

The 6 March 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held at the Archives and History Center, Columbia. The meeting was opened at 10:05 a.m. by Vice President King, who presided at the meeting in the absence of President Chapman. The Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer were present at the meeting. The following individuals were in attendance:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>	<u>Status</u>
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	Member
Adam King	SCIAA	Member
Frances Knight	SCDAH	Member
Jon Leader	SCIAA	Member
Ron Anthony	The Charleston Museum	Member
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	Member
Chris Thornock	SRARP-SCIAA	Guest
Carl Steen	Diachronic Research	Member
Margaret McWhorter	Diachronic Research	Guest
Amy Nash	-	Guest
Sean Norris	TRC	Member
Jeff Craves	SCDOT	Guest
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	Member
Stacey Young	New South Associates	Member
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	Member
Ken Styer	R.S. Webb	Member
Natalie Adams	New South Associates	Member
Gail Wagner	USC	Member
Laura Tedesco	Brockington and Associates	Guest
Jon Marcoux	Brockington and Associates	Guest
Chris Moore	SRARP	Guest
Eric Poplin	Brockington and Associates	Member

Guests

Keith Stephenson introduced Chris Thornock, a graduate student at USC and affiliated with SRARP also.

Mary McWhorter introduced herself. She just graduated and is working for Carl Steen.

Amy Nash introduced herself. She graduated last May and is working for New South.

Wayne Roberts introduced Jeff Craves, the new SCDOT archaeologist. Jeff started with SCDOT last month. He is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Vice President King inquired whether there were any changes, corrections, or additions to the draft minutes from the 5 December 2008 meeting.

Carl Steen noted the plantation at which TRC had been working is the Guebert Plantation, not the Gilbert Plantation.

Keith Stephenson made clarifications about the ASSC grant in aid. There are no formal rules and regulations, or charter with rules and regulations, that govern the Student Grant in Aid. There are requirements of the grant, among other things to publish the results of research. The requirements are listed on the flier.

No other corrections or additions were brought up. The Vice President requested a motion to accept the corrected minutes. Lesley Drucker motioned to accept the corrected

minutes, which was seconded by Rob Moon. None were opposed. The corrected minutes were approved and accepted by the membership.

Treasurer's Report - Submitted by Keith Stephenson
Report

As of our last meeting on December 5, 2008, our account balance was \$5,424.19. Since that time, we have received \$220.00 in membership dues, and an \$80.00 donation from Myles Bland toward the South volume fund. Additionally, there have been three quarterly expenditures including a \$500.00 donation to the ASSC Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid Program, \$20.77 to reimburse Ron Anthony for providing refreshments at the Charleston meeting, and \$59.40 to reimburse Webmaster Rob Moon for the annual fee to Netfirms, Inc. for the COSCAPA web site. This brings our account balance to \$5,144.02. Of this amount, \$488.61 remains in the South volume fund leaving COSCAPA with an available balance of \$4,655.41.

Of the 64 active COSCAPA members for 2009 (53 Full Members and 11 Associate Members), 13 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$240.00, leaving 51 members with an unpaid collective balance of \$840.00.

Discussion

The Treasurer noted he had heard from Carl Steen that the South volume fund could be closed out for that amount.

Treasurer Stephenson stated he has purged the list of members of its "dormant" members. "Dormant" members are "former" members who need to be heard from in the form of a check for back dues. It was discussed that under the old Bylaws it had to be voted on to make those "dormant" members "former" members. Voting on this matter is not necessary under the new Bylaws, so the Treasurer just removed them from the list. They have also been removed from the email list, so they won't receive the Secretary's emailings.

Workshop Committee – Wayne Roberts

Wayne noted there is very little to report. The Committee is working with the Forest Service on a possible field trip to the rhyolite quarries on Forest Service land in Edgefield and Aiken counties. No dates have been finalized yet.

Wayne queried as to whether anyone had other ideas for a workshop or would consider facilitating a workshop. Chad sends his regards.

Membership Committee – Eric Poplin

There have been no new applications since the last meeting. There is one pending application, the one reported at the last meeting. Eric has had some verbal interest but nothing written.

SCIAA Liason – Eric Poplin

No action since the last meeting.

Submerged Resources Committee

No one present.

Native American Liason Committee – Carl Steen

No action since the last meeting.

Political Action Awareness Committee – Jon Leader

There are several national trends. State Historic Preservation Offices and state archives are under threat due to lack of money/the economic situation. State Archaeologists generally are doing okay. The Archaeological Research Center in the Dakotas is under threat from the state's governor to be unfunded. The threat is not as serious as at first but is still a concern. A positive trend is the introduction of several Native American attorneys in Department of Interior and assisting the National Park Service and NAGPRA. There is renewed interest by tribes to go after culturally unidentified human remains and artifacts. Hopefully this will result in useable regulations.

