

25 August 2000 Meeting Minutes

Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists

Christopher Ohm Clement, Secretary

On 25 August, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the Archives and History Building in Columbia.

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 10:10am.

The following members, associate members, and guests were present:

- Chris Clement SCIAA M
- Steve Smith SCIAA M
- Monica Beck Sea Island Historical Society M
- Jim Bates USFS M
- Robert Morgan USFS M
- John Cable Palmetto Research, Inc. M
- Ramona Grunden SCIAA A
- Valerie Marcil SCDAH M
- Gail Wagner USC Anthro M
- Holly Norton USC Anthro G
- Bonnie Frick NSA G
- Natalie Adams New South M
- Keith M. Derting SCIAA A
- Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M
- Bill Barr Barr & Associates A
- Rob Moon SRARP G
- Bill Green SCDAH M
- Adam King SRARP M
- Carl Steen Diachronic A
- Nena P. Rice SCIAA M
- Nancy Brock SCDAH M
- Chris Judge SCHTP M
- David Jones SCPRT G
- Ashley Chapman New South G
- Jon Leader SCIAA M
- Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M
- Cathy Schumpert USC Anthro G
- Jamie Civitello USC Anthro G
- Tammy Forehand SRARP A
- Melanie Cabak SRARP M
- Martha Zierden Charleston Museum M
- Wayne D. Roberts SCDOT M

Guests to the meeting were introduced to the membership.

Bruce Rippeteau addressed the membership, announcing that on 1 September 2000, Jon Leader will assume the position of State Archaeologist and Chris Amer will

assume the position of State Underwater Archaeologist. Bruce will remain the Director of SCIAA.

Secretary's Report

The membership was asked if the minutes from the last meeting (12 May 2000) were correct. Carl Steen noted that he is not co-chairing the Mississippian session at SEAC with Chris Judge. Bill Green is the co-chair. Minutes were approved with this change.

Treasurer's Report

Monica Beck reported that the balance as of the last meeting was \$3,859.21. Since the May meeting, we have received \$70.00 in dues and have made 4 expenditures. Two checks were cut to Chris Gillam (\$12.62 for refreshments and \$89.10 for website expenses), one check was cut to SCIAA for \$99.20 to cover newsletter costs, and one check was cut to Palmetto Research, Inc. for \$292.00 to cover printing of the Standards and Guidelines. This brings the balance to \$3,366.29. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$950.57.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Carl Steen reported that 100 copies of the newsletter were produced, in color thanks to John Cable. Several short articles were included and Carl requests the submission of others for inclusion in future newsletters. In response to a question by Lesley Drucker, Carl clarified that newsletter articles without bylines were written by him.

Carl, Steve Smith, and Monica Beck will compare the mailing list to the current membership list to ensure that mailings are not going to folks who are no longer members. An effort will also be made to recruit new members from those folks who we know work in SC but are not currently members.

Political Action Committee Report

Jon Leader distributed and briefly discussed:

*Statement of the SAA and the American Association of Physical Anthropologist to the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Oversight Hearings:

NAGPRA

*Letter to Mr. Ted Milesnick, BLM from SAA regarding Draft BLM Planning Guidance

*The upcoming Legislative Agenda for the SAA

*The SHA Statement of Principles on the Revised UNESCO Draft Convention

Val Marcil discussed the Childesbury situation. The permit was denied as submitted. The SHPO has been asked to be an intervener in the appeal process, and has agreed to do so. The date for the appeal hearing is not set. Carl Steen asked about the qualifications for an intervener. Val wasn't sure if you needed to be a member of an organization, but you must submit to OCRM a legal-type document asking to be an intervener on behalf of one side or another. Further, you must have an interest that is not already represented. Chris Judge noted that DNR did not intervene for internal reasons, but that as an intervener you are allowed to bring legal council and interview all the expert witnesses. Many COSCAPA members will likely be asked to appear before this hearing. Chris thinks that the developer is entrenched in their position and that this issue is not likely to be resolved easily, and may wind up before the State Supreme Court before all is said and done. The Heritage Trust Program is trying to raise sufficient funds to purchase the property.

Bill Green discussed the Altamaha situation. He doesn't know if the developer has submitted a formal permit application, but the SHPO has received a Historic Preservation Plan for comment. SHPO will meet with the developer this afternoon (25 August). Bill is optimistic that the Altamaha situation will be resolved more favorably and with less rancor than the Childesbury situation. If no agreement is reached, the permit may go on public notice. Once that happens, there will be limited time (10 days) for letters to be sent to OCRM requesting a public hearing. If 20 letters are received then a public hearing is held. Bill suggests that interested people start sending letters now. Carl will keep an eye on this and post information to the COSCAPA website, so keep an eye out there as well. In response to a question from Wayne Roberts, Bill noted that the Catawba have already commented. The Seminole and the Creek were notified, but Bill doesn't know if they've commented or not. Chris Judge noted that the developers of Childesbury have been subpoenaed for Altamaha and are watching that case very closely. Chris Judge also agreed with Bill, stating that the developer would prefer a "win-win" situation involving preservation of large portions or half of the site. This is supported by the fact that the developer, when first approaching archaeologists, did not already have a construction plan. Rather, they seemed open to the views of the archaeological community re: preservation of the site or important portions of the site. Unfortunately, the most significant part of the site is also one of the most valuable lots in terms of development. Bob Morgan asked how strong the state CRM laws are. Chris responded that OCRM's regulations are grey and that in fact there is no set plan for cultural resources. He warned that the Altamaha developers have already spent \$100,000 in legal fees examining the OCRM regulations regarding cultural resources.

