

**May 11, 2007 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
Sean Norris, Secretary

On Friday, May 11, 2007, 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. The following individuals were present.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Status</b>
Stacey Young	New South Associates	G
Bill Green	S&ME	M
Jason Moser	S&ME	G
Bill Green	S&ME	M
Sandra Reinhardt	THPO	A
Francis Knight	SCDAH	M
Chuck Cantley	SCDAH	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Chris Judge	USC Lancaster	M
Rob Moon	SRARP	M
Adam king	SRARP	M
Annette Snapp		M
Wayne Roberts	SCDOT	M
Jon Leader	SCIAA	M
Gail Wagner	USC Columbia	M
Katie Epps	IAS	Guest
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	M
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M

Meeting called to order at 10:05 A. M. Four guests were present at the meeting, Stacey Young (New South Associates), Jason Moser (S&ME, Inc.) and Katie Epps (Integrated Archaeological Services).

**Secretary's Report** (Eric Poplin for Sean Norris)

Eric asked if there were any corrections or additions 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** (Adam King for Keith Stephenson)

**Membership Committee** (Eric Poplin)

Three prospective candidates have petitioned for Membership. Katie Epps, Emily Jateff and Stacey Young have petitioned the committee for acceptance as a Full Member. The committee unanimously recommends full membership for all three candidates.

The motion to accept the petitioners was made and seconded. All three petitioners were accepted as full members by unanimous vote.

**Native American Liaison Committee** (Chris Judge)

A letter has been drafted prior to the next COSCAPA meeting inviting state tribal leaders and/or representative to attend COSCAPA meetings. A round table discussion was held with 7 of 8 chiefs present. Repatriation issues were put on hold due to politics and the resignation of Chief Blue of the Catawba Nation. The Chiefs would like the assistance of an archaeologist or anthropologist to assist in generating an oral history with the help of tribal elders and assist unrecognized groups with paperwork.

Chris made a motion to invite tribes (federal, state and unrecognized tribes) to COSCAPA meeting for a dialog. This motion was passed by unanimous vote.

Chris mentioned that the 2008 Archaeology Month poster will have an historic Native American theme.

**Newsletter** (Eric Poplin for Carl Steen)

A digital newsletter produced in pdf or other digital format will be produced and distributed via email. Eric asked for a volunteer to produce the newsletter. Interested individuals please contact Eric.

**Political Action/Awareness Committee** (Jon Leader)

- 110<sup>th</sup> Congress - Farm Bill – FRPP Grants available for archaeologists.
- NAGPRA – Final rule for NAGPRA is up for review. SAA is opposed saying the current wording goes beyond the original intent of the law.
- Iraq War - Protection archaeological resources.
- Great Pee Dee River Looting – There is an act in motion to make the make the river a “no collection” from 2 miles above to 2 miles below the Hwy 76 bridge. McConnell and Leatherman are supporting the bill. Jon encourages COSCAP members to write letters of support for the bill. A letter sent on behalf of COSCAPA was put on hold until the first draft of the bill was reviewed.

**SCIAA Liaison Committee** (Eric Polin)

Space issues are a growing concern at SCIAA. Eric proposed a letter to encourage the Dean to expedite a move to new facilities. Jon Leader that the dean is motivated to see a move, however it is a slow process and there are delays with new estimates. A letter may help speed up the process. There was a motion to draft and send a letter to the Dean. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous vote. Eric will draft a letter.

**SHPO** (Mary Edmunds)

State 5 Year Preservation Plan contexts are very strong.

Wayne Roberts would like to see more participation at annual historic preservation meetings.

Chris Judge proposed that the Teach American History Grants might be applicable to archaeology.

#### **SCIAA/State Archaeologist Report (Jon Leader)**

ARCHSITES is going through a debugging phase. There will be three training dates available to the membership with a second round of training open to non-archaeologists. Bill Green asked when all the attributes will be populated. Jon estimated 3 years before pdfs of all siteforms and all attributes are available.

#### **SARP**

The annual report will begin soon, the 2006 report will also be available.

Tammy and Rob are working at the trading post.

Buddy is putting together a GIS database on the standing structures at SRS with Geoff doing work on the churches.

