grunden agreed with the concept, but queried as to what will be discussed with OCRM. The Vice President indicated he will discuss that COSCAPA would like to play a part in developing the proposed OCRM guidelines, not as consultants or individuals, but as a group that is interested in the archaeological resource. Natalie Adams suggested sending out a summary email of the meeting.

The Vice President noted the OCRM incident is not isolated, that federal delegation to states is going on around the country. Perhaps a telephone conversation with Tom McCullough of the Advisory Council about what is going on is in order. The Vice President will do this. Perhaps we should think about forming a committee at the next meeting to look into this issue, as well as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers/Appendix C issue.

Lesley Drucker stressed the individuals who meet with OCRM should be on good terms with that agency. Yes, Gail Wagner is on the National Register State Review Board and is the SAA representative to the state for public archaeology. Eric Poplin is on good terms with OCRM.

## **New Business**

### **New Avocational Organization**

Natalie Adams brought up that she and Eric Poplin had received an email notification from Lonnie Franklin about a new avocational organization he is starting in South Carolina. There is a website under construction at [sarchaeology.org](http://sarchaeology.org). Natalie emailed Lonnie Franklin but can't get good information about the intent of this person or the website. The general idea is to put together a journal for avocationalists to publish their work. Mr. Franklin was a friend of Jim Michie and used to be a member of ASSC years ago. COSCAPA should monitor this organization, and we need people like this in ASSC. The organization has a board, but no one knows the people on it. They know about a site in Lexington County and have been asking for information from SCIAA about the site. Mr. Franklin maintains they do not want to replicate ASSC, but that seems to be what he is doing.

Vice President King questioned why the professional community is being avoided. Natalie responded some professionals are on the notification list, but she doesn't know where that list came from. Natalie suggested maybe meeting with Mr. Franklin, either ASSC and/or COSCAPA, or both. Maybe they want to do their own thing and not be involved with either organization.

## **Website Renewal**

Treasurer Stephenson reported for Rob Moon that the website subscription is up for renewal, and does the membership want to continue the subscription of ca. \$59.00. There were no objections to continuing. The website is a line item.

## **Membership Status**

Vice President King brought up that there is confusion about the forms of members/membership. Secretary Knight noted the way we use the terms in practice does not seem to be as defined in the ByLaws Section 8. For example, “Active” seems to be used in practice to mean dues have been paid, and “Inactive” used to mean dues have not been paid. However, for both these statuses as defined, dues have been paid but meeting attendance actually distinguishes between the two. Also, we seem to use “Former” member to require a letter of resignation from the organization, but this is nowhere found in the ByLaws. However, a “Former” member as defined in the ByLaws simply does not pay dues. It would seem if a member has resigned, he is simply no longer a member. It would also seem that “Former” members would include the deceased members that are now grouped into the “Inactive” category as not paying dues but having no letter of resignation. However, since “Inactive” members still pay dues, including deceased individuals in this category seems to be incorrect. The Secretary noted the issue of classifying membership status becomes important mostly for elections/voting, but also for quorums, and that it became apparent recently when the Executive Committee internally discussed electronic voting. If electronic voting comes about, it would need to be known who is eligible to vote and then who to send the electronic ballots to.

Natalie Adams offered to look at her notes about what the committee was thinking at the time the definitions were developed and continue the discussion on-line. Mona Grunden will go through the list of members and help categorize the members as defined in the ByLaws.

## **Electronic Voting**

Vice President King raised the prospect of electronic voting for elections and whether the membership would want to consider this. However, electronic voting probably would require a change to the Constitution and/or ByLaws, which would need to be looked into. We have two years to think about this.

Chris Gillam raised the prospect of a problem with anonymity. Is there free software somewhere? Yes, but it would take someone willing to deal with this, or be a duty assigned to the new Secretary. Gail Wagner thought it shouldn't be too hard, perhaps “surveymonkey”. Chris Gillam wondered whether all this might be too complicated for such a small organization. Yes, perhaps so, but it would ensure anonymity.

Aaron Brummitt brought up that he does not trust electronic voting. The Vice President noted the Constitution currently allows for voting only at a meeting, so few ballots are cast. Chris Gillam noted we could alter the voting procedure to allow for a mail-in ballot. Keith Stephenson replied that SEAC members didn't mail their ballots in, so SEAC has moved to electronic voting. Natalie Adams noted we are a small organization and SEAC is large. The Vice President summed up the question is whether electronic voting is a big enough issue to want to go through changing the Constitution.

Gail Wagner reminded to include “membership” definitions. There was some additional discussion about how this would happen.

### **Announcements**

Nena Rice announced she has 4,000 Archaeology Awareness posters in her car, if anyone wants some. She had gotten 15,000 posters for \$5,000.00 this year and has passed out 11,000 posters already.

Eric Poplin announced the yearly ASSC conference will be held 9 and 10 April 2010. Jon Leader is the Chair and needs to send out a formal call for papers, but Eric sent out an informal call in the last electronic ASSC newsletter. The conference theme will be science and technology, but papers can be on any topic.

One person brought up Chris Moore’s slate belt quarry survey and his request for information. This survey is an outgrowth of his work in North Carolina.

### **Next Meeting**

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 26 February 2010, tentatively at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. Chuck Cantley will check on the availability of the meeting room and the Secretary will notify the membership of the venue.

### **Adjournment**

There being no other business, Vice President King adjourned the meeting. The 11 December 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Frances R. Knight  
Secretary