

February 16, 2007 Meeting Minutes
Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists
 Sean Norris, Secretary

On Friday, February 16, 2007, an abbreviated meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History. President Eric Poplin called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. Prior to the meeting representatives from ESRI conducted an extensive demonstration of the electronic site files. The following individuals were present.

Name	Affiliation	Status
Stacey Young	New South Associates	G
Rachel Roden	S&ME	G
Jason Moser	S&ME	G
Bill Green	S&ME	M
Chad Long	SCDOT	M
Natalie Adams	New South Associates	M
Leslie Drucker	AF Consultants	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Katie Epps	IAS	G
Annette Snap	York County Museums	M
Bill Barer	Barr & Associates	M
Geoff Hughes	SRARP	M
Jon Leader	SCIAA	M
Rob Moon	SRARP	M
Nena Rice	SCIAA	M
Gail Wagner	USC	M
Wayne Roberts	SCDOT	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	M
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M
Sean Norris	TRC	M

Meeting called to order at 10 A. M. Four guests were present at the meeting, Stacey Young (New South Associates), Jason Moser (S&ME, Inc.), Rachel Roden (S&ME, Inc.) and Katie Epps (Integrated Archaeological Services).

Secretary's Report (Sean Norris)

Sean asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. No changes to minutes. Eric Poplin asked for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded.

Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)

As of our last meeting on December 8, 2006, our account balance was \$4,949.64. Since that time, we have received \$220.00 in membership dues, \$35.00 from sales of the Stan South volume, as well as a generous Christmas donation from Myles Bland and Associates, Inc. Our quarterly expenditures consisted of \$500.00 toward the ASSC Graduate Student Grant in Aid Program as well as the unpaid reimbursement to Vice-President Chapman for December's meeting refreshments. This brings our account balance to \$5,219.64. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant (to be unencumbered pending SCDAH approval as of December 8, 2006 meeting), and \$358.61 is in the South volume fund. This leaves COSCAPA with an available balance of \$2,445.31.

ASSC/ Certification Liaison Committee

No report. No members present. It was suggested that the committee be put on hold or disbanded. The final determination of the committee will be determined when committee members are present to comment.

Certification program for ASSC members to become archaeological assistants has not progressed.

Membership Committee (Eric Poplin)

Two prospective candidates have petitioned for Membership. Lee Tippett has petitioned for inclusion as an Associate Member, the membership committee unanimously recommends associate membership. J. Michelle Schohn has petitioned the committee for acceptance as a Full Member. The committee unanimously recommends associate membership

The prospective members were absent from the meeting. Lee was accepted as an Associate Member by unanimous vote. Michelle was accepted as an Associate Member by unanimous vote with the provision that she be accepted as full member upon her return to South Carolina.

Native American Liaison Committee (Eric Poplin for Chris Judge)

The committee will meet in February. An attempt will be made to meet with tribal leaders from the state. A letter will be drafted prior to the next COSCAPA meeting inviting state tribal leaders and/or representative to attend COSCAPA meetings.

Newsletter (Eric Poplin for Carl Steen)

Carl has stepped down as newsletter editor. If anyone wants to take over the responsibility of producing a newsletter please contact Carl or Eric. The Membership would like to thank Carl for past efforts. A digital newsletter produced in pdf or other digital format was proposed. A digital version of the newsletter emailed to the membership would require no postage. Eric will talk with Carl about a digital newsletter and newsletter templates that can be used by the new editor.

Political Action/Awareness Committee (Jon Leader)

- House Bill 3346 – The Bill guarantees descendants and researchers access to cemeteries regardless of where the cemetery is located.
- Preservation Summit –
- UNESCO Convention on Maritime wrecks and artifacts. Federal government may not be able to ratify the agreement for preservation of maritime artifacts. South Carolina will likely agree to the UNESCO recommendations and follow the guidelines voluntarily.
- Commission for Minority Affairs – Catawba have submitted an informal letter saying they are interested in the Culturally unidentified remains and associated grave goods and will work towards a resolution with federally recognized and state recognized tribes in SC.
- Cultural Resource Management Workshop – Put on by Duke Power and Catawba Valley Land Trust. Attendees included Jon Leader, Chris Judge, Wenonah Haire, Sandra Reinhardt and David Jones. The workshop was intended for magistrates, law enforcement and museum employees. The workshop went well.

Heritage Trust Committee

Committee was disbanded, however Heritage Trust may again be looking to put together an up to date list of Cultural sites and would like COSCAPA's input. Committee may be reinstated next COSCAPA meeting.