The Town of Ellenton and the History Group are trying to open an interpretive center focusing on the Cold War and SRS.

Grad Students are working on sites

Keith and Adam are working on a Mound Town Study.

#### **SCDOT (Wyane Roberts)**

Congratulations to Chad on the arrival of his new baby.

A number of large reports are in for review: Combahee, I-73, two different I-95 projects.

GIS Project is coming along

DOT is in the last phase of the historic non-metal truss bridge survey

DOT will be looking in to generating contexts

The southern leg of I-73 will go through Heritage Trust land. Chris Judge wondered if this was a bad precedent. Wayne indicated that land will be purchased as replacement.

The request of on-call archaeological services will be published in the next 30-60 days.

#### **SCPRT (Ashley Chapman)**

Colonial Dorchester is public archaeology is ongoing.

College of Charleston Field School this year

They will be getting a new building soon

#### **USC Columbia (Gail Wagner)**

Field school and Maymester at the Mann-Simon cottage will be lead by Jakob Crockett.

Gail has tobacco plants

#### **USC Lancaster Native American Studies (Chris Judge)**

USC will be hiring a linguist.

Chris is beginning his dissertation research on the Dunlop Site.

They are working with UNC Chapel Hill at Nassau Town

May host Catawba Fest November 3.

**York County Museum** (Annette Snapp)  
Annette has parted ways with the Museum.

**ASSC** (Eric Poplin)

Working on several small projects

The President and Vice President have resigned.

Fall Field Day will be held October 20 at Historic Brattonsville with a focus on Foodways.

Adam King proposed a donation of \$500.00 to the ASSC Grant in Aid. The motion was tabled until the September meeting.

**Brockington and Associates** (Eric Poplin)

Brockington is conducting a data recovery on Daniel Island.

Work is being conducted at Watson Hill.

I-73 work continues.

Reports for Combahee Ferry have been submitted.

**Catawba Indian Nation** (Sandra Reinhardt)

Two Catawba Towns were identified during the survey of the McColl Tract. The development is altering its master plan to account for the significant sites.

**Integrated Archaeological Services** (Katie Epps)

Finishing work on the west part of Palmetto Bluff.

Continue writing.

**New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

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

Natalie has been working on reports for the VC Sumter Nuclear Plant Survey, an 18<sup>th</sup> C. site near Goose Creek, and the new State Farmers Market.

Working with the Historic Columbia Foundation at the Randolph Cemetery

**S&ME** (Bill Green)

Draft of the Lake Murray/Saluda Hydroelectric Project Survey has been submitted.

Beginning a Hydro-electric project in Virginia.

Going to begin work on 49 sites outside of Wilmington.

Have conducted a number of small reconnaissance surveys and Phase I surveys.

**TRC** (Sean Norris)

Sean is in New York City conducting a human remains search near Ground Zero

Conducted surveys and recons in York, Charleston and Chesterfield counties.

Preparing for data recovery on James Island.

**Old Business**

The SCIAA website has a link to the old (2000) Standards and Guidelines. Jon Leader will update the link.

### **New Business**

ASSC Liaison Committee – Discussion on whether or not this committee should be reestablished. A decision will wait until the ASSC board has met. Eric will bring up the issue at the next ASSC board meeting.

SHPO/S&G Committee – A number of contractors have had difficulty predicting the comments and recommendations of SHPO based on the current Standards and Guidelines.

Bill Green recommended members of COSCAPA should meet to discuss issues with the Guidelines.

Adam King brought up the issue that of potential conflicts of interest if this was action was taken as a COSCAPA directive.

Chris Judge recommended contracts meet individually or in a group with SHPO and then discuss issues with COSCAPA if necessary.

Bill supported and encouraged contractors to meet with SHPO to discuss any issues.

Mary Edmunds supported open communication with SHPO and contractors.

Bill will compile a list of comments from contractors to present to SHPO.

Chris made a motion to table this issue until next meeting.

### **Nominations Committee** (Chris Judge)

A slate of nominees running for the board will be presented at the next COSCAPA meeting.

The next meeting was set for September 7, 2007, at Archives and History (if available). Due to time constraints Chiefs from the local tribes will be invited to attend the December meeting rather than the September meeting. The September meeting will follow the regular format.