

December 7, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists
Sean Norris, Secretary

On Friday, December 7, 2007, an abbreviated meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the South Carolina State Museum. President Eric Poplin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following individuals were present.

Name	Affiliation	Status
Chris Gillam	SCIAA	M
Geoff Hughes	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Tammy Herron	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Aaron Brummitt	S&ME	Applicant
Charles Cobb	SCIAA	Applicant
Carmen Beard	SCIAA	Guest
Jon Leader	SCIAA	M
Nena Rice	SCIAA	M
Adam King	SCIAA	M
Leslie Drucker	AF Consultants	M
Robert Morgan	US Forest Service	M
Jim Bates	US Forest Service	M
Mike Harmon	US Forest Service	M
Sandra Reinhardt	Catawba Nation THPO	M
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Lora Holland	SCIAA	M
Emily Jateff	Brockington and Associates	M
Mary Ann Fanning	USC-Student	Guest
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Frances Knight	SCDAH	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	M
Keith Stephenson	SCIAA-SRARP	M
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M
Sean Norris	TRC	M

Guest speakers representing several South Carolina Indian Tribes were also present.

Name	Affiliation
Chief Louis Chavis	Beaver Creek Indians
Sandra Reinhart	Catawba Indian Nation
Dr. Will Goins	Cherokee Tribes of South Carolina
Chief James Caulder	Pee Dee Tribe of South Carolina
Glen Fox	Santee Indian Tribe
Teresa Gore	Santee Indian Tribe
Chief Ralph Justice Oxendine	Sumter Band of Cheraw Indians
Second Chief Mandy Oxendine Chapman	Sumter Band of Cheraw Indians
Jim Largo	Indian Country Today
Jeannette Largo	Indian Country Today

Chief Tim LaBean	Marlboro, Chesterfield, Darlington County Pee Dee Indian Tribe
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Secretary's Report (Sean Norris)

A motion was made to accept the previous meeting's minutes. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)

As of our last meeting on September 7, 2007, our account balance was \$5,304.82. Since that time, we have received \$345.00 in membership dues, and had one quarterly expenditure of \$19.35 to Ashley Chapman for the September 7 meeting refreshments. This brings our account balance to \$5,630.47. Of this amount, \$378.61 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with an available balance of \$5,251.86.

Of the 80 active COSCAPA members (66 Full Members and 14 Associate Members), 59 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$1,055.00, leaving 21 members with a collective outstanding total of \$370.00.

Membership Committee (Eric Poplin)

Two applications for membership have been received at the time of the meeting. Applicants consist of Aaron Brummitt (S&ME) and John McCarthy (S&ME), both have applied for full membership. The Membership committee recommends both individuals be accepted for membership at their applied level.

Both applicants were accepted by unanimous vote.

Workshop Committee (Wayne Roberts for Chad Long)

The workshop committee has been active in recent months and suggests the following for future discussion:

- Introduce a roundtable discussion session to take place after COSCAPA meetings or reduce the time of the "Buisness" portion of the meetings and focus more on interactive sessions similar to the discussion with state tribal representative at the current meeting
- Begin scheduling COSCAPA meetings at different locations across the state. Meetings can be held at interesting sites such as the Kolb Site (location of the March 2008 meeting) or other locations of interest to the membership.
- A full day workshop on Lithics or Remote Sensing will be held in 2008
- Suggestions for future workshops are encouraged

Political Action/Awareness Committee (Jon Leader)

National

- NAGPRA Review Committee Teleconference to be held January 8, 2008
- Park Service has published draft regulations on culturally unidentified human remains.
- Park Service has also published a new draft Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 compliance in National Parks.

- H.R. 241 Farm, Nutrition and Bioenergy Act of 2007 – Passed by full House. The bill reauthorizes the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program which assists landowners and conservation organizations in purchasing conservation easements on farmland threatened by development.
- H.R. 2643 FY2008 Interior Appropriations – Passed by full House.
- H.R. 783 Mesa Verde National Park Expansion Act – Passed by full House. The bill would expand the park acquiring lands containing Ancestral Puebloan archaeological materials.
- S. 2087 Native American Omnibus Act – Passed by Indian Affairs Committee. The measure proposes change the definition of the term “Native American” in relation to NAGPRA. The provision would clarify that ancient remains such as Kennewick Man would be considered Native American under NAGPRA.
- H.R. 4027 – Introduced Oct. 2007. The bill would amend NAGPRA to require a significant relationship be found between remains discovered on Federal lands and presently existing Native American tribes for those remains to be applicable under the Act.
- H.R. 3981 Preserve America and Save America’s Treasures Act– Introduced Oct. 2007. The legislation would codify into law the Preserve America and the Save America’s Treasures programs.

