

16 February 2001 Meeting Minutes

Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists

Christopher Ohm Clement, Secretary

On 16 February 2001, 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 10:12am.

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

- Chris Amer SCIAA M
- Chris Clement SCIAA M
- Steve Smith SCIAA M
- Chris Gillam SCIAA M
- Gail Wagner USC M
- Wayne Roberts SCDOT M
- Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M
- Natalie Adams New South M
- Sean Norris New South G
- Kara Bridgeman Brockington M
- Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M
- Tammy Forehand SCIAA/SRARP A
- Adam King SCIAA/SRARP M
- Rita Elliot Southern Research G
- Daniel Elliot Southern Research M
- Jon Leader SCIAA M
- Nancy Brock SCDAH M
- William Green TRC Garrow M
- Ramona Grunden SCIAA A
- Keith Derting SCIAA A
- Chester DePratter SCIAA M
- Amy Joyce SCIAA G
- Ruth Wetmore Brevard College M
- John Cable Palmetto Research M
- Jim Errante NRCS M
- Carl Steen Diachronic A
- David G. Anderson NPS M
- Chris Judge SCHTP M
- Valerie Marcil SCDAH M
- Eric Poplin Brockington M
- Keith Stephenson SCIAA/SRARP M

Secretary's Report

Chris Clement reported that the minutes from the 1 December 2000 had been published in the January-March 2001 issue of the COSCAPA Newsletter and on the website, and that no comments or corrections had been received.

Treasurer's Report

Keith Stephenson reported on behalf of Monica Beck that there was a balance of \$3,366.29 as of the last meeting. Since then, \$50 has been received in dues and \$200 was expended in a donation to the ASSC student grant-in-aid program. The current balance is \$3,216.29. A total of \$2,414.72 is encumbered for the Survey and Planning pottery grant, leaving an available balance of \$800.57. David Anderson clarified that the encumbered funds are to be used for publication of the pottery volume resulting from the March 1995 Ceramic Workshop at Hobcaw Barony. In response to a question of how \$50 was received, Keith clarified that dues for Full Membership are \$20 and for Associate Membership are \$10. A dues notice will be sent in March to everyone who is not current in their COSCAPA dues.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Carl Steen reported that the Newsletter was sent on time. Carl was under the impression that it was customary for the Newsletter Editor to pay for mailing the newsletter. Steve Smith noted that if he wanted to be reimbursed, for mailing or any other expense associated with the newsletter, he could submit a receipt. There was a discussion of the membership list, with addresses and phone numbers, which was published in the last newsletter. Carl pointed out that at the last meeting he was specifically asked to take this list off the web but put them in the newsletter. This brought up a question about who maintains the membership list, a task that falls to the Treasurer. Steve Smith asked that everyone look at the published membership list before the next meeting, and if any changes are required let Monica Beck (or Keith Stephenson) know. COSCAPA has been exploring how to cull people who have not paid dues and are presumably no longer interested in COSCAPA from the mailing list. Because members are elected, to be culled they must be voted out by a 2/3 majority or must request that they be dropped from the mailing list. This would make them inactive members. The Treasurer will compile a list of people who have not paid dues for a while, and these people will be contacted to determine if they wish to assume inactive status, or if they wish to start paying dues again. No back dues will be sought. Following that, the membership will be provided an opportunity to examine the revised list of non-paying members, and then the opportunity to vote to make all or some of the list inactive.

Membership Committee Report

Sharon Pekrul reported that no one had applied for membership since the last meeting.

Political Action Committee Report

- Jon Leader began by mentioning the cemetery situation in Columbia. Recent news reports have focused on the treatment of cemeteries originally created by the Department of Mental Health early in the 20th century. Four of these are extant within Columbia, and the treatment of three has been resolved. The fourth was in the process of being developed as a golf driving range, which caused a great deal of consternation in various quarters. Jon has been involved by conducting GPR studies to determine the precise boundaries of the cemetery so that informed decisions about how to handle it can be made.
- Chris Judge reported on the status of CARA. The funding has been cut back, and CARA has been transformed into a competitive grants program, some of which has come to SC.
- Jon discussed the proposed state Clean Water Act Bill, designed to reduce the amount of effluent coming to SC from out of state. Its passage would benefit archaeology by reducing the need for a waste water treatment plant proposed for an archaeologically sensitive area on the Catawba River's Nisbet Bottoms as reported in both the November 2000 and January-March 2001 COSCAPA Newsletters. There has been some stiff opposition to the Bill from unexpected quarters in the Legislature.
- Val Marcil discussed Childsbury and Altamaha. The Childsbury permit was initially denied by OCRM. The developers have resubmitted their application with a new tract map, putting the project outside of OCRM permitting but within Berkeley County permitting. A permit has been granted by Berkeley County, which can still be appealed. Regarding Altamaha, the SHPO just had a meeting with the developers and OCRM. Altamaha development is a three phase project. Phases 1 and 2 have been permitted, and Phase 2 includes part of Altamaha. A 10% data recovery effort will be required. Phase 3 has not been permitted, and encompasses about 3/5 of Altamaha, some mounds, and additional archaeologically sensitive features. A permit is required from OCRM before this phase can commence. The SHPO has been assured in writing that they will be part of that permitting process. In response to a question from Wayne Roberts regarding the recording of permit provisions (see article in The State dated February 15 regarding the recording of wetlands permit provisions), Val noted that in the Altamaha case, as well as other cases involving archaeologically sensitive areas, preservation areas are recorded with the property deed.
- Finally, Jon mentioned the proposed 15% State Agency budget cuts, the US Supreme Court ruling on isolated wetlands, and the new federal administration's suspension of final rules publication (including those related

to the National Register) until they have been reviewed by Bush's team. None of these was discussed at length, but they are things the PAC is keeping an eye on.

State Archaeologist's Report

Office of State Archaeologist: Jon Leader reported that his assistance with the City of Columbia's cemetery problem (as well as a variety of other cemeteries throughout the state) has been purely informational, limited to GPR and not excavation. Any archaeological work that results will be put out for bid. Also, he cautioned that temporary site numbers have been working their way into final reports, and that this is not acceptable. All final reports of investigations must use the state site numbers. Finally, the Office of State Archaeology's project to put all of SCIAA's Research Manuscript Series on the web is proceeding apace.

Underwater Archaeology Division: Through mid-January, the team working at the Warren Lasch Conservation Center completed x-ray and acoustic scans of the hull of the H.L. Hunley with varying results. Because of the density of sand filling the interior of the sub neither technique proved to be much help in imaging the interior of the boat. However, excavation of the aft ballast tank coupled with point-source x-rays of hull components like the forward hatch and hull-plate seams provided much valuable information to guide the excavation of the crew compartment. The rivets from the first of three hull plates to be removed have been drilled out and the team expects to begin excavation of the interior by the end of the month.

The Underwater Division will reopen the Cooper River Heritage Trail on April 26 after scheduled maintenance closed it for the winter season. Two days before the opening, the rudder/stern assembly of the Mepkin Wreck, which was removed from the site in the 1980s, will be replaced on the site. We will then spend a week in May photo-documenting the Pimlico Wreck site and checking on the integrity of the other sites on the trail.