Jon Leader and Chris Judge reported on the Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation and Heritage Management. Jon and Chris both participated in a planning meeting, the resulting recommendations to be forwarded to the task force and thence to the Governor. The task force appears to be taking its mandate very

seriously, but it is an unfunded mandate. Jon noted that the comments of Steve Smith on behalf of COSCAPA, and those of Wayne Roberts on behalf of the ASSC, were not considered at the planning meeting. Chris pointed out that Steve's letter was circulated to the task force, but that none of those recommendations made it into the set sent to the Governor. Chris thinks the archaeological community is under represented on the task force and that we need, at the highest levels, an effort to get better representation of archaeological concerns on the task force. Val Marcil clarified that though all recommendations will go to the Governor, they will be presented in a prioritized system of three tiers. The bottom line of all this is that while the Governor's Task Force will not result in strong state-level legislation preserving cultural resources or increased funding for research, it will raise general consciousness around the state regarding the value of heritage resources. In the long term, that can only be good for archaeology. Its encouraging that the Governor has taken what steps he has. It is incumbent on us to begin making overt the connection between archaeology and historic preservation, a connection that the task does not seem to have made. In this regard, Wayne Roberts noted that many of the state's most lucrative historic sites are actually archaeological sites rather than standing structures.

Membership Committee

Martha Zierden reported that the Membership committee had received only two applications recently, and that those were received within the past two days. The committee has not had time to consider them.

State Archaeologist Report

Jon Leader reported that

- The Rice Museum in Georgetown County has opened the Browns Ferry Vessel exhibit and plans an invited celebration for later this year. *OSA is in the process of putting a graduate assistant onto the task of digitizing past SCIAA publications (RMS, Anthro Studies) and should have them complete by January of 2001.
- The Hunley has risen, and is under tight security at its new, temporary home. In the Research Division.
- Al Goodyear's Allendale Paleoindian Expedition went into the field for 8 weeks this year, including 5 weeks of excavation and 3 weeks of geology. Forty four cubic meters of the pre-Clovis zone was excavated. Several rock features were found as well as 100's of chipped stone artifacts including two microblade cores plus numerous burin spalls and burins. No bifaces or flakes from biface reduction have been recovered. OSL dating to accompany the geology is in process, but overall there appears to be good association with the pre-Clovis levels with the Pleistocene Savannah River floodplain, overlain by

Holocene colluvium. Al's work is featured in the September issue of Scientific American.

- Chris Clement and Mona Grunden of the Cultural Resources Consulting Division have been working on two reports of site testing for the SC National Guard. The reports deal with sites at McCrady Training Center (Fort Jackson) and the Clarks Hill Training Site (McCormick County), respectively. In addition, CRCD is processing artifacts from this summer's project at a Woodland/Mississippian site on Sandy Island, Georgetown County. Steve Smith continues work on the African American military experience at Fort Huachuca, AZ, a book about Fort Leonard Wood, MO, and an interpretive plan for the Dill Tract Earthworks for the City of Charleston.
- For the SRARP, Adam King reported that they have hired Maureen Myers to a one-year position to work on writing up the proto and early historic periods for a stand-alone report and for the SRS synthesis due out in 2002. He and Keith Stephenson spent another season at the Lawton site using GPR and doing some testing. Preliminary results will be reported at the SAA meetings in New Orleans. Adam is also the program chair for the upcoming SEAC meetings in Macon. The program is pretty much set, with more than 260 papers to be offered. The South Carolina Mississippian session is scheduled for Thursday. For those who are trying to make hotel reservations, rooms are still available, but try the number posted on the SEAC web page (<http://www.uark.edu/campus-resources/seac/index.html>) as the published one is wrong. If you still run into trouble, try again or contact Adam at the SRS.

Department of Transportation

Wayne Roberts reported that DOT had sponsored excavations at the Manning Site by New South. The work consisted of close interval shovel testing, test units and block excavations. Preliminary findings indicate that some sealed Early Archaic contexts exist on the edges of the site, but that the top has been largely picked clean. Work at Wadboo Creek for a bridge replacement found that the site is totally gone. Finally, Ken Styer is no longer employed by DOT, and they are looking to fill his position.