SCIAA/State Archaeologist Report (Jon Leader)

Applied Research Division:

Chris and Audrey are finishing the report on the testing of two larger sites as Fort Jackson. Steve is working in the low country assessing Francis Marion camps and battlefields.

Maritime Research Division:

Chris and crew have completed another field season assisting NOAA in cooperation with Coastal Carolina. Research is continuing on the Georgetown and Port Royal projects.

OSA:

The digitizing project is near completion.

Carmen Beard Bio in "Legacy"

Server installation is scheduled and additional equipment has been ordered including a large format map scanner.

NAGPRA Repatriation has moved forward through coordination with the Catawba on the issue of culturally unidentified human remains and associated materials.

SARP

Adam and Keith are doing a remote sensing project at Lotten.

Outreach programs and curation programs are continuing.

Charlie Cobb has accepted the position as the new director of SCIAA. He will be coming in July and visiting in March.

SCIAA Liaison Committee

No Action

Digital Database should be up by March 31, 2007. Mike Stoner and Katie Quinn have been scanning gray literature and reports to incorporate into the database. Determinations of terms and conditions agreements to be signed and final costs are still being made.

ASSC (Nena Rice)

Dr. Chris DeCoors will give a presentation at the ASSC conference. The conference will be held at the Belk auditorium at the Darla Moore School of business. Ken Kelly will host a barbeque after the conference.

DNR

Sean Taylor is the new Heritage Trust archaeologist.

SCDOT (Chad Long)

DOT director was fired recently, no word on new director. Contracts are now being carefully scrutinized due the audit. An advertisement for on-call contractors should be in SCBO within the next couple months.

SCPRT (Ashley Chapman)

Colonial Dorchester is stabilizing the tabby fort and track the decay of the fort.
There are a number preservation issues with the bell tower associated with the church.
Continuing tombstone restoration.
Trying to expand curation space and electrolysis.
Dealing with viewshed issues arising from a number of developer permits.

USC (Gail Wagner)

Field school and Maymester at the Mann-Simon cottage.

York County Museum (Annette Snapp)

Copies of Annette's work at the new museum property
S&ME is surveying the Kanawah Development along with Brett Riggs and Steve Davis
At Historic Brattonsville work will begin to the store that burned in 2004.

AF Consultants (Leslie Drucker)

Working on several small projects
Leslie is generating a handbook for environmental and engineering companies to use when dealing with Section 106 projects.

Barr and Associates (Bill Barr)

Working in Jasper County at the Old Frampton Plantation
Possible slave village along the east side of the Frampton House
Work is being done in Beaufort County on the Bull Point Project.
Working on a couple surveys in Charleston
Georgetown County working on the Harmony Plantation
Shackelford Home site and slave village

Brockington and Associates (Eric Poplin)

Fieldwork is finished at Altamaha found six houses and six burials and over 60,000 artifacts.

Andrew Agha is working on an 18th C. plantation site with Native American slave made pottery.

Summerville Survey.

Report on the North Augusta project (SCDOT) may be coming out soon.

Integrated Archaeological Services (Katie Epps)

Palmetto Bluff Survey work continues.

Ladies Island Project

A number of phase III proposals

New South Associates (Natalie Adams)

Stacey Young has been working on the Wando Ion Survey at Francis Marion National Forest.

VC Sumter Nuclear Plant Survey

Brad Botwick is working in the Dorchester County Area.

Natalie has been working on the John H Goodwin House

Greenville County Survey Deep testing in the floodplain

18th-19th Century Plantation House

USC Archaeology (Gail Wagner)

John Lawson Site

Working near Nixon Mound

S&ME (Bill Green)

Position Announcement: PI/Department Manager/Archaeologist

Lake Murray Survey. 150 sites identified. Identified a Mississippian through Paleo stratified site. Initial dates came back as 11,400-12,050 B.P.

Data Recovery of a brick kiln site

Data Recovery on Indian Trading Camp

Survey work in the midlands area

Testing and survey work on transmission lines

Survey of the Kanawah Development – at least 3 village sites

Beginning a Hydro-electric project in Virginia

TRC (Sean Norris)

Lake Jocassee Shoreline Survey

York County Pipeline Work

Recon Surveys in Lexington Co, Spartanburg Co. and Kershaw Co.

Small survey near Charleston Airport

Old Business

None

New Business

None

The next meeting was set for May 11, 2007, at Archives and History (if available). The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.