

**February 22, 2002 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional**  
**Archaeologists Natalie P. Adams, Secretary**

On Friday February 22, 2002, the Council of South Carolina Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. President Chris Gillam called the meeting to order at 10 AM. The following members were present:

Chris Gillam SCIAA M  
Chris Clement SCIAA M  
Natalie Adams New South Associates M  
Keith Stephenson SCIAA-SRARP M  
Valerie Marcil SCDAH M  
Chad Long SCDAH M  
Eric Poplin Brockington & Associates M  
Mark Groover SCIAA-SRARP M  
Tammy Forehand SCIAA-SRARP A  
Nancy Brock SCDAH M  
Adam King SCIAA-SRARP M  
Ramona Grunden TRC A  
Sean Norris New South Associates M  
Brad Botwick New South Associates M  
Jon Leader SCIAA M  
William Green TRC M  
Bonnie Frick SCDOT M  
William Barr Barr and Associates M  
Lynn Harris SCIAA M  
Tina Rust Caw Caw Interpretive Center M  
Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M  
Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M  
Keith Derting SCIAA A  
Wayne Roberts SCDOT M  
Chris Judge SC Heritage Trust M  
Carl Steen Diachronic Research A

As initial order of business, president Chris Gillam asked everyone to provide an updated address, phone number and e-mail on the note pad being passed around.

**Secretary's Report** (Natalie Adams)

Since few people had seen the minutes of the last meeting, a copy of the minutes was being passed around and the vote for acceptance would be delayed until the end of the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report** (Keith Stephenson)

The balance as of the December 2001 meeting was \$3773.07. Since then COSCAPA has received \$80 in dues and paid a total of \$461.98 in expenditures. These

expenditures include a \$300 donation to the ASSC grant-in-aid program and \$162.88 to Network Incorporated for the COSCAPA website, and \$9.10 to Chris Gillam for refreshments. This brings the balance to \$3391.09. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered to the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$975.37. Chris Gillam stated that David Anderson suggested unencumbering the survey and planning money. David doesn't believe volume will be out this year. The membership thought they should remain encumbered with the volume being completed as soon as possible.

### **Newsletter Editor's Report** (Carl Steen)

Carl requested submission to be sent to him by March 1st.

### **Membership Committee Report**

Sharon Pekrul reported that four applications for full membership had been received. In the order they were received were Bonnie Frick of SCDOT (letter of recommendation from Wayne Roberts), Chad Long of SCDAH (letter of recommendation from Valerie Marcil), Brad Botwick of New South Associates (letter of recommendation from Natalie Adams), and Sean Norris of New South Associates (letter of recommendation from Natalie Adams). The membership committee recommended all four applicants for full membership. All four were voted on by the COSCAPA membership and all were approved. Sharon pointed out that Martha Zierden had headed the committee for 18 years and that she would be happy for someone else to take over. Eric Poplin volunteered to take over for Martha.

### **Political Action Committee** (Jonathan Leader)

Jon gave a synopsis of the eight bills before the legislature and discussed their content. Bill S765 is in subcommittee. Chris Judge suggested that COSCAPA write a letter of support for the proposed changes for Bill 765. A motion was passed to have Chris Gillam write the letter and send it to Sens. Elliott (bill sponsor) and McConnell (Chair of Judiciary were it under consideration).

Jon stated that the Governors Ad Hoc Committee on state recognition of Native American groups seems to be running smoothly. A test run found that it is viable, even though no tribes were approved as of yet.

He encouraged people to take a look at the Tennant vs. FCC, ACHP, Cingular Wireless, SCSHPO, and Crown Castle Communications case. Documents are located at: <http://davidsr01.home.mindspring.com/telecom/legal01.html>.

He also presented the situation at the federal level of the TEA 21 funds and federal highways (curtailing funds). Wayne Roberts agreed that he was in the best position to keep track of this, and would keep us all informed.

The UNESCO maritime act was discussed briefly with the statement that anyone wanting full particulars should contact Chris Amer. Jon pointed out that the US was, yet again, in the position of pushing for seminal legislation that we had no intention of ratifying.

Jon passed around some documents pertaining to the sentencing guidelines for illegal importation of antiquities being considered in draft by the feds. He also passed around copies of Rusty DePass' published article calling for opposition against the SC Land Bank in order to provide the membership with a feel for the most common concerns/complaints being used to oppose the act. It can be found online at: <http://www.wrisley.com/depas.htm>.

### **State Historic Preservation Office**

Nancy Brock reported that the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation has its Section 106 course schedule posted on its website. The SC SHPO is sponsoring a preservation workshop class on March 8th. The Cooper River Historic District will be up for nomination at the March 15th National Register Review Board meeting. Natalie Adams is a new appointee to this board. Chris Judge asked about the effort to garner local opposition to the Cooper River District. Valerie Marcil stated that some of the local land owners are determined to try to stop the nomination. Chad Long reported that the SHPO review regions have changed. He is now overseeing Charleston County, since Valerie was overwhelmed by carrying both Charleston and Beaufort Counties. Maps are available that show the new review regions. He and Valerie reported that they will be accepting letter reports for DHEC mining projects when no sites are found on survey. They will be doing this for a trial period of one year, after which they will re-evaluate. They have a letter format that they would like consultants to follow.

### **Department of Transportation** (Wayne Roberts)

Wayne reported that most of the projects related to the 27-7 program have already gone through their cultural resources phase. In house they are doing mostly bridge replacement projects and interchange improvements. Wayne has been involved in a historic architecture project at a railroad shop in Greenville. The Cooper River bridge study is winding down. He also noted that there was a data recovery on the horizon in Spartanburg County, but right now they are having trouble relocating the site. Bonnie Frick stated that they would be receiving the Manning site draft report shortly and were looking forward to reading it.

### **South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology** (Jonathan Leader)

Research Division – no report.

CRC Division - is finalizing a report of the testing of 13 sites at Fort Jackson. Amy Joyce has a crew at SRS conducting data recovery at a Mississippian site. Steve Smith is still working on the Revolutionary War study between finishing up the SC Army National Guard's ICRMP and assisting the Mid-Atlantic Naval District in development of their ICRMP.

Underwater Division – Chris Amer was re-elected to a second term on the Advisory Council on Underwater Archaeology. In June the 5th World Archaeology Conference will be held in Washington, D.C.. The WAC website is <http://www.ehlt.flinders.edu.au/wac5/indexhomepage.html>. In November, the UNESCO Convention on the Protection of Underwater Cultural Heritage was adopted. The United States did not have a vote, but spoke against it because it would conflict with many of the nation's federal and state laws on underwater site protection. A factor in this negative stance may also have been that the U.S. delegation contained a treasure hunter lobby for private sector recovery but no underwater archaeologist to balance the issues. The Convention will likely be ratified and implemented in 2003. For more information, contact Chris Amer. The Port Royal Sound Survey work continues. They are locating and documenting approximately 40 shipwrecks, including the 16th century French corsair, Le Prince that wrecked in 1577. The next fieldwork will occur this spring. The division is currently compiling data for inclusion in the management plan for U.S. Navy wrecks in South Carolina, which will be submitted to the Naval Historical Center in May.

Office of State Archaeology – Jon Leader reported that Diane Boyd is now working in the IMD and is in training. The Florence Stockade has been purchased and both halves of the property are now in public hands. The Gronauer lock part 2 is coming in for conservation this spring. The Clemson work at the Calhoun house has been completed. The work on the Camden battlefield is on-going. Jon has some ceramics from 38SU13 and is bringing them to the ASSC conference tomorrow for help with identification. He will also bring RMS reports to the conference for sale at half price. The CDs with RMS reports should be available shortly.

Savannah River Archaeological Research Program – Adam King reported that the CRC Division is mitigating a Mississippian site with a Middle and Late Woodland component as well. They are getting some pottery that looks like Pisgah and have material for C-14 dates. The SRARP is working on a new GIS database for the facility. Mark Groover is working on a total survey and is reevaluating the predictive model.

### **Heritage Trust** (Chris Judge)

Chris announced that he and Carl Steen will be working at the Kolb site from March 11th to 22nd. March 16th is their public day and he invited everyone to come out. Chris had copies of a color infrared aerial photograph of Port Royal Sound – first copy free to each member. Additional copies cost money. Currently Heritage Trust has no money to purchase any new properties.

### **Archaeological Society of South Carolina**

Chris Gillam stated that Bill Kelso will be speaking at 3 pm today at Gambrell Hall. Nena Rice had asked him to remind everyone that the conference is this Saturday. If they hadn't signed up for the banquet, it was too late. However, everyone was

welcome to hear the keynote speaker (Bill Kelso) after the banquet. Chris Gillam reported that the 1998 and 1999 ASSC journals are in press. The 2000 issue will be on Daw's Island and, since Jim Michie was heavily involved in the work there, wants someone to edit the journal who knew him well. Chris Judge offered to format the Daw's journal. Carl Steen offered to edit. Chris Gilliam is still looking for papers for the 2001 and 2002 journals. Keith Stephenson reported that the Grant-In-Aid committee had received two proposals and were expecting two more. Lesley Drucker announced that Archaeology Day would be held the second weekend in October at Sesquicentennial State Park. Eric Poplin, who is the current newsletter editor, asked for submissions by March 1st, but would accept submissions as late as March 15th. Wayne Roberts announced that the Spring Workshop would be held April 22nd at Sesquicentennial State Park.

**Diachronic Research Foundation** (Carl Steen)

Carl announced that he was in the process of printing the last chapter of the Fort Johnson report.

**TRC** (Bill Green)

Bill announced that Pat and Barbara Garrow had just retired, so TRC Garrow is now known simply as TRC. They just completed two reports on a Jasper County pipeline, which had some interesting Refuge and Deptford sites. They've also completed a report on a 4,500-acre survey for the US Forest Service where they found over 70 sites. Recent work in York County identified two sites that are either Late Woodland or Catawba Indian. They completed an architectural survey of the Little Mountain area, as well as for Laurens and Anderson Counties.

**New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

Natalie reported that they had mostly been writing reports. Recently, she was in the field in Beaufort County on the west side of the Broad River near SC Hwy 170. She had just completed Phase II testing on a small portion of a large plantation site. The area examined contained two slave houses – one dating to about the 1780s while the other dated to about the 1830s. Both houses had associated midden deposits with excellent faunal preservation.