US Forest Service

Bob Morgan reported that folks in Idaho and Montana can sleep well at night knowing that Olga Caballero there fighting forest fires, and that they'll be no match for her. Bob is on the lookout for additional natural disasters on which she can be unleashed. In other news, USFS is doing their end of year wrap-up compliance work, which Bob described as nothing interesting. But Chester DePratter will be presenting a talk on the contact period Lowcountry at the Sewee Visitor's center on September 28 as part of Archaeology Month. Forest Service archaeologists also visited the Weetee Mound site in Williamsburg County. Apparently one of the mounds was

trenched at some undetermined point in the past, and the trench is still open. Later, in the early 1970s, a "Professor" opened a 10 x 10 foot unit on top of the mound and Bob is seeking information on who did this and where the materials they recovered may be found. Finally, the Forest Service is interested in a lithic workshop similar to last year's Uhwarrie workshop. The plan is to focus on quartz in the Piedmont. Really.

Department of Natural Resources

- Chris Judge reported that the Heritage Trust Program has an option to buy the Coosa Island Shell Ring, and plans to close in January. HTP is also finalizing the involvement with the town of Hilton Head on Fish Haul, and had to fight the City of Cayce and SCE&G to keep a water line from going through the Taylor Site. Westvaco would like to put a conservation easement on Crowfield Plantation, and Chris just received a draft that would keep it out of the hands of the Homeowners Association and allows for future archaeological research. DNR is coming to the realization that it needs another archaeologist as the scope of Chris's job within the Heritage Trust is very narrowly defined. Chris thinks that within the next 2-3 years DNR will hire someone at the MA level.
- Analysis continues on the Kolb site material. Chris passed out a small flyer by the National Park Service about the protection of archaeological sites on private lands. There is a web site where additional information is available: <http://www2.cr.nps.gov/pad/> strategies. These developed out of a workshop with the SAA, NPS, and the Archaeological Conservancy. Next year is the 25th anniversary of the Heritage Trust Program. DNR will have a series of events and a media push, one of which will be that the first 2000 issue of Wildlife Magazine will be completely devoted to the HTP. They will also develop a web site for the public to learn about HTP preserves. The Archaeology Month poster for next year will also feature the 25th anniversary.

Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

David Jones reported that he has mostly been trying to get up to speed. He did report, however, that Monica Beck has moved on to greener pastures and that her position will be taken over by Ashley Chapman.

SHPO

- Valerie Marcil added to the earlier discussion of the Governor's Task Force by pointing out that Speaker of the House David Wilkins has created an ad hoc committee on Urban Growth. This committee held a public meeting yesterday (8/27), at which Roger Stroup testified regarding the importance of historic

- preservation in the planning process. Valerie has a list of committee members if anybody is interested.
- Chris Judge reported that the Conservation and Reinvestment Act is out of the House and on the Senate side. Sen. Hollings is not terribly supportive of the Act. SC will get \$17m, while LA (for example) will get \$250m (Chris is not entirely sure of these numbers) because they do a lot more off-shore drilling and that's where the money is coming from. DNR and other agencies are working hard on Hollings, trying to get his support of the bill as it will triple Archives and History's grant program budget, and put \$6m into DNR's land protection efforts (and for archaeology).
 - Valerie reported on the Family Circle Tennis Cup Center on Daniel Island. Brockington has been doing the testing and data recovery on this project. This is a fast-track project in which the developers are trying to preserve as much as possible. Regarding Long Island, there is a permit at OCRM which should eventually wind up being a permit application at the Corps for a bridge to Long Island and then a series of smaller bridges on Long Island itself. (There was a public hearing for the OCRM permit on September 6.)

USC Anthropology

Gail Wagner reported that the Department is getting a Ph.D. program, or at least is putting in the paperwork. The Department has also hired a new biological anthropologist specializing in human skeletal remains and isotopic analysis, but she will not join the department for 2 years. In the meantime, they are using temporary hires to cover Ted Rathbun's position since he has retired. Leland is in Winston-Salem this semester running a field school/intern program. Gail will be reinstituting Monday Night Labwork, 4-7pm in 110 Hamilton. Gail also ran a 3 week field school at Mulberry in May. Attendance was good. Gail thinks they may have found a palisade around the mound precinct and perhaps located Mound C. The fieldschool also concentrated on defining the midden underlying the site, and may have identified an edge. Three miles away from Mulberry proper, at Town Creek, Gail has initiated some additional testing. Historic maps show a Native American village in this area, and Gail's testing appears to confirm this. Finally, Gail will shortly be posting a web page on the Archaeology Month Poster. Look for it on the Department's web page (<http://www.cla.sc.edu/ANTH/index.htm>).

Charleston Museum

Martha Zierden reported that the Museum had been looking for a formal garden at a private home in Charleston but was currently out of the field.