With the Underwater Division's survey equipment reassembled and re-brained after being lobotomized in the Fall, the Division anticipates an active Spring survey season pursuing naval wrecks, sites in the Pee Dee River, and searching out the elusive French corsair Le Prince.

Chris Amer and Lynn Harris attended the SHA annual conference in January. Chris continues on the Advisory Council for Underwater Archaeology where he is on a committee to revise the Council's purposes and to develop its strategic plan. He also serves on the SHA Government Affairs Committee and on the SHA UNESCO Convention Committee.

Research Division: Stan South is home after successful bypass surgery. Tom Charles is still mapping and photographing petroglyphs. Chester DePratter may be at Santa Elena this Spring for additional fieldwork. Al Goodyear is signing up folks for the 2001 edition of the Allendale Paleoindian Expedition, to run for 5 weeks beginning in May. He has received OSL dates on the pre-Clovis level of greater than 16,000 BP.

Cultural Resources Consulting Division: The division is still testing sites at Fort Jackson, Steve Smith is still working on a report for Fort Huachuca, AZ and on an ICRMP for the Washington Navy Yard.

Savannah River Archaeological Research Program: The primary focus is on the update to the 1998 synthesis. Drafts of the papers to be included will be completed by the end of the fiscal year, with the final volume scheduled for 2002. The SRARP is also still working on a proposed mitigation project for the Surplus Plutonium Distribution Facility. In the Columbia Office of the SRARP Chris Gillam is cleaning up the GIS data, ramping up for a new series of predictive models.

SHPO Report

Val Marcil reported a new exhibit documenting the South Carolina/Cherokee frontier at Archives and History. Alex Moore will be the speaker at the reception opening the exhibit on March 7.

Val also reminded all in the CRM field of the importance of developing MOA's for preservation or data recovery efforts. These are the responsibility of the Agency, but they should be so advised and encouraged. This will help ensure that such agreements are honored in the future. Nancy Brock reported that on 28 February the SHPO is hosting a workshop on FCC regulations and historic preservation. It is sponsored by Crown Castle Atlantic Telecommunications Company. The focus will be on cell towers, why the people who build them need to be aware of historic preservation laws, and how they can comply with those laws.

SC Department of Transportation

Wayne Roberts reported that the Archaeologist position at DOT has been filled, and that Bonnie Frick will start work on Tuesday, 20 February. He also reminded everybody that the ASSC annual conference is on 3 February 2001.

USC Department of Anthropology

Gail Wagner is trying to get permission from the landowners at Mulberry Mound for fieldwork from 12 to 18 March. The undergraduate field school at Mulberry will be 11 to 29 June. For grad students the field school will be 4 June through 13 July. She also reminded everybody that she has recently purchased a new imaging system that is ideal for microscopic analyses.

US Forest Service

Bob Morgan reported that various new reports are out or are expected out soon. The Forest Service is also trying to elicit Tribal comments in a more timely fashion. Finally, Bob noted that the NPS is sponsoring a meeting on Civil War earthworks in

Charleston. The Forest Service will be giving tours of some earthworks on their land in support of this meeting. Bob has no new information on the lithics workshop he brought up at the last two meetings.

National Park Service

Dave Anderson thanked the membership for allowing him to use the membership list in his research effort on behalf of SAA. He also reported that he will complete a draft of the Francis Marion National Forest overview by April or May, that the Woodland Southeast edited volume is in production, and that his report on work at Water Island in the US Virgin Islands as well as the Fort Polk overview (with Steve Smith) are moving along.

***Secretary's Note:** At this point the tape recorder I use to record meetings crapped out. As a result, the remainder of these minutes are derived from my rather sketchy hand written notes. Please read them carefully and let me know if I missed anything important.*

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jim Errante reported on an ongoing excavation at Lake Connestee in Princeville, NC on the Tar River.

Brockington and Associates

Eric Poplin reported that Brockington is busy as usual. They are undertaking several small projects on the coast, a highway project in Lexington County, testing on Daniel Island, and a pipeline project out of the Raleigh office that will cross into SC over the mountains.

Department of Natural Resources

Chris Judge reported that the Heritage Trust is closing on the Coosa Island/South Bluff Heritage Preserve on 28 February and that the Trust is still involved in negotiations on Childsbury and Altamaha. Also, the Trust has given approval to buy 1.66 acres at Cedar Grove, but will move forward only with a consent agreement on the adjacent plantation. Other sites the Trust is keeping an eye on include Poinsett Bridge in Greenville, the Seabrook Tract, and Long Island. Finally, Chris announced that he and Carl Steen will be at the Kolb site from 5 to 16 March, with 10 March being their day to entertain the public.

Diachronic Research

Carl Steen noted that he has finished the Duncan Dupree House report, but is still working on the Fort Johnson report.

New South Associates

Natalie reported that Chuck Cantley is back at Poinsett Weapons Range (Shaw AFB) continuing to test sites; that Brad Botwick is testing at the Marine Corps Air Station at Beaufort; and that Sean Norris is working at Camp LeJeune. Natalie has finished the Saxe Gotha data recovery report and is working on a resurvey of Rays Island. Joe Joseph is working to complete the Charleston Judicial Center report, and is editing a volume on Historical Archaeology with Martha Zierden.

Palmetto Research

John Cable further discussed the fire line survey draft report earlier alluded to by Bob Morgan and mentioned that during a survey in Aiken County he had come across a 1950-1990 trailer park that can be associated with the Irish Travelers.

AF Consultants

Lesley Drucker reported that she is working on a 400 acre survey in Pickens County and on a 350 acre survey in Oconee County. In addition she is working on background research and several small compliance projects for cell towers. Finally, she is creating story lines for the Mepkin Abby Botanical Gardens.

TRC Garrow

Bill Green reported that a recent survey on Daufuskie Island had documented 3 sites, all of which were recommended potentially eligible for the NRHP. These include 1 Wilmington phase site, 1 late 19th-early 20th c. domestic site, and 1 multicomponent site. In addition, he is working on a 145 acre survey in Anderson County and doing compliance projects for cell towers.

Brevard Community College

Ruth Wetmore reported on the results of flotation from a site in Macon County, GA.

Southern Research

- Dan Elliot reported that he is working on standards and guidelines for the Georgia Council of Professional Archaeologists and that they are liberally borrowing from the recently completed SC standards and guidelines.

- As the Lamar Institute, Dan is working at Purrysburg on a pre-Civil War forts initiative grant received from the American Battlefield Protection Program. At Southern Research he is doing cell tower projects.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina

Wayne Roberts again reminded the membership of the annual conference on the 17th, and also announced that the Spring Workshop would be on 28 April at Sesquicentennial State Park. Fall Field Day was also briefly discussed. It will probably be moving to Charleston Landing this year, and will be held in the first weekend in October. Finally, Chris Gillam announced that he needs one more paper to complete the current volume of South Carolina Antiquities.