Brad Botwick reported that he had just completed fieldwork at the College of Charleston Library Site where he had documented a number of wells, cisterns, and privies. The deposits were associated with several residential lots and an orphanage/parochial school.

**AF Consultants** (Lesley Drucker)

Lesley reported that she was gearing up to go into the field on a couple of projects.

**Barr and Associates** (Bill Barr)

Bill announced that he had completed work on 38BU519 – a Beaufort County plantation main house and kitchen. The site yielded an MCD of 1790 and was associated with the Chaplin family. He also did a 50-acre reconnaissance survey in Oconee County and a 2 mile pipeline survey in north Louisiana.

### **Brockington and Associates** (Eric Poplin)

Eric reported that they had performed data recovery at two Thom's Creek sites. One was the Auld Shell Ring and the other was a shell-less occupation. They have hired two new employees at the Mt. Pleasant office. They are Eric Sipes and Christy Schuler.

### **Announcements**

No announcements were made.

### **Old Business**

Chris Judge talked to David Anderson about finishing up the pottery volume, as had Chris Gillam. David told Chris Judge that he was still interested in doing it and asked that anyone who wanted to submit something do so now. Chris Judge offered to fund raise and organize photography but David has not yet responded to that offer. Carl Steen offered to format. Chris Judge stated that if people want to submit something, to look at the draft and use the same format. All submissions should be made to David Anderson. David had told Chris Judge that he thought he could get out the volume this year, but more recently told Chris Gillam that he could not finish it this year. Chris Gillam asked if everyone had a chance to look at the new COSCAPA website ([coscapa.org](http://coscapa.org)). Holly Gillam is the webmaster. If there are any suggestions or changes, they can be directed either at Holly or Chris.

### **New Business**

Bill Green made a motion to organize a COSCAPA committee to look into curation and site files issues. Forming that committee would be one representative per agency, organization, or company. The chair would be elected by committee. The motion was seconded. Chris Gillam asked if there was any discussion. After a lengthy discussion/debate about how the committee should be organized and what its goals should be, Jon Leader made a motion to amend Bill's motion to include more than one representative from each group, with himself as chair or co-chair. This amended motion was seconded. Again, a lengthy discussion/debate ensued about how the committee should be organized, how large it should be, and what its goals should be. Chris Judge then noted that the president of COSCAPA had the ability to appoint committees and no motion or vote was necessary.

Chris Gillam stated that since the committee is strictly advisory, COSCAPA cannot dictate SCIAA policy or the laws currently on hand. Since it is advisory, Chris Gillam suggested that the committee be appointed with Jon as co-chair, another co-chair (he suggested Bill Green), and four other committee members.

He asked who was interested in serving on the committee. The following people volunteered: Eric Poplin, Ramona Grunden, Valerie Marcil/Chad Long (one of the two), Natalie Adams, and Bob Morgan (in absentia). Eric Poplin offered to co-chair and was thus appointed to that position. The function of the committee would be to determine and examine the problems. Problems would be divided into two categories: 1) what could be done with the current staff and funds; 2) what can be done with additional funding. Avenues for funding would also be researched. Two errors/exclusions were noted in the minutes from the last meeting. It was pointed out that in the header in the year was wrong (shown as 2002 instead of 2001). Left out was that Chris Gillam is the ASSC journal editor for 2002-2003. With those corrections, the minutes from the previous meeting were accepted by the membership.

The next three meetings were scheduled: June 14th, Sept. 13th, and Dec. 6th. The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 pm.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, 1321 Pendleton St. Columbia SC, at 10am, June 14th.

**June 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
**Natalie P. Adams, Secretary**

On Friday June 14, 2002, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at SCIAA in Columbia. President Chris Gillam called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM. The following members were present.

**Members Present**

Natalie Adams New South M  
Keith Stephenson SCIAA M  
Chris Gillam SCIAA M  
Tammy Forehand SCIAA-SRARP A  
Robert Moon SCIAA-SRARP M  
Ralph Bailey Brockington M  
Eric Poplin Brockington M  
Brad Botwick New South M  
Sean Norris New South M  
Wayne Roberts SCDOT M  
Bonnie Frick SCDOT M  
Holly Norton SCDOT M  
Steve Smith SCIAA M  
Bob Morgan US Forest Service M  
Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M  
Jon Leader SCIAA M  
Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M  
Nena Powell Rice SCIAA M  
David Anderson NPS M  
Chester DePratter SCIAA M  
William Green TRC M  
Tom Charles SCIAA A  
Nancy Brock SCDAH M  
Carl Steen Diachronic A  
Sean Taylor Heritage Trust G  
John Cable Palmetto Research M  
Ramona Grunden TRC A  
Jim Errante NRCS M

As an initial comment President Chris Gillam thought that the results of the state site files and curation questionnaires being published in the newsletter was in poor taste. He asked that in the future people send him any information they want printed in the newsletter first. He would prefer to have seen it summarized rather than “verbatim”, although he did understand that the comments had been edited and some statements left out and he did appreciate that. He thought everyone should have been included rather than being sent to only certain people, even though the surveys

were not COSCAPA mandated. Carl Steen (newsletter editor) pointed out that he had simply published the results as they were provided to him. Chris Gillam stated that he understood that and he also understood that Carl was the one who requested that the results be submitted for publication. In the future, Chris Gillam would like to see articles before they come out in the newsletter.

**Secretary's Report** (Natalie Adams)

Natalie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Chris Gillam stated that he, not David Anderson, was the one who requested the funds from the pottery survey grant be unencumbered and David Anderson did not like the suggestion. Also, Chris Gillam - not Mark Groover as previously stated - and the SRARP staff are working on the SRS predictive model. With those changes, the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Keith Stephenson)

The balance as of the February 22, 2002 meeting was \$3,391.09. Since that time COSCAPA has received \$730.00 in dues and paid a total of \$38.30 in expenditures. These expenditures included a check to Chris Clement for \$24.70 for meeting refreshments in February, and \$13.60 for stamps to mail out the April dues notices. This brings the balance to \$4,082.70. Of this amount \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$1,667.07. Keith mailed out the first round of notices for this year's dues to the membership. There are 101 names on the membership list. Of these, 27 are or appear to be inactive, most not having paid any dues since 1996. Of the 74 active members, 45 have paid their dues totaling \$810.00 and 29 members remain outstanding for a total of \$510.00.

**Newsletter Editor's Report** (Carl Steen)

Carl stated that the last newsletter was a popular one and asked people to continue to submit articles.

**Membership Committee Report** (Eric Poplin)

There were three applications for full membership. They were Robert Moon of SRARP (letter of support from Keith Stephenson), Christina Schuler of Brockington (letter of support from Eric Poplin), and Eric Sipes of Brockington (letter of support from Eric Poplin). All were recommended by the committee for full membership. Upon vote, the COSCAPA membership accepted all three for full membership.

**Political Action Committee** (Jon Leader)

Carl Steen reported on behalf of Chris Judge that SCE&G is trying to get a FERC relicensing permit for the Lake Murray dam. Since the lake has never been surveyed, he recommended that the membership write letters to express public interest. Nancy Brock added that SCE&G is aware of their obligations and is meeting with the SHPO about dealing with the cultural resources as a part of their relicensing application.

Jon Leader reported that the Governor's Advocacy Committee on Native American Affairs is moving ahead. He also reported that the Lee Pye case will be heard in Charleston next Monday at 10am. Also, and there was an attempt in an Ebay auction to sell off items from a Civil War soldier's burial from South Carolina. SLED assisted in forestalling auction. Prosecutor declined to press charges because it was a "victimless crime". As for the Martin's Cove Land Transfer Act, which is the proposed BLM land transfer of a National Register site to the Mormon church, Jon is following that situation.

**State Historic Preservation Office** (Nancy Brock)

Nancy retired as of May 31st, but is working part time through the end of August. Valerie and Chad are currently in a meeting about the 10% budget cut for 2002-2003. Hopefully, this will be reported on later.

**SC Department of Transportation** (Wayne Roberts)

Bonnie Frick had a baby boy named Andrew. Holly Norton is their new intern. They are doing a lot of architectural and engineering history. Also, they are looking at doing a statewide inventory of non-metal truss bridges.

**SCIAA** (Jon Leader)

**Office of State Archaeology** they have completed site files space expansion. Funds for GIS update look promising. Keith Derting is recovering, don't know when he'll be back. Diane Boyd is fully engaged as site files coordinator. Several projects that he is working on are moving along. Repatriation of the Santee Mound assemblage is progressing.

**Current Research** Tommy Charles is working on the stone tools manual for South Carolina. Terry Ferguson and Tommy will be working together testing a site on the Pacolet River in Spartanburg County starting July 29th. Tommy's petroglyph survey is over until next fall/winter. He submitted a chapter to a book being published by U. of Alabama press. Chester DePratter and Jim Legg are writing the Parris Island cemetery report. Stan South is working on the Cainhoy report from the second dig. Al Goodyear is at Topper site filling in holes.

**Underwater Division** continues to work on the Port Royal Survey. SCIAA continues to provide support for the Hunley project.

**CRC** - Chris Clement is working at Fort Jackson. Steve Smith is writing ICRMPs.

**SRS** Adam King and Keith Stephenson are mitigating the site of the surplus plutonium facility. Tammy Forehand is working with volunteers excavating at the Gauphin site. Melanie Cabak is working on the Bush Hill report. Both Melanie and Mark Groover are working on publishing several articles and manuscripts. The predictive model for SRS is currently being tested. The Fort Moore report has been completed. Chris

Gillam went to the Topper site. He stated that Al Goodyear had found a fluted point base. Tommy Charles asked if they had gathered samples for dating purposes. Chris responded that they had. Jon Leader concluded with a plea for everyone to get their free copies of the RMS reports left in the Ed room.

**Heritage Trust** (Carl Steen reporting for Chris Judge)

Carl is working with Heritage Trust on the Congaree Bluff survey. Sean Taylor is directing the field work and they are finding that the entire tract is one big site. Bill Green pointed out to people that they could get their tax donations that they thought were being sent to DNR's Heritage Trust program transferred to that fund. The tax forms had listed Heritage Trust which many people mistook for DNR's program, but in actuality was a Civil War heritage organization.