Sea Island Historical Society

Monica Beck has taken a job at the Sea Island Historical Society. The purpose of the Society has been to come up with a proposal for the purchase of the McLeod Plantation on James Island. They have completed this project, and a transfer of the property may take place as early as October 1. Following purchase, a planning stage will be entered in which research will be undertaken, buildings restored, and plans for the future developed. Once the ball is rolling, they will be hiring archaeologists, interpreters, and teachers.

Brockington and Associates

Eric Poplin reported that Brockington has been working on the Family Circle Tennis Cup Center as mentioned earlier. They've also been working at the Eutaw Springs rev war battlefield under a grant from folks who are hoping to promote rev war tourism in SC. The project focused on only a small portion of the battlefield.

Diachronic Research

Carl Steen reported that he's been working on the Fort Johnson report while Chris Judge is putting the final touches on the Peachtree Rock report. The report on Wood Creek Farms, in Richland County, is complete.

New South and Associates

Natalie Adams reported that work at the Manning site has been completed. The report of testing at Shaw Air Force Base late last year is nearly complete, as is the Judicial Center report. The artifacts for this last project are at the Charleston Museum. The Charleston Waterfront draft is in review, as is the Lake Thurmond survey draft. Data recovery at one of the Saxe Gotha town lots began the Monday following this meeting.

Palmetto Research

John Cable reported that he is putting together a volume for Early Georgia on work he did several years ago at Mountain Park. Components include an early Mississippian palisaded village, 3-4 historic Cherokee homesteads, and smaller, Woodland period hamlets. John has also been working with Chuck Cantley on mitigation of some sites at Shaw Air Force Base.

AF Consultants

Lesley Drucker has been working on Lake Healy, in Oconee County, with Bill Barr.

Barr and Associates

Bill Barr has been doing a lot of underwater survey, including work on the Peedee and on Bull Creek off the Peedee. Bill is also working with Batesburg/Leesville in an attempt to create ordinances requiring archaeological work.

Announcements

- Adam King announced that David McKivergan had recently passed away.
- John Cable announced that the Standards and Guidelines are available for pickup.
- Nena Rice announced that the Archaeology Month programs have been printed.

Old Business

- Standards and Guidelines are done.
- Lesley Drucker needs volunteers for Fall Field Day, including Friday night and Saturday.
- The Mississippian period in SC session is on the program for SEAC in November

New Business

- Natalie Adams has volunteered to head up a committee working towards a synthesis of plantation archaeology in SC.

Next Meeting

- The next meeting date is Friday, 1 December 2000 at Archives and History.
- The meeting was adjourned by Steve Smith at 11:55am.

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Christopher Ohm Clement, Secretary

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- Chris Clement M SCIAA
- Steve Smith M SCIAA
- Chris Gillam M SCIAA/SRARP
- Valerie Marcil M SCDAH
- Eric Poplin M Brockington
- Josh Fletcher G Brockington
- David G. Anderson M NPS
- Sharon Pekrul M SCIAA
- Chester DePratter M SCIAA
- Adam King M SCIAA/SRARP
- Melanie Cabak M SCIAA/SRARP
- Wayne D. Roberts M SCDOT
- Bill Green M SCDAH
- Fritz Hamer A SC State Museum
- Jon Leader M SCIAA
- Keith Derting A SCIAA
- Brad Botwick G New South
- Sean Norris G New South
- Lesley Drucker M AF Consultants
- Bill Barr A Barr & Associates
- Ruth Wetmore M Brevard College
- Gail Wagner M USC
- John Cable M Palmetto Research
- Robert Morgan M US Forest Service
- Jim Bates M US Forest Service
- Nena Rice M SCIAA
- JoAnne Casey G USC
- Nancy Brock M SCDAH
- Ron Anthony M Charleston Museum
- Carl Steen A Diachronic Research

Steve opened the meeting by asking guests to introduce themselves. Guests included Brad Botwick, Sean Norris, and Josh Fletcher. A late arrival, also a guest, was JoAnne Casey.

Secretary's Report

Lesley Drucker noted that she has been working at Lake Keeowee with Bill Barr, not at Lake Healy as reported in the minutes from the 25 August 2000 meeting. With this change the minutes from the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer's Report

Monica Beck was not present. She's due any day. Chris Gillam summarized the financial situation, noting that there was no news to report. At our last meeting, the available balance was quoted at \$950.57. There were no checks received or written since this was reported, so the balance remains the same.

Newsletter Editors Report

Carl Steen reported that there were some problems with the newsletter that had been distributed to the membership. Specifically, part of the minutes, the old business and new business sections were accidentally deleted. The correct minutes were on the web site the whole time.