SCIAA Liaison Committee (Eric Poplin)

Eric will be preparing a letter to urge the Governor to speed up the process of getting new facilities for SCIAA. A draft will be sent to the Office of the State Archaeologist and the Director of SCIAA prior to sending it to the Governor.

Nominations Committee (Eric Poplin)

Ballots were sent out for those unable to attend today’s meeting.

The new officers are as follows:

President - Ashley Chapman

Vice President - Adam King

Treasurer - Keith Stephenson

Secretary –Fran Knight.

Newsletter (Eric Poplin)

Anyone interested in becoming the newsletter editor?

New Business

Lora Holland proposed a motion to establish a committee for submerged cultural resources. Discussion followed as to whether Chris Amer (SCIAA Maritime Research Division) should be consulted prior to establishing a committee. It was determined that it is within the power of the President to establish committees. President Eric Poplin established a submerged resources committee and urged the committee to involve Chris Amer.

Announcements

- The Archaeological Society of South Carolina will hold its annual conference April 19, 2008. The conference will take place at Gambrell Hall on the campus of the University of South Carolina. Papers will be accepted through March 1, 2008. Keynote speakers will be Dr. R.P. Stephen Davis and Dr. Brett Riggs of the University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill.
- The USC Anthropology Department is offering an Intensive Undergraduate Major allowing student to Graduate with Distinction upon completion of a thesis.
- SCIAA and the USC Anthro Dept. are creating a Cultural Resource Management Master's Program.
- Gail Wagener will be offering a 6-8 week field school in the summer.
- The March COSCAPA meeting will be held at the Johannes Kolb Site in Darlington County.

Native American Liaison Committee (Chris Judge)

Chris Judge introduced representatives from several South Carolina Indian Tribes.

Pee Dee Indian Tribe of South Carolina (Chief James Caulder and Vice Chief Ben Thompson)

The Pee Dee Tribe of South Carolina was chartered in 1976 and received state recognition on 2006. The Tribe is trying to establish an accurate count of its members. The Tribe is also actively involved in public outreach, speaking at local schools and attending meetings such as COSCAPA.

Marlboro, Chesterfield, Darlington County Pee Dee Indian Tribe (Chief Tim La Bean)

The Marlboro, Chesterfield, Darlington County Pee Dee Indian Tribe is actively trying to keep their traditional American Indian culture alive.

Beaver Creek Indians (Chief Louis Chavis)

The Beaver Creek were the third state recognized tribe in South Carolina.

Catawba Indian Nation (Sandra Reinhart)

The Catawba are the only federally recognized Tribe in South Carolina. They are interested in the archaeology that is conducted in South Carolina, North Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Georgia.

Eastern Cherokee, Southern Iroquois and United Tribes of South Carolina (Will Goins)

Also known as the Cherokee Tribes of South Carolina they are based in Oconee County with their ceremonial center near Gray Court, SC. They are Cherokee descendants and their core community is state recognized. They are interested in any indigenous sites in the state. They often work with the NC Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. They are involved in a Historic Sites Project identifying sites of significance including cemeteries, churches etc...

Sumter Band of Cheraw Indians (Chief Ralph Justice Oxendine and Second Chief Mandy Oxendine Chapman)

The Tribe is seeking state recognition. The process required for state recognition is long and difficult. Documentation and funding are hard to come by. The Tribe is currently researching its origins, part of the recognition process requires historic documentation of the Tribe.

Santee Indian Tribe (Glenn Fox and Teresa Gore)

The Santee Indian Tribe gained state recognition in 2006. In January they will be holding a powwow at Cypress Gardens in Moncks Corner. They are involved with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce bringing together Native business and the corporate world.

After the introductions a roundtable discussion took place. Chris Judge announced that the focus of South Carolina Archaeology Month 2008 will be Native Americans from the 16th century through contemporary times. And USC Lancaster will be holding its Native American Studies week in April.

Adam King invited the Tribal Representatives to the November 2008 SEAC conference in Charlotte. Adam also asked what the professional archaeological community can do for the Native American community. Discussion of the state and federal recognition processes followed. Professional anthropologists and archaeologists and those trained in research would be extremely helpful in completing applications for recognition. Professionals may provide useful assistance in writing the narrative of tribes. Anthropologists may help in completing oral histories of tribes. It was suggested that the South Carolina Advisory Council has grants available and these may be useful in funding research and completion of recognition applications.