Announcements

Two announcements were made. The first relates to the Sea Island Reconstruction Heritage Area Partnership, a group of researchers and Universities dedicated to studying and memorializing the effort to create opportunities for advancement and education among newly freed slaves during the Civil War around Port Royal. Val Marcil will attend the 1 March 2001 meeting of this group. The second announcement was of a new book, the Boddie manuscript on Francis Marion edited by Steve Smith.

Old Business

None

New Business

None in the notes. Did anybody bring anything up?

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be at 10:00am on 11 May at Archives and History.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41am.

11 May Meeting Minutes

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- Valerie Marcil SCDAH M
- Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M
- Wayne D. Roberts SCDOT M
- Bonnie Frick SCDOT G
- Jamie Civitello USC Anthropology G
- Eric Poplin Brockington M
- Gail Wagner USC Anthropology M
- Sean Norris New South Assoc. G
- Natalie Adams New South Assoc. M
- Sean Taylor New South Assoc. G
- Chris Judge SC Heritage Trust M
- Carl Steen Diachronic Research A
- Adam King SCIAA M
- Jon Leader SCIAA M
- John Cable Palmetto Research. M
- Nena Rice SCIAA M
- Tina Rust Caw Caw M
- Nancy Brock SCDAH M
- Ashley Chapman SCPRT M
- John Hamer Barr and Assoc. G
- Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M
- William Barr Barr and Assoc M
- Keith M. Derting SCIAA A

Secretary's Report

Chris Clement reported that the minutes from the 16 February meeting appeared in the April-June 2001 COSCAPA Newsletter. There were no corrections or additions.

Treasurer's Report

Monica Beck reported that the balance as of the last meeting was \$3,216.29. Since then she had received \$150 in dues, while expenditures included \$19.34 to Chris Gillam for refreshments and \$26.40 to herself for mailings. The current balance is \$3,320.55, with \$2,415.72 encumbered for the Survey and Planning Grant relating to the 1996 Ceramic Workshop. The available balance at the present meeting is \$904.83. Monica has made a list of people who have not paid dues since she became Treasurer, and is putting together a letter for these folks asking if they would like to continue their active memberships. Some of the address she has are suspect. The membership helped her out with these.

Newsletter Editor's Report

Carl Steen is accepting submissions of brief research reports for the next COSCAPA Newsletter, and thanked Gail Wagner for the one on the Wateree Archaeological Research Project that appeared in Volume XXII Number 2. Carl also reported that the COSCAPA web site (<http://www.coscapa.org>) had been shut down because the company that owned the server folded. Currently, the COSCAPA web site is available at <http://www.diachronicresearch.com>. Efforts are underway to locate a new provider so that the [coscapa.org](http://www.coscapa.org) site can be reestablished.

Membership Committee Report

Sharon Pekrul reported that there were no applicants for membership.

Political Action Committee Report

Jon Leader asked Chris Judge to discuss Jocassee Gorges. DNR has come under fire recently for constructing a number of helicopter pads on the property that may have impacted plant communities and/or archaeological sites. Chris reported that the South Carolina Army National Guard was responsible for construction, and that DNR had a difficult time providing oversight. After construction, an erosion problem developed, causing the Native Plant Society and a number of other environmental groups to complain to DNR. One good thing to come from this mess is that archaeology will be included in the Jocassee Gorges management plan. If and when money becomes available, a SOW will be put out to survey the 23,000 acre property. John asked Eric Poplin to discuss the status of the survey report on Green Diamond. Eric is trying to finish it by the end of May, following which Brockington will begin testing the potentially eligible sites. Finally, Jon went down a list of items he is watching. The Catawba Wastewater bill continues to receive lots of opposition, and the South Carolina Indian Affairs Council legislation has also run into some snags, the latter primarily because issues of lotteries and casinos are potentially involved. On the National level, Jon brought the membership up to date on the situation at the Smithsonian Institution vis the closing of the Center for Materials Research and

Education. Jon pointed out, as have others, that this was the primary place where research into preservation (as opposed to preservation per se) occurs, and that its loss will have repercussions long into the future. Although the closing has been approved by the Smithsonian's Board of Governors, it may still be possible to reverse this decision by writing your Senator or Representative. Jon also briefly mentioned the argument by Sprint PCS that cell phone towers are not subject to the National Historic Preservation Act. See http://www.towerlaw.com/news/reg_update/view_reg_news.php3?38 and http://www.towerlaw.com/news/legal_update/pdf/SprintPCS.pdf for additional information. Jon also noted that Texas is considering encouraging metal detecting on State property. Chris Judge reported on the status of the Campsen Bill, which would take the balance of the documentary deeds State tax funds (ca. \$32 million per year) and create a South Carolina Land Conservation Bank. The Campsen Bill will probably pass, but with a very small amount of funding.

State and Federal Agency Reports

South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology

Jon Leader reported that there continue to be numerous burial issues around the State, including the First T in Columbia, Brown Fellowship in Charleston, Rembly in Mount Pleasant, and Lorick in Columbia, among others. Jon was pleased to report that Jennifer King took some time off from the SCIAA publication digitizing project to receive a "high pass" for her comprehensive exams. Now that this minor distraction is behind her, she will be getting back to work on the publications and will hopefully finish shortly. Jon also warned that the current State budget crisis is having an adverse effect on the Office of State Archaeology's ability to respond to requests free of charge. Fortunately, the work at the Topper site to produce a three dimensional model of the geophysical environment has been completed, and the 3 internships at OSA will be able to continue.

In the Underwater Division, excavators are within a month of completing excavation of the interior of the Hunley. As they near the bottom of the boat several interesting artifacts have been revealed, including a Union "dog tag", a slouch hat, and of course more human remains and other personal effects. The forward spaces of the crew compartment will remain untouched until all of the sediment is removed from aft. Lt. George Dixon's remains are expected to be in the forward part of the boat. SCIAA staff continue to advise the Hunley Commission on Hunley matters, and Jon Leader, Jim Spirek, and Chris Amer continue to provide lectures on their behalf. In February, Chris gave a Hunley lecture tour through Wisconsin, meeting with South Carolina's former SHPO, George Voght, in the process.

In other Underwater news, the Division reopened the Cooper River Heritage Trail on April 26 after scheduled maintenance closed it for the winter season. Prior to the opening, the rudder/stern assembly of the Mepkin Wreck, removed from the site in

the 1980s, was assembled and fastened to the marl near the stern of the vessel. This week the Division is photo-documenting the Pimlico Wreck site and, with the assistance of Sue Vizeau (a Texas A&M grad student), is retrieving the vessel's architectural lines.

Finally, the Underwater Division completed a month of remote sensing in Port Royal Sound and approaches, looking for the wreck of the *Le Prince*, a French corsair that ran aground near the entrance of the Sound in 1754. Numerous magnetic anomalies were recorded. Next month the crew will return to image the anomalies with side-scan sonar and begin ground-truthing.

In the Research Division, Stan South continues to oversee work at Charles Towne Landing, with Mike Stoner conducting the actual fieldwork. Chester DePratter is preparing to return to Santa Elena to search for cemeteries of the black residents of the island that predate the Marine facilities. Al Goodyear will be excavating the Topper site again during the month of May. Recent finds include a MALA workshop containing 7 unbroken points and numerous preforms. Tom Charles has finished the report on the Pumpkin site and is now mapping and recording petroglyph sites in the upstate.