Political Action Committee Report

- Jon Leader reported on the Catawba Pipeline Project. This was also a prominent subject of the November 2000 Newsletter. The project is now exploring "Alternative Proposal 4", which goes through some very significant areas. Jon has been working with the Catawba River Keeper over the past several months to educate public officials in both North and South Carolina regarding the alternatives. The SHPO has also been involved although there is no plan for their involvement as reviewers.
- The Governor's Task Force on Historic Preservation wrapped up on November 30. Copies of their report were provided to those who were interested later in the meeting by Nancy Brock. The Governor, while accepting the report, showed some familiarity with it, talking about the parts that he liked and the parts he didn't like. This is encouraging, and shows that any legislation that arises from it will be pushed by the Governor. The report suggests that support of GIS and positions for archaeology be implemented, and also suggests tax breaks for private owners of historic properties under certain conditions. Jon also pointed out that the selling of artifacts on line is becoming ever more prevalent. Even the Smithsonian has advocated selling off

parts of their collections in a publication. This provoked a strong response from the SAA among others, a copy of which Jon has. Amazon.com is also in the artifact sales business, as is the ubiquitous ebay and even the History Channel.

- Childesbury is moving towards a hearing. The denial of permit is being challenged, as is the Coastal Zone Management Act.
- There will be a public meeting regarding Altamaha, probably around the beginning of the new year.

Membership Committee

Sharon Pekrul brought two nominations for new membership before COSCAPA. Both Ashley Chapman (letter of support from Natalie Adams) and Kara Bridgeman (letter of support from Eric Poplin) were approved for full membership. In addition, Bill Barr (letter of support from Lesley Drucker), an Associate Member, was upgraded to full membership.

State Archaeologists Report

- Jon Leader reported that the Office of State Archaeology has been heavily involved in most of the things that he reported on during the Political Action Committee Report.
- Other activities in OSA include searching for a new curation facility and digitizing the Research Manuscript Series for on line distribution.
- In the Research Division, Stan South is about ready to submit a ms. on his earlier work at Charles Towne Landing. Analysis of the material recovered during his present project at the site is ongoing. At Santa Elena, identification of African American cemeteries is being conducted so that they can be recognized as protected grave sites.
- Al Goodyear continues his Allendale work, most recently bringing in several prominent geologists to assist in site dating. An OSL date of 1300-1500BP (Note: probably should be 13,000-15,000BP) has been obtained from the Clovis level at the Topper site.
- Tommy Charles is trying to complete the Pumpkin site report by the first of the year, and will then return to the Petroglyph survey.
- The Cultural Resources Consulting Division has just completed a draft for testing at McCrady Training Center, the part of Fort Jackson where the South Carolina National Guard trains. They have also gone through most the ceramics recovered from Sandy Island last summer, and will be starting a new testing project on Fort Jackson, this one for the Army, by the end of the month. Steve Smith just completed a draft history of African-American troops at Fort Huachuca, AZ, and is now working with the Construction Engineering Research Lab on an ICRMP for the Washington Naval District.

- The Underwater Division helped raise the Hunley over the summer. Early in November parts of the hull were x-rayed and tested using ultrasonic technology with very good results. In January the Hunley team will begin removing a hull plate to access the vessel's interior. During the fall, the U/W division did a recording of the Mepkin Abby plantation vessel, a wood hulled sailing vessel.
- In October, the Division conducted side scan sonar survey of Smiths Lake Creek in support of the Allendale work, discovering several promising submerged rock outcrops for future investigation.
- The SRARP just finished its annual review of compliance work. It is at the SHPO for review. They are also beginning to prepare a synthesis of archaeology in the plant to bring the previous synthesis (Native American Prehistory of the Middle Savannah River Valley) up to date. It is due out in 2002. The SRARP folks also distributed their new Occasional Paper, "Living on the Edge: The Archaeology of Cattle Raisers in the South Carolina Backcountry". Additional copies are available from them.
- A data recovery of two sites is coming up on the SRS in connection with the Surplus Plutonium Distribution Facility. The SRARP will collaborate with the Cultural Resources Consulting Division to do the work. The major components to be investigated are Mississippian and Woodland. Archaic deposits are also present.
- Finally, Chris Gillam announced that Holly Gillam just finished her MA thesis in Geography. Her project involved creating software that will allow archaeologists without GIS software or expertise to access GIS data, generate maps,
- and make reports. Chris himself passed his Ph.D. comprehensive exams and will be writing his dissertation next year.

SHPO Report

Nancy Brock reported that when the revised Section 106 regulations were accepted in June 1999, western mining interests immediately filed a law suit challenging both the content of 36CFR800 and the process of their adoption. In response, the ACHP had a public comment period that ended in August 2000. They considered suspending the regulations, but it was decided at the recent Council meeting (Nov 17) that the regulations would NOT be suspended. They are in effect at this time. Additional information is available on the ACHP web site <<http://www.achp.gov>>. Note from the ACHP web site: "On December 12, 2000, new regulations governing how Federal agencies take historic properties into account as mandated by Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA; 16 U.S.C. § 470f) were published in the Federal Register and will go into effect on January 11, 2001. Until then, the current Section 106 regulations, Protection of Historic Properties (36 CFR Part 800, effective June 17, 1999), will remain in force".

Bill Green announced that he will be leaving the SHPO office. His position is available and will be advertised probably in early January.