**ASSC** (Nena Powell Rice)

The 1999 journal volume is currently being put together. She hasn't talked to Chris Judge about how the Daw's Island volume is progressing. Chris Gillam stated that he had enough articles for the 2001 and 2002 volumes. Nena stated that the Archaeology Day Festival is scheduled for September 11-12, 2002. Eric Poplin (newsletter editor) stated that he'd mailed out the most recent newsletter and stated that the deadline for submissions to the next newsletter was the end of June. Keith Stephenson reported that Andrew Agah, Eric Sweeny, and Katrina Epps had received Grant-in-Aid money totaling \$2,044.32.

**Diachronic Research** (Carl Steen)

Carl has been working at the Kolb Site and at Congaree Bluffs. The Fort Johnson report is currently under review.

**TRC** (Bill Green)

They have been doing surveys at Fort Bragg and are looking for more staff in their NC and SC offices.

**New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

Sean Norris just completed a 1,300-acre at MOTSU. Brad Botwick did a canal survey on the Cape Fear River and has been doing a number of surveys around the state. Natalie Adams completed the archaeology layer for the MOTSU GIS database, which now has to be updated to include the results of Sean's survey. Currently, she is working in Virginia testing several historic sites at Occoneechee Wildlife Management area. Wayne Roberts commented on the Georgia Agricultural Context. Natalie responded that it could be downloaded from the Georgia SHPO website.

**AF Consultants** (Lesley Drucker)

Lesley has worked on a couple of National Register nominations and has done several small surveys.

**Brockington and Associates** (Eric Poplin)

Paul Brockington had angioplasty and is doing fine. They've been doing data recovery or testing on several Thom's Creek Period sites in the Charleston area in the past six months. They are excavating several sites on the Palmetto Bluff tract. For the US Hwy 15/401 bridge replacement project they did some geomorphological work to look at river migration. Ralph Bailey is working on a Mississippian site on Daniel's Island. They have found 300 features so far. Also, they've done work on a relatively intact area of the cemetery located under the Citadel.

**U.S. Forest Service** (Bob Morgan)

For Sumter NF the Forest Service is doing watershed analysis studies, looking at a more holistic approach to the forest. As a result many of the future surveys will consist of contiguous land. For Francis Marion, because they are still dealing with the effects of Hurricane Hugo, the survey areas are still more scattered.

**National Park Service** (David Anderson)

He did excavations at Shiloh, working on the primary mound. There is a website that posts updates. David is also working on the Francis Marion and Water Island reports. The Fort Polk book will be out this coming spring. Carl Steen and Chris Judge talked to him about the ceramic study. He plans to continue working on it after the Francis Marion report is finished.

**NRCS** (Jim Errante)

Jim has been working mostly in North Carolina. In Asheville he tested a dense multicomponent site, but found no features.

**Palmetto Research** (John Cable)

John did a 2,300 acre survey at Francis Marion where they found several plantations and Mississippian sites. He also found lots of Thom's Creek sites with dense occupations. John worked with Chuck Cantley on a New South report from Poinsett Range. John is also working on the archaeology month poster.

**Announcements**

Keith Stephenson announced that Ken Sassaman has been spending time at SRS writing the Lewis East site report. Steve Smith announced that the Jasper County battlefield GIS report is now available. Chris Clement can burn a copy on CD for anyone who wants it. Nena Powell Rice announced that the deadline for putting in events in the Archaeology month program is July 1st.

**Old Business**

Eric Poplin reported on the Site Files and Curation committee activities. They met on May 3rd and reviewed the informal survey and used it to identify problems. Access to material was the major issue and covered a great range of problems. Another issue was the fact that there is no duplicate copy of the site files. If there were a catastrophic event, they would all be lost. The committee also thought the curation

facility needed to be brought into federal compliance. Another issue was the need to improve the integration of materials in the IMD. The committee discussed some ways to explore funding for improvements. The next committee meeting was scheduled for the 21st of June.

Chris Gillam stated that he had gotten an e-mail from Eric requesting that Bonnie Frick be added to the committee. Chris said that he was not making any additions to the committee. The meetings are open to anyone who wants to sit in or offer suggestions.

Chris said he would send a blanket e-mail before the next committee meeting, inviting the membership to sit in.

Jon Leader stated that he was committed to making changes and thinks the state budget situation may begin to improve. David Anderson stated that he was glad that people were working on this. For computerizing site forms, he suggested getting a high speed scanner and hiring a student to scan all the site forms. He stated that SCIAA could apply to NPS for grant money to fund this.

### **New Business**

Nena Powell Rice requested \$250 for printing of the Archaeology Month program. The membership approved the request.

Leslie Drucker reiterated the need for COSCAPA to express interest in the FERC relicensing of the Lake Murray dam.

Chris Gillam asked people to get involved in local ASSC chapters. Some of them have turned into local collector clubs. He suggested that everyone contact the chapters and let them know you're willing to speak. Natalie Adams suggested that a list be compiled of people who are willing to speak and their contact information. This list could then be mailed to the various chapter presidents. Chris Gillam stated that he would send out an email to the membership and request this information.

***The next COSCAPA meeting was scheduled for September 13th at SC Archives and History in Columbia.***

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 am.

**September 13, 2002 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
***Natalie P. Adams, Secretary***

On Friday September 13, 2002, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at SCDAH in Columbia. President Chris Gillam called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM. The following individuals were present. Introduced as guests were Holly Norton and Annette Snapp.

Natalie Adams New South M  
Keith Stephenson SRARP-SCIAA M  
Chris Gillam SRARP-SCIAA M  
Chris Clement SCIAA M  
Eric Poplin Brockington M  
Rob Moon SRARP-SCIAA M  
Tammy Forehand SRARP-SCIAA A  
Valerie Marcil SCDAH M  
Tina Rust SRARP-SCIAA M  
Wayne Roberts SCDOT M  
Bruce RippetEAU SCIAA M  
Jim Bates USFS M  
Bob Morgan USFS M  
Nena Rice SCIAA M  
Sean Taylor Heritage Trust G  
Chris Judge Heritage Trust M  
Carl Steen Diachronic Research A  
Holly Norton SCDOT G  
Bonnie Frick SCDOT M  
Brad Botwick New South M  
Ramona Grunden TRC A  
Chris Amer SCIAA M  
William Green TRC M  
John Cable Palmetto Research M  
Annette Snapp York County Cultural and  
Heritage Commission  
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Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M  
Chad Long SCDAH M  
Chester DePratter SCIAA M  
Sharon Pehrul SCIAA M

Nena Powell gave her ASSC report as she needed to leave early. She announced that the Archaeology Month posters and booklets were out. Chris Gillam expressed condolences to Bill Green and Lesley Drucker, who had recently lost family members.

**Secretary's Report** (Natalie Adams)

Natalie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none.

**Treasurer's Report** (Keith Stephenson)

The balance as of the June 14, 2002 meeting was \$4,082.79. Since that time we have received \$210.00 in dues along with a generous \$5.00 donation by Steve Smith (actually an overpayment in dues that was appropriated into the Treasury account). In June, I opened a Savings Account with \$3,500.00 and the interest earned to date totals \$6.62. A total of \$14.14 was paid in expenditures to Chris Gillam for meeting refreshments in February. This brings the balance to \$4,290.27. Of this amount, \$250.00 is encumbered for the printing of Archaeology Month programs, and \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$1,624.55.

Additionally, we have 103 names on the membership list. Of these, 25 appear to be inactive, most not having paid any dues since 1996. Of the 78 active members, 57 have paid their dues totaling \$1,040.00 and 21 members remain outstanding for total of \$360.00.

**Newsletter Editor's Report** (Carl Steen)

Carl had extra copies if anyone wanted one and he asked people to submit to the next issue.

**Membership** (Eric Poplin)

Eric stated that there were no applications.

**Political Action Committee**

Since Jon Leader was not present, no committee report was made.

**SCIAA Advisory Committee**

Chris Gillam asked Chris Amer to deliver the report. Chris Amer was confused as to what he meant by the Advisory Committee and Chris Gillam stated that it had to do with some letters that Jon Leader wrote and he would come to him later during the State Archaeologist report.

**Standards and Guidelines Committee** (Eric Poplin)

The committee met on August 30th. Neither Jon Leader nor Eric could attend. The committee submitted minutes and a report to the co-chairs and President Gillam. Chris Gillam asked for Eric's thoughts on the report. Chris Gillam was concerned that

there was a report produced without any input from the chairs. He thought it was inappropriate. Chris said that there were copies brought for distribution that he asked not to be distributed because it wasn't drafted by either of the co-chairs. Eric stated that he had seen it last minute and knew that there was a lot of frustration amongst the committee members. Chris Gillam believed that there were a lot of problems with this committee and he thought that personally and professionally as an officer a lot of things had been done by the committee that were inappropriate. Bob Morgan stated that COSCAPA as an organization would want to know what happened during that meeting and what was produced – particularly since the committee came up with recommendations, after the first two meetings were a complete waste of time where absolutely nothing was done. Bob further stated that Eric told the committee he couldn't make it, but told them to press on. At the last minute the committee found out the other co-chair could be there, but the committee met anyway and actually got something done. Bob stated that there was a report and that it should be made available to the membership. Wayne Roberts thought that COSCAPA could handle this and needed to see the documents and deal with it as they saw fit. Chris Judge wanted to know where in the constitution the president had control of COSCAPA committees. Chris Gillam said that anything produced should come under the pen of the chairs or under the knowledge of the chairs. Chris Gillam wondered if it was sent to other members via e-mail. Natalie Adams responded that it was sent only to the chairs and the president and written as an open letter to COSCAPA to be read, but not sent to the membership. Chris Gillam said he had no problem with the content of the report and understood the frustrations involved. He thought the problem was that there were individuals involved that were not following the appropriate process. Chris Judge noted that in the past, committees had not followed appropriate process and that it was a little late in the game to start asking committees to follow appropriate process. Chris Judge recommended that COSCAPA adjourn for a brief time in order to allow everyone to read the letter and recommendations. Wayne Robert provided an "Amen". Chris Gillam recommended that the report should simply be read. He stated that Jon Leader had some comments in response. Chris assumed that the letter had already been distributed. He asked Eric Poplin to read the report. Chris Judge asked that the entire report be read into the minutes so the secretary could include it verbatim in her report. Eric read the letter:

**Open Letter to the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists  
Regarding the Status of the Site Files/Curation Committee  
September 13, 2002**

**To: Mr. Chris Gillam, COSCAPA President; Dr. Jonathan Leader, State Archaeologist and Committee Co-Chair; and Dr. Eric Poplin, Committee Co-Chair.**

**Dear Gentlemen:**

*On August 30, 2002, the Site Files and Curation committee met at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History (SCDAH) for a scheduled meeting. All at-large*

members were present, including Natalie Adams, Ramona Grunden, Chad Long, and Bob Morgan. In addition, other interested parties attending included Bill Green, Bonnie Frick, and Holly Norton. Co-chairs Eric Poplin and Jon Leader were unable to attend

The committee was initially formed due to dissatisfaction with SCIAA's performance of its state-mandated functions, especially regarding the state site files and curation. This widespread dissatisfaction was made clear in the published results of an informal questionnaire sent to a number of professional archaeologists by Natalie Adams and Bill Green.