The Cultural Resources Consulting Division continues to work at Fort Jackson for both the Army and the South Carolina National Guard. Currently they are doing a data recovery on a Woodland and Early Archaic site, and also testing a variety of sites across the installation. Steve Smith is working on a GPS/GIS study of Revolutionary War sites in South Carolina and surrounding states for the National Park Service. At the SRS, the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program's compliance crew is gearing up for a busy summer. Tammy Forehand and Mark Groover are continuing their work at Galphin Trading Post, Keith Stephenson and Adam King continue their Mississippian research and hope to visit a couple of reported mound sites that haven't been looked at closely, and hopefully look at some collections.

State Historic Preservation Office

Valerie Marcil began by noting that only testing or data recovery reports received are listed in the COSCAPA newsletter. She also reported that the new SHPO archaeologist will start work on June 18. This is Chad Long, who went to high school in the Columbia area but received his BA from Appalachian State. Chad is currently an MA candidate at William and Mary and has his most recent CRM experience in the Mid-Atlantic. Until he starts, and in an effort to stay caught up with report reviews, Adam King will be a temporary reviewer for the SHPO office.

Valerie attended the Sea Island Heritage Area Partnership, representing COSCAPA (among others). The Partnership has a focus on Reconstruction, which it intends to implement in the Beaufort area. The Partnership is looking for funding, for ideas, and for sites that relate to Reconstruction.

Following up on Jon Leader's mention of the South Carolina Indian Affairs Council, Valerie noted that the SHPO office is getting more frequent participation and interest from Native American groups in the consultation process. She ascribes

this to the new Section 106 regulations. Valerie also added to Jon's comments on cemeteries by noting that the SHPO has been considering a new policy towards these sites. In the past, they have rarely been considered potentially eligible properties because of a focus on their above-ground characteristics. However, the new focus of the SHPO will be on the archaeological information they potentially contain. As a result, cemeteries will more typically be considered potentially eligible in the future. Carl Steen brought up the possibility that cemeteries could be considered Traditional Cultural Properties. Valerie acknowledged that possibility, but said she hadn't gone that far in her thinking yet. Eric Poplin noted that without a direct constituency (i.e., descendants), the TCP designation is problematic. However, a "direct constituency" may be formed by the formation of local Abandoned Cemeteries Commissions, a movement that Jon Leader noted is gathering impetus in the state and elsewhere.

SC Department of Transportation

After announcing the arrival of Bonnie Frick as the new DOT staff archaeologist, Wayne Roberts reported that DOT will be dividing his and Bonnie's duties by assigning them into eastern (Bonnie) and western (Wayne) portions of the state. Also, large DOT archaeological projects are being more frequently let out for bid by the highway construction contractors rather than DOT. As a result, the DOT archaeologists are doing more review and less fieldwork. Finally, Martha Thacker has been hired as the DOT/SHPO liaison using funds provided to Archives and History by the Federal Highways Administration. More specifically, Wayne reported that HAER work on the Grace Memorial Bridge has been completed by New South while the archaeology has been completed by Brockington. Currently, the bridge is for sale, as long as it goes in its entirety. In addition, DOT is seeing many more concrete bridges come up for HAER documentation because they are more than 50 years old.

SC Department of Natural Resources

Chris Judge reported on ongoing efforts to preserve Revolutionary War sites, and mentioned work on Poinsett Bridge in Greenville. He announced that the Fort Lamar battle commemoration will be on June 16, with reenactors camped out on the site starting on the 15th. For National Trail Day (June 2), DNR will be hosting a trail maintenance day at Congaree Creek. In conjunction with Becky Saunders (Louisiana State University) and Mike Russo (National Park Service), as well as a College of Charleston Field school under Martha Zeirden, excavations will be undertaken at the three shell features at Fig Island from May 21 through June 20. The primary focus will be on securing new radiocarbon dates and zooarchaeology. Chris just gave the (hopefully) final version of the Archaeology Month poster commemorating 25 years of the Heritage Trust Program. Finally, Chris may have some good news regarding Childesbury as early as next week. The SC Budget and Control Board approved the purchase of the site by the Heritage Trust last week, but the closing is currently being held up by questions about who is responsible for removing a leaking gas tank from the property.

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jim Errante reported that in South Carolina the Lake Connestee excavations are finishing up and that the NRCS is helping the Santee Indians with the reconstruction of a mound. In North Carolina the NRCS is involved with several Emergency Watershed Projects in Halifax and Princeville resulting from Hurricanes Dennis and Floyd.

SC Parks, Recreation, and Tourism

Ashley Chapman reported that David Jones has been active around the state, notably at Charles Towne Landing, Edisto Island, and Roseville. At Old Dorchester, crews have been conducting GPS and total station survey. A series of 50 x 50 cm shovel tests are being excavated throughout the park at 20 m intervals, defining several areas dating to the period from the 1690s to 1740.

USC Department of Anthropology

Gail Wagner reported that she will be running her summer field school in the Wateree Valley during the last three weeks of June, and that she is beginning a preliminary survey of Mississippian sites in the Wateree Valley by visiting the site files and through field visits, with limited testing as time allows. Gail also gave out tobacco plants to interested members, commenting to those who actually smoke that tobacco is hallucinogenic, but that you get used to it. All plants were quickly snapped up.

Other Reports

Brockington and Associates

Eric Poplin reported that in addition to the aforementioned testing in the Congaree flood plain, Brockington is gearing up for a 4,500 acre survey at Palmetto Bluff and that several projects for SCDOT are in process. Under review are reports on work along three segments of SC 6 and SC60 in Lexington County.

Diachronic Research Foundation

Carl Steen reported that the Fort Johnson report is nearly complete and that reports on the Duncan Dupree site in Spartanburg County and Somerset Place Plantation in North Carolina are done.

New South Associates

Natalie Adams reported that Brad Botwick is in Fayetteville, NC working on a highway project and that Lisa O'Steen is still working on the Manning site report. Natalie herself is working on a survey of the rifle ranges at Parris Island and reports finding 20 sites. Finally, Sean Norris is at Camp Lejeune conducting data recovery on a site containing shell pits in association with Hanover series pottery.

Palmetto Research

John Cable reported that he has been primarily trying to clear up the backlog of reports he's accumulated.

AF Consultants

Lesley Drucker has been busy with several small projects including a water crossing on Lake Keeowee, the report on a 20 acre survey in Orangeburg County, and cell towers. She reports an upturn in actual field work associated with cell tower sites in response to interest by Native American groups, corroborating Valerie's impressions stated earlier in the meeting. In addition, Lesley has been giving public presentations and preparing for Fall Field Day at Charles Towne Landing. She noted that there is no camping at the venue, but that there is camping nearby for those who want to rough it.