SCDOT Report

- Wayne Roberts lead off by noting that SCDOT also has a position open. This was reported at the last meeting, and the position is now available for hiring. Also, the Manning Site data recovery fieldwork is completed and the analysis is ongoing.
- The John's Island data recovery fieldwork is also complete. The site was supposed to be a slave habitation site, but now looks to be some other, unidentified plantation outbuilding.
- The GIS funding at Archives and History and at SCIAA may continue, but that isn't certain at this point. DOT is also funding an architectural historian position at Archives and History specifically to expedite review for SCDOT projects. This will free up other A&H employees to do other reviews.

State Museum

Fritz Hamer reported that the State Museum faces continued budget cuts. This has a particular impact on the development of new exhibits. However, Elaine Nichols is finishing up a major exhibit on 15-18th c. clothing styles. Additional development efforts may rely on the Annual Fund. This year, the Museum is trying to expand its exhibit space on the Colonial and Revolutionary periods. Most the material they expect to access for this expansion is archaeological, so if anybody knows of any archaeological (or otherwise) collections they may be able to access, let Fritz know. Fritz also reported that Edventure will soon be developing a children's museum in the parking lot of the State Museum. Despite its proximity, this is unrelated to the State Museum, which was not consulted. The Edventure museum will have a big impact on visitors to the State Museum, both in terms of school groups and on parking, particularly bus parking.

Department of Anthropology

Gail Wagner reported that Leland Ferguson has just finished up excavation at a site in Winston-Salem. This was crewed through paid internships, one of the few such operations in US Historical Archaeology. Gail hopes to get into the field over spring break, March 10-18, to continue work on the Wateree Archaeological Project. This will be on an as yet unrecorded site which shows up on historic maps on Town Creek on the Mulberry Plantation. Last year's excavation at Mulberry Mound may have found part of a palisade and also may have relocated Mound C. Gail might go back next summer to the same area for additional work, but this is up in the air for the time being. Gail was a recipient of an equipment grant, in a very competitive USC-

sponsored grant competition, that allowed her to buy a high powered microscope with digital imaging capabilities. She invites anyone who might have an application for this equipment to contact her. It is appropriate for things like lithic edge-wear analysis, ethnobotany, etc. Finally, later in the meeting Gail reported that the USC Anthropology Ph.D. program continues on track. If no problems arise, they may enter students as early as the 2002-2003 academic year.

US Forest Service

- Bob Morgan reported that the USFS has entered into an MOU with Archives and History to give additional guidance on their Section 106 compliance. The Advisory Council is also a signatory. One of the first results is that Bob and Jim Bates will be working on an annual report of USFS compliance activities. The MOU has also brought the cultural resource overviews back on to the radar screen. The overview for Francis Marion should be complete in a year and the one for Sumter in two years.
- The Forest Service is also in the process of updating its GIS coverage of the forests. Currently they only have coverage of Francis Marion, and that is point data for archaeological sites. They would like to have polygon coverage for both forests. This is preparatory to a new Agency-wide initiative to put all Forest Service data into a single data base.
- The USFS also just finished an interpretive effort at Battery Warren, a civil war earthworks on the Santee River. They placed a protective overwalk in a high traffic area as well as interpretive signs. They are also planning to update the interpretive signs at Seewee shell ring. On this latter project they are working with Mark Barnes (NPS) who is preparing a National Historic Landmark nomination for shell rings, and with Richard Porcher, a botanist at the Citadel whose research involves locating vegetation associated with shell rings, mounds, and middens through examination of aerial photographs.
- Bob also brought up the potential lithic workshop again. There was little response to his initial idea to focus on quartz in the Piedmont, so he proposed dropping the quartz part. If there continues to be little interest, Ann Rogers is interested in holding it at Western Carolina.

National Park Service

Dave Anderson reported that the NPS has signed a legally binding contract to finish the Francis Marion overview in a year, forcing Dave's hand. Dave expects to have a good draft completed and to Bob Morgan by May 15, or else he doesn't get to go play in the field at the Shiloh Mound group with his friends. Dave is also finalizing the report on Water Island (US Virgin Islands), a project which had the honor of accommodating several COSCAPA members. The Woodland Southeast book is about ready to be submitted to the University of Alabama Press. Finally, Dave announced

that, as he is so busy, he is turning over the editorship of South Carolina Antiquities to Chris Gillam.

Other Federal Agencies

Bob Morgan noted that, as usual (NRCS excluded), no other Federal Agencies were present. Many are doing work in SC, but they do not show up at meetings to keep us all up to date. Bob will provide COSCAPA a list of Federal Agencies working in the state so that we can send them letters, reminding them of our existence.