During February's quarterly COSCAPA meeting, a motion was made to form a committee that would look into these issues. It was suggested that the committee would be composed of one individual per organization or agency who wished to be represented, and that the committee would elect its own chair. Jon suggested that he be co-chair of the committee, despite the protests of many COSCAPA members who saw this as an obvious conflict of interest since he would be presiding over a committee that was designed to make recommendations to SCIAA. Despite these objections, President Gillam appointed Jon as co-chair and limited the membership of the committee to only a few individuals. In our opinion, because of these decisions we were immediately faced with an impediment due to the conflict of interest.

When the committee was formed in February, the goals were to produce a list of problems and solutions needed for SCIAA to address the issues brought up by the questionnaire. As part of this process, we envisioned dividing the issues into those that could be solved with little or no additional funding and those that would need additional resources. The committee would also research ways to fund certain projects given SCIAA's current budgetary constraints. To date, we have had only two meetings of the entire committee. During those meetings the committee made little, if any progress. Our meeting on August 30 gave us an opportunity to begin effectively working towards our committee goals. The results of this meeting are presented as an attachment.

In conclusion, we believe the co-chair's position as State Archaeologist represents a conflict of interest that has hindered the committee's ability to meet its goals. The progress made during the August 30 meeting demonstrates the committee can function effectively without Jon's direction and that he should be removed as committee co-chair. Instead, we recommend that Eric Poplin be appointed as the committee's sole chair. We are sorry that it has reached this point, but we see no alternative other than to insist on Jon's removal. If he is removed, we feel we can continue to accomplish the committee's original goals. If he is not removed, we, the undersigned, will resign from the committee effective immediately.

**Signed, Natalie Adams, Ramona Grunden, Chad Long, and Bob Morgan**

Chris Gillam asked how Eric felt about the statements in there as co-chair. He asked if Eric felt no progress has been made and no action had been taken by SCIAA. Chris Gillam said his personal view was that Jon has acted in good faith to make at least some of the easier changes. Eric said the first meeting was ineffective and quite long. At second meeting they began discussing site files issues. Some changes have been made in site files that were in process at the same time as the second meeting, but the committee had nothing to do with that. Chris Gillam stated that he thought the changes that were made were due to the questionnaire results and the formation of the committee. Eric believed that those events caused changes to occur before they otherwise would have. Eric said he also appreciates the frustration that members of the committee have over other issues. The committee had tried to move forward on curation issues and that it became very frustrating for them. Chris Amer asked to read Jon Leader's response. Chris Gillam then read Jon's response to the letter and recommendations into the minutes:

**Dear Chris,**

*As I'm unable to be at this meeting due to a religious holiday, I would like you to read this letter and motion into the record at the September 13th COSCAPA meeting. This memo is in response to a letter received by you from the COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee. It is obvious from the letter that the present committee can not go on with its mandate as approved by COSCAPA at previous meetings. It appears that both the committee goals and its membership are horribly mixed up in personality conflicts and agendas far beyond the good of the original intent of the committee. Rather than rehash old wounds and misunderstandings, I offer the following solutions for the discussion and decision of COSCAPA to act as they desire. I will act as the membership determines.*

*1) I will be happy to resign from the present committee, allowing the present membership of that committee to continue with its agenda, whatever that may be. If in the future the committee does produce a policy statement, white paper, or recommendations we at SCIAA will be happy to review and incorporate their findings into SCIAA policies and procedures where appropriate and applicable. Meanwhile SCIAA as a state agency in charge of the site files and the state's artifacts will move on with its goals of improving and updating our site files and curation procedures without the assistance of COSCAPA.*

*Or*

*2) COSCAPA could accept the resignations of the members of the committee as offered. If so, I believe that COSCAPA should appoint new members who are willing to*

*continue the progress made so far. In this manner, any policies coming out of the new committee will have already been vetted by SCIAA and will be adopted as state policy.*

*I will be available to meet with you to discuss the outcome of the September 13 meeting after the high holidays.*

**Sincerely, Jon Leader**

Chris Gillam stated that he would bring to vote these two possibilities presented by Jon. The membership asked to open this up for discussion before voting. Carl Steen said that it sounded if the committee remained with the current members and Eric as chair that SCIAA would probably not accept the recommendations. Chris Gillam re-read portions of the first option to clarify. Carl suggested that the committee be disbanded, because it sounded if SCIAA was leaving it open for them to ignore the committee's recommendations. Chris thought that was not what Jon meant. Chris indicated that COSCAPA is not an organization designed to dictate policy to SCIAA or anyone else. However, Jon assured Chris that he would take into consideration any COSCAPA recommendations. Valerie Marcil asked for clarification as to what requesting Jon's removal meant, if it meant as co-chair or from the entire committee. Chris Gillam responded that his feeling was that the committee believed that Jon's involvement scrambles everything. Holly Norton indicated that she felt it was important for the membership to be allowed to review the committee's current recommendations before moving on. Chris Judge moved that the report be distributed to the membership and they be allowed a few minutes to review it. Wayne Roberts seconded the motion. The motion passed and COSCAPA was temporarily adjourned.

Chris Gillam called the meeting back to order after about 15 minutes. He read a passage from the COSCAPA constitution, which discussed the purpose of the organization. Bruce Rippeteau stated that he thought the recommendations made by the committee were straightforward and reasonable, that there was a positive attitude in providing these recommendations. He would like to see people working in the same direction. He stated that some of the recommendations had already come to pass. He thought that SCIAA could do a better job of explaining the actions they've already taken or are in the process of taking. He noted that economic times are hard, but that it was clear that the committee understood that. On behalf of SCIAA, Bruce wanted to provide a positive response to the recommendations. Chris Amer asked to read Jon's State Archaeologist report at that time and Chris Gillam agreed.

**COSCAPA**  
**13 September 2002**

*The Office of State Archaeologist, SCIAA, located at the University of South Carolina has been engaged in redefining office space, personnel and procedures. This activity has been designed to enhance the support and experience of the users. A brief outline of the work completed and in progress follows. This listing is not meant to be exhaustive.*

*The space available for researchers in the Site Files had diminished over the last several years as additional reports, maps and other documents competed for space. The State Archaeologist moved to a smaller office on the second floor and the first floor office was turned into document space. This in turn doubled the available research space in Site Files. This work is completed and in use.*

*The staffing for the Site Files had diminished in effective work due to the geometric rise in site file use over the last several years from within the archaeological community, and more significantly, from outside the archaeological community. Additional staff was an obvious solution. This was hampered by the fiscal reality of the state. It has been impossible to receive new staffing funds from the legislature for several years. A major shift in organization was undertaken and the fulltime-classified Publication position was moved to the Site Files. The newly created Archaeological Site File Coordinator position now makes it possible for the Site Files to be open by appointment five days a week during normal business hours. Please route all scheduling requests to Ms. Diane Boyd, Archaeological Site Files Coordinator.*

*Access to documents has always walked the uncomfortable line between the need to be useable and the need to be secure. Several thefts and destruction of documents in the Site Files over the last several years brought this issue to a head. The decision was made to reduce all site file related documents to digital format and to make these materials available over the Internet through a secure gateway. The fiscal reality of the state made it impossible to receive new staffing funds from the legislature. Fortunately, funds were received from the SCDOT for a pilot GIS study of the Site Files Database and were matched by SCIAA funds. This resulted in a base level of digital data and the definition of critical areas for future work. The subsequent grants submitted to federal and other agencies received favorable responses, but were not funded due to fiscal shortfalls. This month new funds have been identified and secured for the update of the database at the SCIAA. Continuing funds are still problematical, but a cooperative initiative with SCDOT to seek Federal Highway funds holds promise.*

*A cooperative project between the Office of the State Archaeologist and the USC School of Library and Information Science resulted in the design and testing of the procedure now in use for the digitizing of documents. The process heavily relies on the use of graduate assistants as a means of controlling costs. The recent doubling in student hiring costs has made this prohibitive. Nonetheless, to date the Office of the State Archaeologist has funded the digitizing of the Research Manuscript Series and the*

*Anthropology Monographs. The RMS's are finished and the Monographs are in progress. Possible donors have been identified for the infusion of necessary funds to continue the work and consultation is underway.*

*Legal opinion has been sought concerning the digitizing of the final reports and once cleared by USC legal will be initiated. Clarification of the Archaeological Standards and Guidelines concerning the submission of digitally ready final documents is underway as well. Finally, two computers have been identified and earmarked for public use in the SCIAA education room. These will contain the Bibliography database and the RMS database. Eventually, all digitized documents will be available from these locations and from the Internet. A mass email will let everyone know when these machines are available in the near future.*

*SCIAA curation suffers from insufficient staffing. The specialized nature of this work has made it a difficult problem to solve. Graduate student assistants have been used in the past as a specific answer to special collections problems. The lack of an appropriate doctoral program at USC to attract and keep the best students for more than two years, the doubling of graduate student costs, the lack of legislative funding for new staff, and, the high learning curve associated with curatorial work have seriously hampered advancement. The Office of State Archaeologist continues to work with the Anthropology Department to promote the need for a doctoral program within the USC; nurtures partnerships with the Museum and Library programs to address carefully bounded problems; and, provides curation funding needs assessments at the request of legislators. A present staff member 60% within the Office of State Archaeologist has been split evenly with Site Files and Curation. Reasonable staff would include at least one other full time professional curator. Optimal staff would include at least two other full time professional staff beyond the present level. This would ensure full research accessibility to the collection, assuming sufficient space were available.*