Barr and Associates

Bill Barr reported that he completed a 75 acre survey for the Richland County Wastewater Treatment Plant along the Broad River, and that he had also completed a 32 mile natural gas pipeline survey in Louisiana. On Lexington Old Mill property, Bill has been working on documenting an African American cemetery containing 2 marked and as many as 48 unmarked burials in a 1 acre area. Bill has also been busy with a marine remote sensing project in Georgetown Harbor. Testing at Harmony Plantation, also in Georgetown County, will start soon.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina

Wayne Roberts brought up the issue of exploring corporate sponsorship for Archaeology Month events. If anyone knows a potential sponsor, please let Wayne know. There followed general discussion of why attendance was down last year as compared to previous years, and what to do about it.

Announcements

Jon Leader announced that he had recently participated in a symposium at the Archaeological Center of the American Institute of Conservation focusing on toxicity in materials held by the participating groups. As one result, there may be some National Park Service funding for conservation projects.

Old Business

There was no old business discussed.

New Business

On behalf of Nena Rice, Jon Leader requested that COSCAPA provide funding to help defray production costs for the Archaeology Month poster. This was approved by the membership in the amount of \$200.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on October 5 at Charles Towne Landing. In the event that venue is not workable, August 24 at Archives and History is the back up date and place. As usual, the meeting will be at 10:00am.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39am.

5 October 2001 Meeting Minutes

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Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M

Secretary's Report

Aside from the change of venue for the meeting, which did not make it into the minutes in the last newsletter but did make it to the web page, Chris Clement had nothing to report. Discussion centered around the fact that the Newsletter was distributed early, and thus many people felt they had not received it. They had, it was just early. [Editor's note: The Newsletter went out on schedule in mid-August. Our fall meeting was supposed to be in September, but was put off until October to encourage participation in the Fall Archaeology Fest at Charlestowne Landing.]

Treasurer's Report

The balance as of the May meeting was \$3,320.55. Since then, we have received \$680.00 in dues and have paid a total of \$317.48 in expenditures: \$9.00 for a minimum order of deposit slips; \$8.48 to Steve Smith for refreshments; \$100.00 to John Cable for previous newsletter expenses, and \$200.00 to SCIAA for Archaeology Month brochures. This brings the current balance to \$3,683.07. Of this balance, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the Pottery Survey and Planning Grant. The available balance is \$1,267.35.

There followed general discussion of whether COSCAPA funds are in an interest bearing account. Although there are no service charges applied to COSCAPA's account, it is a checking account and thus does not accrue interest. The Treasurer will investigate the possibility of moving the funds encumbered for the pottery workshop into an interest bearing account since they are not general funds.

Newsletter Editor's Report

The Newsletter Editor was not present at the meeting and no report was made.

Membership Committee Report

One individual had requested Associate Membership. Paul Jones is ABD from the University of Florida. In his position as Office Manager and PI for Panamerican's Tampa office he occasionally works in South Carolina and requested Associate membership for that reason. His letter of support was written by Chris Clement and his application was approved with one opposed vote.

Political Action Committee Report

Jon Leader reported that:

- The Governor has put together an ad hoc committee on Native American Affairs, of which Jon is a member. They are dealing with 14-16 State recognized tribes and 21 Federally recognized tribes, and will present suggestions to the Governor on how the state should deal with tribal entities regarding health, education, economics, employment, etc. as well as the more familiar NAGPRA issues. Currently, issues under discussion include who is included in the "recognized tribe" category and who is more appropriately considered an interest group.
- NAGPRA consultations are ongoing by various Federal Agencies, including Fort Jackson, the SC National Guard, and the Marines.
- the declining economy is likely to result in both Federal and State cutbacks, including furloughs and RIFs.
- Senate Bill 765 (<http://www.scstatehouse.net/bills/765.htm>), a poorly thought out but well-intentioned ARPAl like bill for SC, is not well supported. If this bill looks like it will pass (and currently it does not), COSCAPA, represented by the President, should take the opportunity to comment. The membership made it

clear that they would like to see more updates on this bill, including in both the Newsletter and on the web site as well as through the PAC.

State Agency Reports

Valerie Marcil (SHPO) reported that:

- They now require 7.5 minute topo maps of sites for digitizing into the GIS data layer
- Coastal Zone Section 106 mitigation projects should now include a public education component
- Native American consultation should be pushed. Many agencies are just now getting the idea that they should be doing this consultation, while Native Americans themselves are taking this very seriously.
- they are working to better define Area of Potential Effect and will be coming out with guidance documents sometime in the next few months.
- THPOs representing the Catawba, the Eastern Band of Cherokee, and the Seminole are all in place. The Creek have not yet designated a THPO. Fort Jackson and the SC National Guard are actively working on consultation with a number of tribes (about 17) who are interested in South Carolina. Points of Contact to get their information are Mark Dutton (Fort Jackson --803-751-4103) and Bryan Hall (SC National Guard --803-806-2349). The SHPO also sent out a list of federally and state recognized tribes who are interested in consultation on archaeological projects by county. If someone needs that list, or if it needs updating, contact Chad Long at the SHPO office.

Wayne Roberts (SCDOT) reported that they have completed their selection of on-call CRM firms for work in the state: Brockington, Louis Berger, Legacy Research (out of Raleigh), and New South. These selections are for the next three years. Most of the work SCDOT is doing right now is on historic bridge documentation.

Jon Leader (SCIAA) reported that

- The Institute has been working to put together Fall Field Day, held on 6 October at Charles Town Landing.
- The Cultural Resources Consulting Division has been working on a GPS survey of Revolutionary War Battlefields in SC, NC, and TN.
- The Office of State Archaeologist is reorganizing. Diane Boyd will move from Publications to the Site Files. She will handle requests for information while Keith will be responsible for quality checking incoming information. The goal is to have the site files open 5 days a week. In response to a question from Valerie Marcil, Jon clarified that the GIS data layer maintained by SCIAA and utilized by people in the SHPO is currently out of date. Jon is looking for funds to update the data.
- Stan and Chester just completed work on 4 cemeteries on Parris Island.

- The SRARP is in the process of putting together its 5 year technical synthesis, but is also looking at potential budget cuts that will result in the loss of some of their field crew and the downsizing of some of their special research projects. Also, the SRARP welcomes the arrival of Ayla Isabel King, daughter of Adam and Jennifer.

Chris Judge (DNR) reported that:

- The Heritage Land Trust fund is down to \$300,000 from \$9 million 2 years ago
- Childesbury will be dedicated on October 14 at 2pm on site.
- the HT acquired the 201 acre Congaree Bluffs site. The site is significant primarily for its plant community, but also contains 38CL4, an Early Archaic, Deptford and Late Prehistoric National Register site.
- An Adventure Guide for Port Royal Sound will be published soon (includes blurbs on 7 Heritage Preserves, Penn Center, Hunting Island State Park, Pinkney Island Wildlife Refuge). This used to be the kayak guide and will be sold through outfitters, etc.
- A portion of the Palmetto Trail will cross HT property at Jocassee Gorges. An RFP for intensive survey was released by the Palmetto Trail group. DNR is not directly involved, but will review the final report.
- The Kolb Site project will continue on March 11-22, with the public day on the 16th.
- The Morris Island lighthouse, bought for \$1 by the HT and leased to Save the Light, requires extensive erosion stabilization on the seaward side. They're looking at a ca. \$6.5 million price tag, about half of which will have to be raised through private donations.
- The HT is closing on the 4.5 acre inholding (the former Coast Guard installation) on the north end of Folly Island for \$4.5 million

Gail Wagner (USC Anthropology Department) reported that:

- The Department has had lots of interest in its Monday night labs.
- Despite the budget situation, the Department has still been asked by the Administration to move forward on its Ph.D. program and is doing so
- The Department is also being examined (along with every other USC department or unit) by USC's Strategic Directions Initiatives Committee.