In response to a comment by Carl Steen that he had recently received email notification of several archaeology-related position openings at Fort Bragg, NC, and why weren't installations in SC so well staffed, Bob pointed out that where Fort Bragg is under FORCECOM, most SC Army bases are under TRADOC. Jim Cobb at FORCECOM does a fantastic job of securing funds for archaeology while TRADOC runs its cultural resources program as a contract. Jim's counterpart isn't even an Army employee. As a result, there is less visibility for the program and less funding for places like Fort Jackson. Fort Jackson has been holding the line by using USFS personnel to fulfill its CRM requirements. As clarification, Steve Smith announced that USC had just signed a cooperative agreement with the Army that will allow SCIAA's Cultural Resources Consulting Division to take care of many of Fort Jackson's CRM needs, assuming funding is available.

Charleston Museum

Ron Anthony reported that Martha Zierden is back at Stono where they've been finding lots of red-filmed colonoware.

Brockington and Associates

Eric Poplin reported on work that Brockington is doing at Fenwick Hall, on Johns Island. Fenwick Hall was a prime example of Georgian architecture, and Brockington has found a plat suggesting that the buildings they're excavating on DOT right-of-way are probably related outbuildings. Brockington is also conducting data recovery at a small, probably single household Yemassee site on Bull Point in Beaufort County, and have recovered up to several thousand Altamaha sherds as well as some Woodland and historic material. Brockington is also finishing up a data recovery project on a historic site near Bluffton, but that project is being run by Dawn Reid so Eric didn't know much about it. Finally, Brockington is also testing on Daniel Island and has a variety of other small projects ongoing.

Diachronic Research

Carl Steen reported that he and Chris Judge will be returning to the Kolb site, with fieldwork scheduled for March 6-20. Volunteers wanted. Carl is also continuing work on the Fort Johnson report while Chris is working on the report for Sandstone Ledge Rockshelter.

New South Associates

Natalie Adams was unavailable to make a report.

Palmetto Research

John Cable reported that the Early Georgia volume on Mountain Park is out, though he hasn't seen it yet. John has also recently conducted a small fireline survey for the Forest Service. Findings included a small, isolated colonoware site and a nice Archaic site buried to about a meter below surface. With New South, John continues to work at Poinsett where he recently got some interesting TL dates on pottery: Deptford cord marked and check stamped, and Wilmington cord marked and check stamped. The check stamped sherds came back at ca. 500AD. Wilmington cord marked came in at about 130AD and the Deptford at 300AD.

AF Consultants

In addition to lots of background for cell phone towers, Leslie has been working on a 350 acre survey south of Liberty, but not much has been found. She is also getting ready to finish another 100 or so acres in Oconee County. Leslie is continuing to do a lot of background research. She just finished a synthesis of the Henry Laurens family for a meeting at Mepkin Abby regarding a new botanical gardens, and is also doing background for a project in Rutherford County, NC. With regard to the cell phone towers, Leslie has been impressed with the commitment of the various engineering companies involved to conduct the appropriate search of archaeological data bases. In short, even though these are small projects, they remain conscious that they need to fulfill the requirements of Section 106. Keith Derting reported that the Site Files are pushing these companies to use archaeologists for their searches, something which they have not always done in the past.

Barr and Associates

Bill Barr reported that, in addition to doing fieldwork for Leslie Drucker, Barr and Associates has completed the report on remote sensing in Bull Creek (Georgetown and Horry County) and that the Peedee River remote sensing report is in progress. Bill also reported that Batesburg-Leesville is moving towards including provisions for cultural resources preservation in their zoning ordinance. Recent work by B&A has identified a boat landing on Fur Branch in Barnwell County. There is another landing

on the other side of the creek, and all the evidence suggests that a ferry was in operation here. Bill also commented on the construction similarities between the landing on Fur Creek and those along the Ashley and Peedee Rivers in the Lowcountry. Finally, B&A focused a summer public education effort on Leesville College in which 80-90 home school students had a hands on chance to do archaeological survey. The Batesburg-Leesville Middle School has also expressed interest in the program.

Brevard College

Ruth Wetmore had nothing to report.

TRC Garrow

Bill Green is setting up a Garrow office in Columbia.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina

Nena Rice reported that the 27th Annual Conference on SC Archaeology will be February 17. The featured speaker will be Dr. George Bass, underwater archaeologist at Texas A&M. Wayne Roberts announced that a program chair for the upcoming meeting was needed, and Carl Steen agreed to undertake this task. ASSC is also in the process of organizing the 2002 conference, date to be determined. Chester DePratter hopes that Bill Kelso will be a featured speaker at this event, discussing Jamestowne. Chris Gillam announced that he had a mockup of Features and Profiles that features proposed changes to the ASSC bylaws. These changes will be voted on at the 2001 conference. There will be no mail in ballots. Bring your own chads to ensure that your vote is counted at least once.