*The SCIAA Curation Facility paradoxically receives high marks from federal oversight agencies and does not meet 38 CFR 79. The reason for this situation is very simple. The unfunded federal mandate has only been met by 12% of the federal repositories; and, the SCIAA Curation Facility collection is rated by the federal oversight teams as being one of the best organized regardless of CFR. For the past sixteen years, the SCIAA Buildings Committee has sought properties within the control of the university for upgrade to a facility meeting federal standards. The few properties made available by the USC for visitation that were suitable for upgrade were invariably earmarked for other development. This includes the Gibbes Machine Shop, the Pearl Building, the former Art Museum, the Bell South Annex, the warehouses demolished for the new coliseum and several others. The University's policy of consolidation to fully owned properties have made it impossible to consider other suitable properties not owned by USC, such as the Shop Road Warehouse complex. Funding concerns have squelched renovation of state owned properties, such as the former SC Educational Television*

*Complex and the former State Hospital located near the present SCDAH. Meetings have been held with the University administration to discuss this situation on a yearly basis. The SCIAA Buildings Committee estimates that a one-time funding of five (5) million dollars would be sufficient to build a curation facility with on-site research space that would last for the next twenty years. Approximately \$60,000 per year would be necessary for facility maintenance. Personnel funding has already been addressed above, but would include at least one other full time professional curator. These numbers were reached in consultation and analysis with national facilities already in place using federally vetted architectural and staffing plans. Meaningful grants for this type of work are nonexistent. Funds from the university have not been available. Legislative interest is acute and assurances of support, given fiscal constraints, have been proffered. This provides hope but is not a timetable.*

*The Curation Manual in use by the SCIAA is presently being updated. The end point for this work will be in 2003 with the new manual available from the SCIAA website. National consultation continues in this effort through the aforementioned curation facilities, staff of the National Park Service, outside universities, regional and state repositories, and outside state agencies. Statewide consultation continues through a variety of initiatives including mass mailing to all cultural resource management firms, anthropology departments, state agencies, and the membership of the COSCAPA. One hundred and twenty-two agencies and groups have been contacted for consultation. The Office of the State Archaeologist will carefully consider every recommendation, implement those that are doable, and take as working goals those that are in the best interest of the discipline and the collection, but are not presently possible due to constraints.*

*The Office of the State Archaeologist will continue to work in these areas until successful resolutions are reached. The State Archaeologist is always willing to meet with colleagues to discuss these or other issues and has an open door policy.*

### **Jonathan M. Leader**

Bill Green stated that the letter suggested that all SCIAA could was move reports around, but could not afford to do anything else. Carl Steen asked why they chose to digitize the RMS's instead of putting the money towards site files. Chris Gillam said that he thought that there wasn't a lot of money involved and that it was being done by a graduate assistant over a semester. Bruce Rippeteau suggested that the committee recommendations be forwarded directly to him, so that SCIAA can consider them in how they determine how future funds should be spent. A motion was made for COSCAPA to accept the report from the committee and forward it to the SCIAA director. The motion was seconded and accepted.

Before voting, Eric Poplin suggested that the membership discuss whether the committee needed to go forward. Chris Gillam asked the committee if that was intended as a close-out report or an interim report on recommendations. Chris Gillam thought the members wanted input into the curation manual. Natalie Adams stated that the committee was interested primarily in assuring that the membership had ample opportunity to review manual drafts and to provide comment. She stated that as a committee member, for herself, she was not a curator and did not see trying to help write policy. Chris asked if the recommendations were a close-out report. Natalie responded that she thought it as a good final document since the committee had accomplished its main goal. Chris Clement wanted to know what the other members thought. John Cable thought that the committee should continue in an advisory capacity to take their document and reconcile it with what SCIAA was trying to accomplish. Lesley Drucker agreed that the committee needed to continue on to map SCIAA's progress and make suggestions about issues that arise. Chris Judge stated that he thought the document was good, but thought the committee should help SCIAA research funding and come up with a strategic plan for approaching the problems. Natalie Adams stated that was one of the committee's original goals. She stated that the recommendations provided was what the members really wanted to accomplish at the end of their very first meeting. Afterwards, they would have divided up responsibilities for seeking funding options. Chris Judge wanted to see the committee continue to track SCIAA's progress. Chris Gillam stated that it sounded like the committee should prioritize their list. Chris Judge asked if it was currently prioritized. Natalie said it was not. Chris Gillam suggested that COSCAPA either accept the recommendations as an initial committee close-out document and appoint a standing committee to advise or continue with the current committee. Lesley Drucker wondered if Jon should be a part of this standing committee. Natalie responded that she could see the committee providing their reports to Jon for feedback, but operating separately from Jon. Chris Gillam stated his impression from everyone involved is that they would prefer to work independent of Jon. Chris Amer wondered how useful this would be since many members seemed to feel that their recommendation would be thrown in the wastebasket. Chris Clement stated that COSCAPA had seen the report created by the committee generated independently of the co-chairs. If their report was acceptable to the COSCAPA membership, he thought the current committee would be acceptable. Natalie Adams stated that if the committee continued, she would like to encourage input from the rest of the membership particularly in terms of funding. Wayne Roberts stated that he sat in on one of the meetings and offered funding ideas, had no problems with the committee, and thought that was perfectly appropriate. Sharon Pekrul said that she never knew when the meetings were held and would like to be told. Chris Gillam stated that it was an open committee and anyone could attend. Chris Gillam stated that COSCAPA needed a motion to accept Jon Leader's resignation as chair and member of the committee. Chris Clement moved and Natalie Adams seconded. All members voted to accept, except Eric Poplin and Sharon Pekrul who abstained.

### **State Historic Preservation Office** (Chad Long)

Chad announced they had a new review and compliance coordinator. Also, the grant programs were currently on hold, if not canceled for this funding year due to the state budget crisis. They are now accepting CRAs (Cultural Resource Assessments) to determine whether archaeological surveys were necessary. It would include a literature search and perhaps a site visit, but did not require shovel testing. Sharon Pekrul asked about the CDs that were being submitted. SCIAA has been getting CDs that are not completely identified and wanted everyone to make sure to include a complete bibliographic reference on the label.

### **SC Department of Transportation** (Wayne Roberts)

They have recently discovered a Confederate earthwork adjacent to the Bobby Jones expressway in Aiken County. It is outside of the right of way, but there are rifle pits that were found in the cleared and grubbed area. They are dealing with it as a late discovery and are determining what to do. The 27/7 program has pretty much wound down. The only work coming through was through the engineering firms. Bonnie Frick has been working in Kershaw County near Grannie's Quarter Creek where there was known Revolutionary War activity, a tavern that shows up on Mills' Atlas, and other features. They haven't yet archaeologically identified any of these and don't yet know how they relate to the project area.

### **Office of State Archaeology**

This report was given previously, so Chris Gillam suggested they move on.

### **SCIAA Research Division** (Chris Amer)

SCIAA continues to provide support for the Hunley project. Georgia Department of Natural Resources and SCIAA are co-sponsoring an underwater manager's meeting. The Port Royal survey continues. Because of the drought a number of underwater sites can now be visited. Chris Clement is working on a National Guard report as well as working on a project at Cowpens. Steve Smith is working on a Revolutionary War study. Tommy Charles is digitizing his rock art images. Al Goodyear's Topper Site movie will be aired October 29th, 8 pm. Stan South is working on his autobiography. Chester will be going Charlesfort in October. They are also working on the Parris Island cemetery report. They found that part of the Charlesfort site intrudes into a cemetery.

### **Savannah River Site** (Tammy Forehand)

Mark Groover and Tammy Forehand are working on an 18th century farmstead. SRS is working on a shovel test survey of colonial sites. Tomorrow SRS staff will be at Silver Bluff as part of the Archaeology Month activities.

### **SC Department of Natural Resources** (Chris Judge)

DNR received the report for the Fig Island mapping project. Can burn it on CD if anyone wants a copy. Fritz Hollings got money to buy Cummings Point on Morris Island.

**Heritage Trust** (Chris Judge)

Sean Taylor has a draft of the Congaree Bluff study. Carl Steen is finalizing it. Heritage Trust has signed an MOU with NPS to continue the shell ring research. Chris recently recorded the Galivant's Ferry underwater site. They are working on acquiring the Poinsett Bridge, Altamaha, and Skull Creek shell ring. Congaree Creek canoe trail will probably be open soon since the water was cleared for fishing. They are building two parking lots, one of which as at the Manning Site. The Kolb site funding is winding down. Bonneau's Ferry Plantation is being bought for protection and will be turned over to Heritage Trust.

**U.S .Forest Service** (Bob Morgan)

The big news is the RFQ that is out on the Sumter National Forest Overview. Mark Harmon is working on a long term detail in Sumter National Forest on their Southern Pine Beetle problem. Several large scale survey reports have recently been produced or will be produced soon. The South Appalachian Forest is doing an EIS and the comment phase is coming up soon.

**National Park Service**

David Anderson told Chris Gillam to tell everyone hello.

**Archaeological Society of South Carolina** (Lesley Drucker)

They will have some new events that will make the Archaeological Festival different this year. They will also be in a different location within Sesqui State Forest this year. Lesley encouraged professionals to get more involved. They are looking to get more archaeology related activities going. Tina Rust asked people to send in their applications for displays.

**Diachronic Research Foundation** (Carl Steen)

The Fort Johnson report is being finalized.

**TRC** (Bill Green)

They are mostly working at Fort Bragg on large scale surveys and they have hired two new people.

**New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

Brad Botwick is currently mending vessels from a downtown Charleston data recovery. Sean Norris finished a survey at Honey Horn Plantation on Hilton Head and is currently working on a NAGPRA project in Missouri. Natalie spent her summer on a survey and testing project in south central Virginia and just returned from a

fireline survey in Francis Marion National Forest. She also announced that New South's exhibit at the Charleston Judicial Center is open, but is incomplete. New South will soon return to finish up.

**Brockington and Associates** (Eric Poplin)

They are doing data recovery at four sites on the Palmetto Bluff tract including an Altamaha site. They've done several small surveys in the Charleston area. Also, Eric worked with David Lee on a DOT project in Abbeville County.

**Palmetto Research Institute** (John Cable)

John is finishing up a Francis Marion National Forest survey report where he found about 90 sites. In October he will begin testing some sites at Fort Bragg for an on-call contract that will last as much as five years. Carl Steen will be involved.

**AF Consultants** (Lesley Drucker)

She had nothing to report.

**York County Cultural and Heritage Commission**

Annette Snapp introduced herself as Nena Rice's guest. She is with the York County Cultural and Heritage Commission and discussed the work up there at Historic Brattonsville.

**Announcements**

Eric Poplin announced that Christina Shuler will be giving birth soon.

**Old Business**

There was no old business.