Federal Agency Reports

Jim Errante (NRCS) reported that they continue with small surveys, but have been spending most of their time writing reports. They are also continuing excavations at Lake Connestee near Greenville as well as emergency watershed projects in North Carolina. Jim is also working on the cultural resources aspect of the Progress Reporting Measurement System (PRMS), a web based data base that will allow users to track the status of NRCS projects on a county-by-county basis.

Bob Morgan reported that the US Forest Service has begun its new Fiscal Year.

- During the last quarter, 10-12,000 acres of USFS lands were under survey for compliance -- 6 contracts under 5 different contracting firms.
- Bob will also be participating in a Sumter NF Plan revision meeting later in the month where the future Standards and Guidelines for the Forest will be updated.
- Bob also reported that SCE&G will be sponsoring two data recovery projects that should start in the near future, one near Stevens Creek on the Savannah River and the other near Neal Shoals on the Broad. The Neal Shoals project (at least) will be undertaken by Louis Berger and Associates.
- The USFS is a little behind the curve in Native American consultation, but is catching up.
- The USFS display for Fall Field Day will focus on the "History and Legacy of the CCC". They've done quite a bit of oral history and research on this topic and have a single CCC building still standing in Awendaw. On October 20 they plan a public participation effort in conjunction with the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC) to clean, maintain, and repair the building.
- Dave Anderson (NPS) reported that his article (with Donna Fried) evaluating the participation of professional archaeological council members in national archaeological societies is out in the latest (September) issue of the SAA's Archaeological Record.
- Dave also reported that he was mistaken about not going to Shiloh until he'd finished the draft of the Francis Marion overview. Now he states that he won't be allowed to go to Shiloh again until after he's finished the overview. But since he did go to Shiloh, he reported that he just returned from three months working on the main Mississippian mound in the Shiloh mound group. The mound is eroding into the Tennessee River, and the NPS has been trying to recover the data prior to its destruction. More info is available at <http://www.cr.nps.gov/seac/Shiloh-2001/shiloh-2001.htm>.
- Finally, Dave reported that the report on Water Island (USVI) is nearly complete and that the Woodland Southeast edited volume is being put into camera ready format.

Other Agency Reports

Martha Zierden (Charleston Museum) reported that the Museum is in the process of putting together an exhibit on the Revolutionary War in SC. Ron Anthony reported that he is looking at the last two years worth of material and field notes from Stono in preparation to putting out a report.

Eric Poplin (Brockington) reported that they had just finished the report for a 3,000 acre survey near Bluffton as well as reports on the Altamaha sites at Cedar Point. Brockington has also been doing several highway projects all over the state, and just

finished a survey in Abbeville County. They've also made several new hires in the Charleston Office.

Lesley Drucker (AF Consultants) reported that she's been working with the City of Greenville verifying historic cemeteries as well as gearing up for a pipeline survey in Horry County. Mostly, however, she's been coordinating Archaeology Month and Fall Field Day.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina

Various ASSC representatives reported that a slate of officers is being mailed out with the Newsletter, and that the annual conference will be on February 23, 2002. Bill Kelso will be the invited speaker, and Chester DePratter is the program chair.

Announcements

Al Goodyear has scheduled a Pre-Clovis conference in Columbia for January 26, 2002. Contact him for details and discounts.

Nena Rice acknowledged John and Anita Cable as well as Chris Judge for their efforts in producing the Archaeology Month poster. She also asked for advice for future themes for the poster. The membership agreed that hunter-gatherers would be a good theme for 2002, and the Revolutionary War would be appropriate for 2003 to celebrate the 225th anniversary of the Southern Campaign.

Old Business

The COSCAPA web site was discussed. Chris Gillam commented that the web site continues to reside on the Diachronic web site, although we did have server space and a domain name specifically for us. That service provider has now gone belly up, so the question is, do we leave the web site where it is, or find another service provider? Funding for a service provider has been approved, but Carl Steen was not available for comment. Chris Judge will bring the issue to his attention.

New Business

An election committee was formed, consisting of Monica Beck (Chair), Dave Anderson, Steve Smith, and Valerie Marcil. They will create a slate, which will be published in the next newsletter. A vote will be held at the next meeting. Everyone please email a note to Carl Steen (diacarl@aol.com or csteen@sc.rr.com) to ensure that he has your correct address for the email list.

The next meeting will be held at 10am on December 14, 2002 at Archives and History.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

14 December 2001 Meeting Minutes
Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists
Christopher Ohm Clement, Secretary

On 14 December, 2001, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the Archives and History Center, Columbia.

President Steve Smith called the meeting to order at 10:14AM. The following members and guests were present:

Chris Clement SCIAA M
Steve Smith SCIAA M
Chris Gillam SCIAA M
Gail Wagner USC Anthropology M
Chester DePratter SCIAA M
Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M
Ruth Wetmore Brevard College M
Chad Long SCDAH G
Valerie Marcil SCDAH M
Jon Leader SCIAA M
Nena Powell Rice SCIAA M
Keith Stephenson SCIAA M
Adam King SCIAA M
Christopher Amer SCIAA M
Kristen Labrie USC Anthropology G
Katie Epps USC Anthropology G
Tommy Charles SCIAA M
Jim Errante USDA-NRCS M
Natalie Adams New South Associates M
Sean Norris New South Associates G
Philip MacArthur TRC Garrow G
William Green TRC Garrow M
Bonnie Frick SCDOT G
Genevieve Brown SC Heritage Trust Program G
Sean Taylor Palmetto Research Institute G
Chris Judge SC Heritage Trust Program M
Jon Rood SC Heritage Trust Program G
Carl Steen Diachronic Research Foundation A
Nancy Brock SCDAH M

As the initial order of business, Guests were introduced. These include Philip MacArthur (TRC Garrow), Sean Taylor (Palmetto Research Institute), Jon Rood and Genevieve Brown (SC Heritage Trust Program), and Kristen Labrie and Katie Epps (USC Anthropology).

Secretary's Report (Chris Clement)

There were no problems with the previous minutes as submitted, and they were accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson on behalf of Monica Beck)

The balance as of the October meeting was \$3,683.07. Since then COSCAPA has received \$100.00 in dues and paid a total of \$10.00 in expenditures to Chris Gillam for refreshments. This brings the balance to \$3,773.07. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$1,357.35. Steve Smith asked whether we were happy with continuing to have these funds encumbered for the S&P grant. David Anderson is in charge of completing the Pottery volume, but has several other irons in the fire as well. His father also recently passed away, and the membership decided that it would be appropriate to send him a card offering our condolences. After general discussion of the encumbered funds situation, it was decided to recommend that the new administration of COSCAPA look into ways to get the volume completed.