Announcements

Chester DePratter announced that Mark Barnes' years long effort towards nominating Santa Elena to National Historic Landmark status is coming to fruition. The nomination is now before the Advisory Council. Mark is pretty confident that the process will be completed by January 20, before Clinton leaves office. Chester is looking to have an official presentation of NHL status in May of 2001.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

- On behalf of Keith Stephenson, Nena Rice requested that the COSCAPA membership approve a donation of \$200 to the ASSC grant-in-aid program for USC grad students. Her request was approved.
- Valerie Marcil brought up SEAC Current Research, noting that SC's contribution is not very inclusive of what is going on in the state. During discussion, it was agreed that Mike Trinkley, SEAC's Current Research editor for SC, has done a good job of requesting information from archaeologists in the state. Although he does not twist arms, that's not his function. It was proposed that COSCAPA contact Mike, and suggest that he abstract current research for SEAC from the COSCAPA Newsletter if he does not get a response to his requests for information. Currently, Mike is not a member, but he may consent to join under our ongoing new membership initiative. Alternatively, nothing keeps him from viewing the Newsletter on the COSCAPA web site. Ultimately, it was determined that it is not COSCAPA's function to tell Mike how to do his job, and that we should leave well enough alone. The upshot is that COSCAPA members need to be more diligent in responding to Mike's requests for information on behalf of SEAC.
- Steve Smith brought up the issue of sharing COSCAPA's membership list with other archaeological organizations, specifically with SAA. This issue came up when Dave Anderson contacted Steve in August 2000, requesting a membership list on behalf of SAA.
- Dave clarified at that time that as the SAA membership chair he was trying to assemble data on how many archaeologists are members of SAA. His immediate intent was to use the list for research purposes, but he also requested permission to pass on the list to SAA so that they (SAA) could use it in an upcoming membership drive. Steve assembled a quorum of COSCAPA officers, consisting of Chris Gillam and Chris Clement, and after discussion it was agreed to provide Dave with the list for research purposes only. Dave was not to share the list with SAA because the officers present felt that decision should be left up to the membership. At the present COSCAPA meeting, Dave clarified SAA's intent in requesting the mailing list. SAA would like to use our membership list for a one-time only mailing in February 2001, an effort to increase SAA membership. He stated that SAA is very strict about disseminating mailing information, and assured COSCAPA that our list would not be used again or promulgated in any way. The SAA President, President-elect, and Executive Officer have also written to Steve, as president of COSCAPA, with similar assurances. Dave formally requested that COSCAPA consider allowing him to provide the COSCAPA membership list to SAA for this purpose. Jon Leader moved that COSCAPA provide a membership list only if SAA gives COSCAPA members a "substantial" cost reduction in SAA membership. The motion was seconded, but failed to pass. There was one hanging chad, which the membership interpreted as an abstention. Chris Clement moved that we allow SAA to use the COSCAPA membership list for a

one time only mailing as described by Dave. The motion was seconded and passed. General discussion during all of this made it clear that all but one of the members present already receive mailings from SAA, and that if SAA really wanted to increase membership they would reduce their dues.

- As additional New Business, Dave Anderson mentioned that he had just returned from the Texas Archaeological Society meeting where he was the featured speaker. The TAS maintains the contractors list for the State of Texas, charging a \$100 fee for this service and raising between \$4000 and \$5000 per year. Dave brought it to our attention in case we wanted to follow a similar course.
- As a final note, and following up on earlier discussion, Steve Smith asked whether we should post the COSCAPA membership on the web. Dave commented that about 1 in 5 professional councils do so. Carl Steen noted that the list is already on the COSCAPA web site, including addresses. A motion was made by Chris Gillam to change the membership list posted on the web so that it includes only names, professional affiliation, and membership status. Several people seconded and the motion was passed with no discussion. A question was raised from the floor about how we are treating people who are on our mailing list but who are no longer active COSCAPA members (i.e., do not show up at meetings and do not pay dues). This is an ongoing concern for the officers and membership, and one that we have been working on. Some people have moved out of state, but others remain in state and should be members. The question is, how do we cull our mailing list of people who are not likely to be interested in COSCAPA anymore while at the same time without deleting potential new or rejoining members. Complicating the issue, Steve pointed out that COSCAPA members are elected. Deleting them from our roll may thus not be so simple. From the floor, a member suggested that the membership committee put together a list of inactive members who might still be interested in COSCAPA vs. those who would not be interested. On a related note, no one knew if we had any procedures for inactive members becoming active again. Steve will check the Constitution. Similarly, the question of how inactive members are struck from the roll was raised. Past treasurer Sharon Pekrul clarified this by stating that, during her tenure, if she did not receive dues after a third notification, she would send a letter saying please pay dues or we will assume you no longer wish to be associated with this organization. If no dues were received, the member was struck. Steve Smith moved that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting. His motion was not seconded, but discussion of this issue died out and the membership moved on to discussion a location for the next meeting.
- The membership agreed that the next meeting would be on February 16, the Friday before ASSC. There is also a 3pm colloquium with George Bass that day at the Gresset Room in Harper College on the USC Horseshoe.
- The COSCAPA meeting will be held in the SCIAA ed room, at 10am as usual.

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:31pm.