**New Business**

There was no new business.

Chris Gillam stated that Nena Rice had brought Archaeology Month posters for anyone who wanted them. **The next meeting is scheduled for December 6th at SCIAA.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

December 6, 2002 Meeting Minutes

Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists

Natalie P. Adams, Secretary (minutes for this meeting were recorded by Keith Stephenson, Treasurer)

On Friday December 6, 2002, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) convened at the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of South Carolina in Columbia. President Chris Gillam called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM. The following individuals were present. Introduced as guests were Tim Burrows and Stephanie Walker, both graduate students in the USC Anthropology Department.

David G. Anderson National ParkServiceM  
Jim Bates US Forest Service M  
Tim Burrows USC G  
Ashley Chapman ColonialDorchesterM  
Tommy Charles SCIAA A  
Chris Clement SCIAA M  
Chester DePratter SCIAA M  
Lesley Drucker AF Consultants M  
Bonnie L. Frick SCDOT M  
Chris Gillam SRARP-SCIAA M  
Bill Green TRC M  
Ramona Grunden TRC A  
Chris Judge SCHTP M  
Adam King SRARP-SCIAA M  
Jon Leader SCIAA M  
Chad C. Long SCDAAH M  
Rob Moon SRARP-SCIAA M  
Robert Morgan US Forest Service M  
Holly Norton SCDOT G  
Sharon Pekrul SCIAA M  
Nena Powell-Rice SCIAA M  
Wayne D. Roberts SCDOT M  
Keith Stephenson SRARP-SCIAA M  
Gail Wagner USC M  
Stephanie Walker USC G

### **Secretary's Report (Natalie Adams)**

Chris Gillam asked if there were any corrections or additions to the minutes. Chris Gillam noted that the SCIAA Advisory Committee was listed as separate from the Standards and Guidelines Committee when in fact both are one and the same committee. Additionally, Chris Gillam noted that the memo by Jon Leader, which was read into the minutes by Chris Amer, in response to a letter received from the Standards and Guidelines Committee (the COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee) chronologically was out of order in the Newsletter in that it split the formatting of the State Archaeologist's Report, which also was read verbatim into the minutes by Chris Amer. With these changes, the minutes were approved by the membership.

### **Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)**

The balance as of the September 13, 2002 meeting was \$4,290.27. Since that time we have received \$130.00 in dues and \$7.03 from our Business Investment Account (with a current Annual Percentage Yield of 0.62 percent). The quarterly expenditures totaled \$412.48 including payments of \$15.70 to Chris Clement for meeting refreshments in September; \$8.90 to the U.S. Postal Service for stamps to mail a second notification of outstanding dues for 2002; \$137.88 as an annual payment to Netfronts, Incorporated, our host for the COSCAPA Web site; and a contribution of \$250.00 to Nena Rice for the printing of Archaeology Month programs. This brings the current balance to \$4,014.82. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$1,599.10. Additionally, of the 77 active members in COSCAPA, 63 have paid their dues for 2002 totalling \$1,150.00, and 14 members remain outstanding for a total of \$220.00.

### **Newsletter Editor's Report (Carl Steen)**

No report was made.

### **Membership Committee (Eric Poplin)**

No new applications requesting membership have been received as of the last meeting.

### **Political Action Committee (Jon Leader)**

Mississippi is using the RPA membership as a requirement since July 2001 for Cultural Resource Management employment and discussions with other State Archeologists demonstrate that they wish to see it as a national requirement within the Cultural Resource Management community. As there are pros and cons to this issue, COSCAPA eventually may want to consider a response in the event that RPA membership is required. Wayne Roberts suggested that if we are called on as a body to endorse RPA membership as a requirement for state employment, we should make a recommendation to the State Human Resources Department that becoming

registered and meeting these requirements would be accompanied by an increase in salary for state employed archaeologists, similar to SCDOT engineers who received an automatic ten percent increase in salary upon successful completion of their boards.

Jon mentioned the progress in activities at the Shepard's Tract. Chad Long noted that SCSHPO was waiting for the evaluation of two sites. Of these sites, one has recently been determined as located outside the Shepard's Tract and the county is pursuing this situation. Chad does not know where it stands at this point in time but the site should be evaluated sometime during the next few months and until then, everything is on hold.

Jon commented that OSHA was making changes to the excavation regulations Standard 29CFR. Although, he has not received the latest draft, he emphasizes that OSHA is engaged in modifying the regulations and for CRM archaeologists to stay on the right side of OSHA they should check out the updates to Standard 29CFR. The Kennewick Man decision of August is on the web in several different places including the ACRA-L web rendition pdf was easiest to get to. The report is 73 pages long and so Jon did not make copies but he will burn a CD if you are interested. It has good statements about the Corps and ARPA, about the need to scientific research and statements as to the violation of the National Historic Preservation Act. It was a fairly balanced approach but this decision will have serious ramifications down the line especially toward prehistory and NAGPRA. The State budget with potential multiple cutbacks and with political changes in the State govt. all agencies can probably expect monetary constraints.

The Native American Ad Hoc committee in South Carolina is winding down with Hodges leaving office and with most of what was intended to be done has not been accomplished by the committee at least in terms of the report, and we do not have any idea what will happen next when the report is presented to the governor whether or not it will carry through or will be dropped. There is interest in the legislature to do something in terms of the recognition of these state local Native Americans who are federally recognized by the BIA in the effort to get the federal funds for education, health, and other initiatives. The legislature has no problem understanding that there are federal funds advanced for these issues, but they have a problem acknowledging the idea that there are Native Americans in the state.

Chris Gillam asked Jon if the ETV committee remains active. Jon responded that basically the ETV committee is inactive but Jon does maintain contact with Bowers through the Battle of Camden group with Steve Smith, Jim Legg, and George Fields, who have contacted some of the metal detector folks from that area, but the ETV committee is for the better part inactive. Chris asked if any collector shows are still ongoing, and it was noted that the Sumter TV collector show was still on the air, but these are probably reruns and planning for new shows seem to be dead. Jon noted that some local City Parks were teaching children to use metal detectors to find treasure. A question was raised about the activities and re-licensing of SCANA. Chad Long answered that SCANA had filed a letter of intent to re-file for licensing but right

now it is on hold and has not gone anywhere and Chad thinks all this will take place in 2007, but it is something that COSCAPA should keep an eye on and write a letter at some point. But no new info now except planning on the draw-down, which SHPO is supposed to be receiving a cultural resource plan in about two months. There will be work done relating to the drawdown but as far as re-licensing goes nothing is going to happen for a while. Chris Judge recommended that COSCAPA write a letter to SCANA and request a public hearing, as a single letter will trigger a public hearing, and he suggested that COSCAPA do that now so the letter will be on file. Chris Gillam asked if Chris Judge would make a motion on this matter under New Business and he agreed.

### **Standards and Guidelines Committee (Eric Poplin)**

Chad Long reported for Eric that the committee has met twice since the last COSCAPA meeting. The first meeting was on October 18, the initial 45 minutes was held in closed session to establish organization and set priorities, and Chris Gillam was there for that portion of the meeting. The second half of the meeting with Lesley Drucker (guest) in attendance was mainly a brainstorm session to prioritize the recommendations that the committee would be making. The second meeting was on November 5 with only three committee members present including Chad and Eric, along with Chris Gillam and Chester DePratter (the minutes of this meeting are included below). The recommendations were finalized and a list of alternate funding sources was compiled for SCIAA.

Since this meeting, a final report was developed, which Chad requested be submitted for inclusion into the minutes and also a draft report of suggestions for sources of alternate funding (both of these documents are included below verbatim). Chad also distributed hard copies of the final report to COSCAPA members in attendance for perusal and eventually open-discussion later in the meeting under Old Business. Chris Gillam added that the Standards and Guidelines Committee had a rough start, but that the final product is good and helpful for both COSCAPA and SCIAA. Chad noted that it was brought to his attention that USC was planning to possibly demolish the SCIAA curation facility for parking. Chris Gillam and Jon Leader explained that this has been a long-term rumor, but when this is checked into the university says there are no plans for this, that this is just speculation and there is no reality for this.

### **COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee (Eric Poplin, Chair)**

#### ***Summary of Meeting on November 5, 2002***

The COSCAPA Sites Files and Curation Committee met on November 15, 2002 from 9:45-11:30 AM in the Ed Room at SCIAA. Three committee members were present, representing a quorum. Members and guests in attendance included:  
Eric Poplin (committee chair)

Mona Grunden (committee member)  
Chad Long (committee member)  
Chris Gillam (guest-COSCAPA president)  
Chester DePratter (guest)

The first order of business was the finalization of the Committee's recommendations/report for SCIAA Site Files and Curation activities/needs. We invited the appropriate SCIAA staff to the meeting; they declined to attend. The Committee will send the current version of these recommendations to COSCAPA as the first part of our Final Report. This document is available.

The Committee then developed a list of alternate sources of funding that SCIAA could pursue. The Committee recognizes SCIAA's ability to implement many of the recommendations in the final report is hampered by limited funding, particularly in light of the current state budget crisis. We prepared a draft report or suggestions for SCIAA to pursue to seek alternate sources of funding. Chester DePratter provided valuable assistance with regard to the availability of alternate funding within USC. A copy of this draft document is available for COSCAPA review. The Committee will meet again on February 14, 2003 to finalize the funding report. Upon finalization of this report, the Committee as currently constituted views its mandate from COSCAPA complete.

The Committee also is seeking information concerning previous efficiency reviews at SCIAA. Both the NPS and USACE- St. Louis conducted such reviews in the recent past. The Committee will ask the State Archaeologist to review copies of these reports.

The agenda for the next meeting:

1. Review funding suggestions to create final recommendations for report to the Council.
2. Discussion future of Committee within COSCAPA.

**Recommendations to Site Files and Curation Staff at SCIAA  
by the COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee  
Final Report**

***Introduction***

Below is a discussion of our recommendations to SCIAA regarding site files and curation policies and procedures. Our first recommendation is a general one. We believe SCIAA should hire an IMD coordinator to a) supervise/ coordinate the site files and curation staff b) integrate the site files and curation databases and c) continually look for ways to improve efficiency and service. This person should have experience with database and GIS software. Ideally, this position would be created through state government. If that is not an option, the position could be funded with soft money until permanent funding can be acquired.

Specific recommendations for curation and site files follow.