Newsletter Editor's Report (Carl Steen)

Carl reported that the Newsletter is running smoothly but that he could use more submissions from the membership. He also commented that a couple of people received mangled copies in the mail. He brought extra copies to the meeting for those people and for anyone who had not otherwise received one. Steve Smith asked whether Carl was submitting bills to COSCAPA to subvent publication and distribution costs. Carl replied that no, he had not, and Steve reiterated that COSCAPA should be funding the newsletter.

Membership Committee Report

No one from the committee was present to give a report, but Nena Rice had recently spoken to Martha Zeirden, and there were no applications to act upon.

Political Action Committee Report (Jon Leader)

--The Governor's Ad Hoc Committee on Native American Affairs is moving forward, and has come up with a set of criteria for State tribal recognition. They have formed a subcommittee to "preexamine" some of the groups who are furthest along towards recognition just to see how the process would work before their recommendations are finalized and submitted to the Governor for consideration.

--Jon has been talking to the Governor's office about legislation and reports that the bill put in by Sen. Elliot has not been signed onto by anybody else. It is dead. Jon has also been negotiating with some of the individuals who would become involved in such legislation further down the line to determine what it is they might be willing to see from the archaeological community. COSCAPA did put a sub-committee together at the previous meeting to address this proposed legislation, and Jon will be calling a meeting shortly to advise them in more detail of the current status.

--Jon congratulated Carl on his efforts to keep the membership abreast of the situation in the Lee Pye case in Charleston County.

--Chris Judge reported that Chip Campsen (Charleston) introduced the Conservation Bank Act (Senate Bill 297) in the last session. It calls for creating a 15 member board to oversee \$8-10 million in land protection monies in SC, largely for natural areas but it also includes archaeology. Chris hopes that everybody supports it, but also noted that only 10% of the funds will be used for archaeology. This seems unfair to him, and he asked that anyone who writes in support of the bill raise this issue. On paper, the difference between the proposed plan and the Heritage Trust is that the plan will address a broader array of lands, not just the cream of the crop. The plan also tends to focus heavily on Conservation Easements, which benefit the public only through open space while benefiting the owner through tax breaks, thereby decreasing tax revenues.

--Chris also reported on the Historic Rehabilitation Incentives Act (House Bill 3163) which will give tax incentives at the state level for historic rehabilitation projects. The bill will be discussed in early January in subcommittee.

State Historic Preservation Office

No report

Department of Transportation (Bonnie Frick)

Currently DOT is doing several bridge replacements, primarily involving HAER documentation, for bridges across the Savannah River, and in Berkeley and Colleton Counties.

South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (Jon Leader) Research Division

Stan South has just completed work on a book describing his work at the Charlestowne Landing site in 1969 and 1970. It is being published by Kluwer Publishing in New York. He has also just completed a new introduction for a reprint of his Method and Theory in Historical Archaeology, which has been out of print for a few years. The new volume will have a preface by Lewis Binford. Both of these volumes will be available early in 2002. Stan has hired an assistant to computerize data collected by his ATTIC Project in the Smith House in Roswell, GA several years ago. This is the next step toward making that important dataset available.

Chester DePratter spent most of the summer and early fall delineating four African American cemeteries on Parris Island. One of the cemeteries is on top of the Santa Elena site, and in the course of delineating the cemetery, several Spanish structures and an end to the Charlesfort moat were found. The four cemeteries contained approximately 1,200 to 1,500 graves of slaves and postbellum residents who were allowed to live on the island until 1938. The report on this work will be completed by late March.

Al Goodyear is working on the Allendale-Topper Conference to be held at USC Jan 25 and 26.

Tommy Charles has completed and published the Pumpkin site (38GR226) report and is exploring the possibility of further work there. He is also continuing the petroglyph survey and site mapping, and is writing a chapter for *The Rock Art of Eastern North America, Volume One*. Finally, he is attempting to raise funds for excavation in Spartanburg County as a joint SCIAA/Wofford College effort.

Underwater Division

Several ongoing Underwater Division projects were reported on. In the Fall of 2001 the Division continued the Port Royal Sound survey, using intensive marine remote sensing to locate and inventory shipwrecks and other submerged cultural resources. The intent of the survey was to locate the remains of approximately forty shipwrecks documented in this area of the sound, especially the remains of the 16th c. French corsair *Le Prince* that wrecked in 1577. No positive identification of a wreck was made during this initial effort, but one site may be the remains of the *Martin's Industry Lightship*, burned by the Confederates in advance of the Federal Port Royal expedition in 1862.

Also in the fall the Division completed field investigation for the US Naval Wrecks Survey funded in part by a grant from the US Department of Defense Legacy Program. Concentrating on the area around Charleston, Division staff used remote sensing to investigate numerous submerged sites, including Union ironclads and blockade runners involved in the War between the States and the possible location of *HMS Acteon* lost at the entrance to Charleston Harbor during the American Revolution. Over the next six months Division staff will develop a management plan for these sites for the Naval Historical Center.

Additionally, the Division took on USC student intern Evelyn Ackerman to assist in the remote sensing of two colonial shipyards near Charleston.

Anyone who made the pilgrimage to Georgetown in November to visit the replica slaver *Amistad* during her inaugural visit to SC will have seen hundreds of board feet of SC live oak, procured through the the Historic Ship Supply Program, in the hull of this historic ship.

Chris Amer, Jim Spirek, Jon Leader and other Division staff continued through the year to assist the SC Hunley Commission and the Friends of the Hunley by providing consultations, public lectures and logistical support for the project, including Amer's ill-timed lecture to the Civil War Roundtable in Richmond, VA on September 11.

In November the Division staff removed the mooring buoys from the Cooper River Heritage Trail for the season after a highly successful year of tourists visiting the six historic sites located along the two-mile stretch of river. The trail will reopen in April, 2002. Additional information about the trail can be found at <http://www.cla.sc.edu/sciaa/staff/amerc/>.

Cultural Resources Consulting Division

The Cultural Resources Consulting Division is involved in a data recovery effort at 38AK546 in conjunction with the SRARP. The site contains multiple prehistoric components, but the research efforts are focused on the Woodland and Mississippian occupations.

Office of State Archaeologist

In the Office of the State Archaeologist, Research Manuscripts and selected monographs are being moved into the Education Room. They will be on sale at half price until they are gone or until the end of January.

Diane Boyd is training with Keith Derting in the Site Files and will be in the office starting the second week in January.

You may have heard or read about the University's Bell South building acquisition. Please note that the vote to buy the building is this Monday (12/17/ 2001), that bonds will be necessary, and that renovations will have to be done before SCIAA -- or anyone else -- can move in. A move in 2003 may not be an unreasonable expectation.

The Governor's Ad Hoc committee on Native American Affairs is making headway. The issues under discussion, such as state recognition criteria, prison problems, and religious freedom, are not easy.

The continued loss of State revenues is a matter of grave concern. Fortunately, The State newspaper let everyone know when the University makes a decision. OSA is very fortunate that Holly Gillam has agreed to update the GIS mapping to year 2001 levels depending on the availability of a Stephenson grant. If the grant falls through, donor funds will be solicited.