### ***SCIAA Curation Facilities and Policies***

1. Perform an efficiency review
2. A. Make available in writing the existing curation policy  
B. Publish and make available (on website) a curation manual  
C. Review Curation Fee- Increase as appropriate
3. Create a database inventory of all existing collections at SCIAA
4. A. Acquire additional staff  
B. Create mechanism for off-site study of collections  
C. Move curatorial staff to curation facility
5. New curation facility meeting Federal standards

First, we recommend that SCIAA perform an efficiency study of curation procedures/policies to determine how to best manage and maintain existing collections in a manner that preserves the materials and provides researchers with optimal access. This study should also look at how often curation fees are charged and collected (and how that money is used).

Second, we recommend that SCIAA's internal policy for accepting collections be made public and available. This policy should include information such as a) how much time SCIAA requires to review submitted collections (to determine if there are deficiencies) and b) what is the schedule for invoicing. We recommend that SCIAA develop a curation manual and publish this document on the web. This manual should be compatible with other Federal curation standards. We recommend that the archaeological community be provided with ample opportunity to comment on this manual. The curation fee should be reviewed and adjusted as necessary to accommodate the established procedures and requirements outlined in the manual.

Third, we recommend that SCIAA create a database of existing collections that links with the computerized site files. This link would enable researchers to determine if SCIAA is in possession of a site's artifact assemblage while reviewing the site form data. We recommend that SCIAA create a mechanism for the off-site examination of collections. To determine how best to accomplish this, we recommend that SCIAA contact other facilities and inquire about their procedures and requirements. We also recommend that the curator be moved, at least part time, to the curation facility in order to a) increase the availability of collections to researchers and b) streamline the curation process.

Finally, the committee realizes that the existing curation facilities are inadequate to meet the mandated function of SCIAA to maintain archaeological collections from South Carolina. We also recognize that a new facility that meets Federal standards will require substantial funding. It is likely that this can only be funded by the state budget, although it is possible that the funds can be raised through private donorship. One possible solution would be for SCIAA to hire a grants writer for a period of one to two years. This person's sole responsibility would be to identify funding sources and secure them for a new curation facility.

### ***State Site Files Policies and Procedures:***

We envision five major categories of needs (defined as A-E). Categories A and B are equal priorities; C-E are slightly less and more long range.

- A.1. Perform an efficiency review
  - 2. Implement procedures for establishing a user fee
  
- B.
  - 1. Update/Maintain GIS database with additional staff
  - 2. Provide researchers access to GIS database in site files research area
  - 3. Create GIS layer showing areas surveyed to date
  - 4. Enter/Scan site forms in database
  - 5. Create an electronic site form
  
- C.
  - 1. Put copier in site files area
  - 2. Create database inventory of reports on file
  - 3. Update/publish (on website) the SC Bibliography
  - 4. Provide access to CD writer to copy electronic reports
  - 5. Inventory Stephenson Library and integrate into IMD report database / Provide access for outside researchers
  
- D.
  - 1. Allow self-directed research by knowledgeable patrons
  - 2. Put Site Files on State Holiday Schedule (not University holiday schedule)
  - 3. Review inclusions in site files / include only important data
  
- E.
  - 1. Acquire Additional Staff
  - 2. Create back-up copy of site files outside SCIAA
  - 3. Install fire detection equipment

For site files, the committee recommends that an efficiency study be conducted to determine a) what tasks are essential to operate and maintain the site files and b) how to improve overall efficiency and service. We believe that the current staff could benefit from training in GIS and use of database programs. SCIAA also should implement procedures to establish a user fee. This could provide a partial source of funding necessary to implement other recommendations.

We recommend that the current GIS database of site locations be updated and that the database be made available to researchers in the site files area. Holly Gillam is updating the existing database this fall. Chris Gillam is attempting to create a graduate assistantship that will ensure the maintenance of the GIS database. Computers or workstations that can access the database should be made available to site files researchers.

We recommend that additional database layers showing areas surveyed be created. Scanned versions of site forms should be keyed to the database to provide researchers instant access to the original documents. The creation of an electronic site form could expedite these recommendations.

**Suggestions for Alternate Funding for SCIAA Site Files and Curation Programs  
by the COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee Draft**

**Report  
(after 15 November 2002 meeting)**

***Introduction***

The COSCAP A Site Files and Curation Committee made a series of recommendations to the SCIAA Site Files and Curation Programs to enhance the utility of these programs for the principal users. The Committee recognizes that many of these recommendations may require funding that cannot be acquired through the avenues typically available to SCIAA, particularly given the current state budget crisis. Therefore, we developed the following suggestions for the Office of the State Archaeologist to pursue, with the help of COSCAP A and other archaeologists/interested parties, alternate sources of funding. The following suggestions are not prioritized.

***Suggestions***

1. Implement Site Files User Fee.  
May require action by General Assembly. Check on procedure that created curation fee; could site file fee be created in similar fashion?
2. Seek Patrons/Partners. Limited suggestions include a). Federal Agencies National Park Service, US Forest Service (thru grant programs- Contact: Bob Morgan), US Army Corps of Engineers- Charleston (Contact: Bob Chappelle), US Fish and Wildlife Service (Contact: Rick Kanaski), US Navy Facilities Engineering Command Southern Division (Contact: Ron Johnson) b). State/Quasi-State Agencies SCDOT, SCDNR, SCOCRM, SC State Ports Authority, SC Public Service Authority (Santee-Cooper) c). Private Sources Burroughs and Chapin, Canal Industries, Duke Energy, Georgia-Pacific, International Paper Company, SCANA, Ted Turner Foundation, Westvaco
3. Hire a Grant Seeker . SCIAA should acquire someone who can go after other grants to fund the committee's recommendations accepted by SCIAA. USC has seed money for such positions. May only be temporary (1 year?) position but could generate funds that will carry over year after year.
4. Get on College of Liberal Arts Grants Program List (for capital improvements). USC has full-time program seeking funding for major facilities for Liberal Arts

departments, etc. SCIAA should get on this list to seek funding for a new curation facility. Let the University do much of the legwork. We recommend that a copier be dedicated to the site files area. We recommend that the bibliography be updated and placed in a database that can be accessed in the site files area and on the web. Researchers should be allowed to copy reports electronically (i.e., through a CD writer). We recommend that the Stephenson library be inventoried and placed in the database. If possible, this library should be integrated into the IMD.

We recommend that knowledgeable researchers be allowed to selfdirect their research. This goal could be partially realized by making a site files and curation database accessible through computer workstations. The committee also recommends that the site files should be open five days a week during regular business hours. Also, the State Site Files should operate on the state holiday schedule rather than the university holiday schedule. The two-week shut down over Christmas/New Years creates a hardship for private companies and agencies that must do business during this period. We recommend a review of the inclusions in the site files to determine which pieces of information are necessary. Information of limited value should be eliminated. Finally, we recommend that a backup copy of the State Site Files should be created and curated in another location in the event of a catastrophe at SCIAA. The use of scanned images and incorporation in computerized databases would accomplish this goal. Minimally, SCIAA and/or the site files area should be equipped with fire detection equipment.

#### **State Historic Preservation Office (Chad Long)**

Chad reports that new staff member David Kelly is the SCDOT project reviewer. All SCSHPO grants are still on hold depending on what happens with the state budget.

#### **Office of State Archeologist (Jon Leader)**

The Office of State Archeologist continues to facilitate procedures of the Institute for the Information Management Division through Keith Derting and Diane Boyd. Holly Gillam's update of the GIS is under way, she is working evenings on site file arc view layers. A problem has arisen concerning the extraction of staples from sites files for photocopying. Jon has instituted a new policy that he claims is basically a short-term fix. Diane will remove the staples upon request, and will note the location of staples and organization of site file with color-coded sticky-notes. This should alleviate any problems of the original documents leaving the building and ensure that the site file remains in order. The curation manuals will be completed by 2003 and distributed at that time.

#### **SC Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (Jon Leader)**

The recent work at Fort Moore by Heritage Trust, the Institute and the Savannah River Archaeological Research Program have been successful as two-thirds of the Fort

are intact and protected by woods, and the next step are underway. Within the Research Division, Al is working on the Topper materials with OSL dating. Chester is working with Jim Legg on the report of the African-American cemetery on Paris Island. Stan is continuing to write his autobiography and history of the local archaeology from his personal-career experience, and is writing a piece for the encyclopedia of historical archaeology by Chuck Orser. Tommy Charles is working on a point typology for South Carolina and continues to work on petroglyph analysis. Chris Amer along with Dave Crass (Georgia) and others at the Institute put on the underwater managers three-day meeting at the Rice Hill Plantation. This meeting was to assist Georgia to formulate an underwater archaeology program. Chris Clement reports that the Resource Consulting Division is doing a survey at the McIntire International Guards Station and writing up testing reports for two Late Archaic and Woodland sites on Fort Jackson. Rob Moon of the SRARP reports on a remote sensing project at Silver Bluff by the Strategic Environmental Research and Developmental Program which constitutes the collection and analyze remote, ground, and aerial space-based sensory data to see which technique better predicts the presence of archaeological subsurface features in different environmental settings. Chris Gillam reports on moving ahead on upgrading the predictive model for the SRS. Chris is also working closely with the E&GIS group at SRS who are consolidating all the GIS info for the SRS.

### **SC Department of Transportation (Wayne Roberts)**

The DOT is winding down in the 27/7 program. So currently working on small intersection improvements and bridge replacements. A survey of a bridge replacement on Granny's Quarter Creek revealed archaeological evidence of numerous 18<sup>th</sup> century historic events and these features would be avoided. Finished testing the backyard of 68 Fishburn St. in Charleston and after 15 years or so, the DOT may be through with the cultural resource aspects of the Grace bridge replacement project in Charleston. Survey for the Cleburne Connection project involving a bridge over Lake Marion, showed a significant yeoman farmstead. Testing report by Natalie demonstrates the need for data recovery at this farmstead, which fills a gap with the German-Swiss socio-economic affiliation. DOT is planning a project at a revolutionary war fort on the Union and Chester Co. lines called Fish Dam Ford, which is the location of a rare fish weir in South Carolina.

### **SC Department of Natural Resources, Heritage Trust Program (Chris Judge)**

Preparing to close on the purchase of half of the 1820s Poinsett Bridge in January, a 116-acre tract and negotiating on the other half of the bridge on a 6-acre tract. The Congaree Survey report is being finalized and should be out by end of year. At the Morris Island Lighthouse, DNR is about to approach the Corps for funding for erosion control and foundation stabilization. Back to working with Martha Zierden at the Seabrook tack a civil war site. Chris has just finished the article for Wildlife magazine

on the Kolb site to be published in March. The Heritage Trust Advisory Board has given Chris the go ahead to build two canoe launches and parking areas at Congaree Creek Heritage Preserve in the Charleston highway near the Fort Congaree historical maker and the other adjacent to the 12<sup>th</sup> Street extension. Several weeks ago, a volunteer project was conducted at Fort Frederick working with Ian Hill and Colin Brooker of Beaufort to remove vegetation off of the tabby fort for a study of the fort through photography. Chris has been doing a survey of the Georgetown lighthouse with pre-revolutionary and 1795 components as well as 1812 and later confederate and federal occupations. Finally, Chris is working on an entry for the South Carolina Encyclopedia on the prehistory of South Carolina.

### **Dorchester State Historic Site (Ashley Chapman)**

Archaeology month was successful at Colonial Dorchester with over 560 local visitors to participate in archaeology and educational programs. Weekend archaeological excavations with volunteers are continuing at the park and have implemented GIS at the colonial site using arc view 3 and hopefully later arc view 8. A new electrolysis lab is being set-up along with re-curation of artifacts. Structural assessments of the tabby fort and the bell tower are in progress along with the continuance of the 20 m shovel test survey of the entire park.

### **USC Anthropology Department (Gail Wagner)**

The Anthro Dept is being encouraged to continue pursuing the Ph.D. program and application is just about to go in to the College of Liberal Arts. However, immediate funding for the program does not look hopeful, but once paperwork goes through, the Dept. would be ready with funding is available. Dept. will be interviewing for faculty replacement positions in January. Gail will hold a field school at Belmont Neck site the last three weeks of May and first three weeks of June, as timber thinning activities (non-destructive) will be occurring at the Mulberry site. Leland will most likely conduct a field school at Winston-Salem.

### **U.S. Forest Service (Bob Morgan)**

Suggested changes to Forest Service contracts involve a transition to a performance-based contract, which is a non-prescriptive based contract where contractors proposed what they are going to do.

### **National Park Service (David G. Anderson)**

Most recently, David has been overseeing contract awards at various major military bases in the region and most particularly for SC interests at Ft Stewart and Ft Bragg. The book coauthored by David and Steve Smith of prehistorical and historical archaeology at Ft. Polk, La will reach clean draft stage in January to eventually be published through the Univ. of Alabama Press. David continued excavations at Shiloh mound in west Tennessee this past summer. Discussion of funding for a third season is slated for Feb, 2003 which will consist of exposing the third stage in the

mound between 5 to 10 ft into the mound by the end of this season. The project's goal is to find out how many stages the mound is composed of and David has recommended a five-season mitigation plan. The Francis Marion overview and the Water Island monograph are in the works. The ceramic volume is still in the works with Joe Herbert has agreeing to handle the North Carolina ceramics portion of the volume, but no promises as to the release of the book.

#### **AF Consultants (Lesley Drucker)**

AF Consultants have been working on projects in Horry County when in particular a family cemetery dating back to 1800 has been located. GPR is being used to locate any unmarked graves. The Horry Co. survey will be completed by the end of the month.

#### **TRC Consultants (Bill Green)**

TRC's work at Hilton Head Island found NE corner of Mitchellville 19<sup>th</sup> century Freedman's community and a refuge phase site during a 16-acre survey. Mona has been surveying at Ft Bragg and has found lots of rhyolite.

#### **Archaeological Society of South Carolina (Nena Powell-Rice)**

Rebecca Saunders of LSU is the guest speaker on shell rings at the upcoming annual ASSC conference on February 22, 2003. The ASSC is looking for a program chair Eric Poplin may fill this position. The ASSC has two issues of the journal South Carolina Antiquities, and need four to catch up to date. The 2001 and 2002 issues have enough contributed articles so plan to move ahead with these and come out later with the 1999 and 2000 volumes one of which will be the Dawes Island report, edited by Chris Judge. Next year, archaeology month will focus on the American Revolution because it will be the 225<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event and more revolutionary period battles occurred in South Carolina than any other state. Steve Smith and Jim Legg will be the main coordinators of the poster project. Nena will lead tour of major archaeological sites in the Southeast archaeological sites for certain members of the World Archeological Congress meeting (June 21 through the 26) in Washington, D.C. The library housed at the Institute is no longer called the Stephenson Library, but is now the SCIAA Research Library (because a small portion of the 25,000 volumes and over 400 journals actually were contributed by Bob Stephenson). This is a non-circulating research library available to all archaeologists of the Eastern U.S. Chad Long asked about the recommendations to inventory the library and put into a database, but not enough funding available for this project. Chris Judge asked if library could be put into USCAN but Nena noted that the library needs to be inventoried first.

#### **Announcements**

None were made.

## **Old Business**

### ***Discussion returned to the Site Files and Curation Committee***

Recommendations. Chris Gillam noted that a motion does not need to be made regarding the inclusion of the recommendations in the minutes because these have been presented and submitted during the committee report. Wayne Roberts expressed a concern that COSCAPA is moving away from openness with closed committee meeting sessions but should have open meetings with all information shared. Chris Gillam replied that the first closed committee meeting held just prior to the open meeting, was strictly for organizational purposes and not designed to restrict information access to any COSCAPA member. David Anderson commended committee members who put these recommendations together (and noted that some recommendations are already implemented) to facilitate site file and collections availability to researchers. David noted that the report has been accepted and will be in the minutes and we need to move ahead in a more positive manner to help SC have the best curation facility and site files. David suggested that periodic progress reports be made available to membership on what is being done and what could be done in this matter.

Jon Leader asked if this was the final document from COSCAPA to be submitted to the Office of State Archaeologist. Chris Gillam replied that it was his understanding that the recommendations were a final report and that COSCAPA's interests lay in additional feedback on funding opportunities from the membership. Jon stated that he needed to carefully go through the document when it is transmitted officially to him and see what he could implement and what could be done through future planning. Chris Gillam noted that as discussed at the last COSCAPA meeting the membership does want to maintain the committee as an ongoing committee to evaluate progress but that individual membership may change periodically but that the committee would act in an advisory capacity if there are issues that are of concern to COSCAPA. For this reason, Jon then moved that the Site Files and Curation Committee be phased out and that COSCAPA form an Advisory Committee to meet periodically with the Office of the State Archeologist to bring to attention to issues within the cultural resource management realm and the broader community of archaeologists who are members of COSCAPA. Chad Long seconded the motion. A question was raised from the membership as to the exact function of the proposed Advisory Committee. Chris Gillam explained that the idea of the proposed Advisory Committee is to follow the changes and the standards that are established by the Office of the State Archaeologist and to offer feedback and commentary and basically maintain an open channel from the profession which includes all the agencies and parties involved to the Office of the State Archaeologist simply to keep a directed channel of communication between the members of COSCAPA and the Office of the State Archaeologist, so in effect it will serve as a committee to evaluate and offer recommendations on an ongoing basis. A vote was taken with only one opposition recorded against the above motion.

Chris Clement then proposed a secondary motion that the COSCAPA Advisory Committee continues with the same members as the now defunct COSCAPA Site Files and Curation Committee until requests are made for changes in personnel. Holly Norton seconded the motion. The current committee members are Eric Poplin (Chair), Chad Long, Natalie Adams, Mona Grunden, and Bob Morgan, along with Chris Gillam (not an official member) but sitting in as COSCAPA president. Jon Leader pointed out that the membership numbers had shifted over time on the Site Files and Curation Committee and ask for clarification on the actual number of members established for the Advisory Committee. Chris Gillam explained that five individuals should remain as the core Advisory Committee membership and that open meetings would be held where any COSCAPA member could voice their concerns. After this discussion, it was noted that as the Advisory Committee was already established along with a five-person membership through the primary motion and subsequent COSCAPA membership concurrence, that a secondary motion regarding a standing membership was unnecessary as was a vote on the secondary motion, although it was noted that this was a good point of discussion. There was some concern and slight discussion of whether the function of the original committee had changed along with the designation to Advisory Committee thereby calling for the secondary motion, but no vote was taken on this issue.

### **New Business**

Chris Judge proposed a motion that COSCAPA prepare a letter to SCANA asking for a public hearing on the Lake Murray FIRC re-licensing to address the potential adverse impacts to cultural resources. Jon Leader seconded the motion. Discussion of the motion included David Anderson's suggestion that a copy of the Lake Murray letter be sent at the time of every reservoir re-licensing within the state over the next decade.

Bill Green added that this should be opened to all other power companies such as Duke Power and Santee-Cooper when the same issues arise. On the basis of this discussion, Chris Judge amended his motion stating that COSCAPA request public hearings on FIRC re-licensing that falls within the boundaries of the state from this time forward. Jon Leader seconded the amended motion. A unanimous vote was cast by the membership.

Adam King, as a member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) Executive Committee, proposed a motion that the COSCAPA organization host the 2005 SEAC Conference in Columbia, SC. Following some discussion of SEAC attendance and conference lodging, it was noted that the Adam's Mark Hotel has adequate meeting rooms and could house the membership. Adam further proposed that Keith Stephenson chair the SEAC meeting and Chris Judge serve as the local arrangements chair. Adam also noted that this would not so much be a commitment of money for COSCAPA (as SEAC actually makes most of the money that pays for the meeting) but more a commitment of resources and time, which could be shared by

the various interested agencies and parties that compose COSCAPA. Chris Judge seconded the motion. A unanimous vote was cast by the membership.

Chris Gilliam asked if any other individuals wished to be involved the planning of a SEAC Conference in Columbia in 2005. Chris then appointed a SEAC Planning Committee consisting of Keith Stephenson as chair, Chris Judge, Gail Wagner, Bill Green, Nena Powell-Rice, Adam King, John Leader, and Bob Morgan.

Keith Stephenson, as Chair of the ASSC Graduate Student Grant-in-Program, requested a donation of \$300 as a COSCAPA contribution to the 2003 fund for reallocation to qualified graduate students working on theses or dissertations of the history of prehistory of South Carolina. Jon Leader made this request a motion and David Anderson seconded. A unanimous vote was cast by the membership.

The next COSCAPA meeting is scheduled for ***Friday, February 21, 2003 at 10:00 AM*** (the day prior to the ASSC Conference) and will be held at ***SC Archives and History in Columbia***.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 PM.**