The IMLS video series is underway through USC distance learning and apparently doing well.

Jon Leader will be working in Connecticut in Mid-January with Nick Bellatoni to answer the questions regarding Ezra Chamberlin, a Union soldier whose suttler's dog tag was found in the Hunley.

The usual requests for assistance on burial problems continued this year. The trend continues to be proactive instead of reactive, though there were a few noticeable exceptions.

In conservation the OSA has returned the first load of wood from the Gronaur lock, and are negotiating over a second load. The Little Landing cannons will be making their way back to the Low Country shortly. The Doolittle bomb is awaiting funding for its exhibit mount, and the disarming of a Hodgkiss round will commence next week. Savannah River Archaeological Research Program Mark Brooks has been supervising testing at Flamingo Bay, including 50 cm square shovel tests in 5 cm levels. Melanie Cabak is putting the finishing touches on her two-volume set for the Bush Plantation.

Tammy Forehand and Mark Groover continue to work at Silver Bluff.

Keith Stephenson and Adam King will go back to the Lawton site this spring to work on the north mound.

Heritage Trust (Chris Judge)

Bobby Sutherland is monitoring a transmission line that goes through the Manning Site on the Congaree Heritage Preserve. Bobby has also been doing some new work at the Thom's Creek site, which will include an effort to synthesize/summarize the previous work at that site as well.

The Heritage Trust has finally acquired the remainder of the above ground remains of the Greens Shell Enclosure.

The Fig Island mapping and dates were published in the COSCAPA Newsletter.

Dates are associated with Thom's Creek pottery and with the architectural features as well. Faunal analysis of material from the site is ongoing at the University of Florida, and initial reports suggest that they are much more diverse than from other, similarly early constructs in Florida.

Chris and Carl Steen will be returning to the Kolb site March 11-22. Public site day will be March 16.

The 24 acre Fishaul/Mitchellville acquisition will be dedicated early in 2002. A management plan has been completed with the town of Hilton Head.

In April or May the Heritage Trust hopes to do some survey work at Congaree Bluffs in Calhoun County.

The sea kayak trail/adventure guide is at the printer and should be available shortly.

USC Anthropology Department (Gail Wagner)Gail plans to be in the field the last three weeks of May, probably at the Mulberry site although there are plans to thin the trees there this summer and how that will effect Gail's project is unknown.

Michelle Schoen has finished her Thesis on the functional analysis of ceramics from the Manning Dike Break site.

With the University restructuring, there's a possibility that the McKissick Museum may be closed.

Natural Resources Conservation Council (Jim Errante)

NRCS has established a new state-wide GIS system using GRASS software. NRCS has also been working with the Cherokee on CRM issues. The tribe seems well set up as far as their THPOs go and provided a series of maps showing counties that they consider to be their traditional range. SC is included in this series. They would like to review any CRM undertaken in these areas.

Archaeological Society of South Carolina (Nena Rice)

Nena reported on the results of the recent ASSC elections:

Bob Cole, President

Bill Liles, Vice President

Kathy Schumpert, Secretary

Nena Rice, Treasurer

Keith Stephenson, Archivist

Eric Poplin, Newsletter Editor

The ASSC conference will be on February 23, 2002.

SC Antiquities is about to get up and running again. Lisa Hudgins will be doing the editing for the backlog of volumes (1998, 1999, 2000), and Chris Gillam is still looking for one additional paper for the 2001 issue.

Diachronic Research Foundation (Carl Steen)

Carl continues to work on finishing a draft of the Fort Johnson report, and has been working with Genevieve Brown and Sean Taylor on the Kolb site artifacts.

Carl also put together Martha Zeiriden's 14 Legare Street report and that should be available shortly.

TRC Garrow (Bill Green)

Garrow has completed a pipeline survey in Jasper County, crossing the Savannah River into GA. Twelve-thirteen sites were found in SC, and the ROW closely follows a transmission line. Two of the sites are eligible for the NRHP, one containing a nice late Refuge component. Garrow also just finished a 4,500 acre survey in Newberry County for the Forest Service. 60-odd sites were found, and 15 or so are potentially eligible to the NRHP. Finally, they've done several small surveys lately, including one on Horse Island adjacent to Parris Island, and cell towers continue to be a primary activity. Bill noted that about 1 out of every 8 cell tower surveys encounters sites, and in two instances large, potentially eligible sites were found despite the small footprint of most towers.

New South Associates (Natalie Adams)

Brad Bostwick is currently in the field working at the site of the new College of Charleston library. Also, the Parris Island Rifle Range survey report is in draft format. Finally, New South recently completed testing on 2 sites at Beaufort Marine Corps Air Station, including a 19th c brick kiln and a site occupied as early as the 1770s until acquisition of the property by the feds. The brick kiln is in good shape and probably eligible. The second site has seen a lot of military use.

Brevard College (Ruth Wetmore)

Ruth has been working on an antebellum-Civil War National Register site in Transylvania County, NC along with Ken Robinson from Wake Forest University. They expected to find a cookhouse at the site, but found instead a 16x30 foot stone foundation. Currently, their hypothesis is that they are dealing with some sort of commercial structure. Steve Smith mentioned that this is a typical size for a two-bay Upland South domestic structure.

AF Consultants (Lesley Drucker)

Lesley has been working on a pipeline survey in Horry County. Though it crosses a Carolina Bay, no sites were found. Leslie is also working on National Register nominations for an elementary school in Greenville County and two family

cemeteries in the same county. Neither of these latter projects are driven by Section 106.

Announcements

Nena Rice is putting together a committee for the 2002 Archaeology Month poster. The theme will be hunter-gatherers. An article for the back is being solicited from Al Goodyear, but other contributors are needed. John Cable will be in charge of the overall design.

Old Business

Steve Smith brought up the issue of the website, noting that while COSCAPA has funding set aside for server space and our own domain name, since we lost our previous server space the website has been hosted on the Diachronic pages. Discussion revolved around whether we should seek new server space. Carl Steen noted that it is easiest for him to update the webpage in the current set up than it would be with a new server. Chris Gillam and others pointed out that the COSCAPA pages should stand alone, and not go through the site of another organization, and that was our rationale for getting the coscapa.org domain. Chris Gillam volunteered to take over the website, and seek new server space.

New Business

Elections were held at this meeting. The slate consisted of:

Chris Gillam, President

Chris Clement, Vice President

Natalie Adams, Secretary

Keith Stephenson, Treasurer

As all of the nominees were unopposed and no additional nominees were proposed from the floor, the new set of officers was empaneled by acclamation. Keith Stephenson solicited a donation of \$300 from COSCAPA for the ASSC Student Grant-in-Aid program. The membership agreed to supply these funds. Some discussion prior to the vote revolved around the fact that many recipients of the Grant-in-Aid program have not contributed papers to the ASSC journal, though they are encouraged to. They may also contribute to the Newsletter, and this has proven to be the more popular choice.

The next meeting will be on February 22, 2002 at 10:00AM, and will be held at Archives and History.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:33AM.