Reports of looting and sale of artifacts is up. The New York Times contacted the Office of the State Archaeologist to see if this is as bad in South Carolina as in other states. Jon noted this is uncertain, as the electronic/internet sale of artifacts is usually accomplished in closed forums that are difficult to get access to. Wayne Roberts noted a recent bottle show, with prehistoric artifacts and projectile points showing up for sale. Carl Steen noted the "Dave" site at Edgefield has been looted with a backhoe, with the landowner's permission. A Stark, SC group had several hundred (SC Dispensary?) bottles to sell. There could be talks to legislators about how to deal with metal detector and collectors, but expect resistance. There also is the operation on the coast where a firm is seeding a site with Civil War artifacts, then advertising for people, for a fee, to hunt for artifacts with metal detectors.

SCIAA – Jon Leader

Maritime Research Division

Next week, staff of the Maritime Research Division begins a six-week survey of Civil War shipwrecks, obstructions, and gun emplacements in and around Charleston Harbor. The fieldwork, partially funded by a grant that Jim Spirek received from the American Battleground Protection Program, is the first phase of research to place those vestiges of the War in a battlefield context.

Fieldwork on the river adjacent to the Confederate Naval Yard at Mars Bluff will begin in April. The research is supported in part by a grant from the Drs. Bruce and Lee Foundation, received by Christopher Amer and Jon Leader last fall. The fieldwork will feature a three-week-long underwater archaeology field school by East Carolina University's Maritime Studies Program in May and June to map the submerged features of the yard, and confirm the identity of a wreck popularly believed to be that of CSS *Pee Dee*, a Porter-class gunboat built at the yard. One of the goals of the project is to locate and recover three deck guns jettisoned by the crew of the CSS *Pee Dee* shortly before the officers scuttled the ill-fated vessel on the Ides of March 1865.

In early May, staff of the MRD, under the direction of Lora Holland, will conduct a two-week underwater excavation in Smiths Lake Creek in support of Al Goodyear's Paleo-Indian research.

Applied Research Division

Chris and Audrey have completed a report of a survey at Fort Jackson.

Steve has recently completed reports on the Battle of Camden archaeology and Wadboo Plantation.

Research Division

Tommy Charles continues working on several projects as he approaches his retirement. His book on rock art has been accepted by USC Press, and he will be making final revisions in that manuscript. He and Terry Ferguson will be back in the upstate for a May field season.

Stan South has been working away on several book-length manuscripts. His "Talking Artifacts" book, which describes his life-long accumulation of material culture items, is out for review. He recently completed a volume on paintings, photographs, and sculpture that he did in the 1960s and 1970s. Another volume in progress is a compilation of photographs that he took in the 1940s, 1950s, and 1960s.

Al Goodyear is at the Topper Site with a crew for two weeks, and he will be back in the field with the usual large crew of volunteers in May.

The African American archaeology conference organized by Jodi Barnes, SCIAA post-doc, was held this past weekend on the USC campus. The program included 20 papers and a keynote address by Dr. Theresa Singleton of Syracuse University. All sessions were well attended, and discussion following the papers was lively. Jodi will be producing a book containing the conference papers.

Adam King is editing the papers submitted for the SCIAA/Archaeological Research Trust book on South Carolina archaeology. He has recently conducted remote sensing at Ocmulgee National Monument in Georgia.

Chester DePratter is working with Jim Legg, Stan South, and Lisa Hudgins to complete several reports on Santa Elena. Chester and Charlie Cobb will be working on the Palachacolas site in May as part of their NSF-funded research on 17th and 18th century Indian sites in the Savannah River Valley.

Office of the State Archaeologist

A new fiber optic cable for telecommunications has been funded through a state grant and is in process. This will allow the ArchSite and other computers at SCIAA to access the servers securely and speedily.

Consultation and investigation of the Ervin Landing-Cantley Park site in Williamsburg County has been successfully completed. The results were presented to County Council 2 March 2009.

Consultation and investigations continue in Mechanicsville, Sullivan's Island, and Callawassie Island.

Conservation of two dugout canoes and an historic skiff continue in Oconee County.

Consultation and assistance to the Texas Historical Commission on the LaSalle project continues on-site next week.

Consultation with Francis Marion University and East Carolina University continues on the conservation aspects of the CSS *Pee Dee* Project.

A Maymester course in Near Surface Geophysics in Archaeology starts 11 May and runs through 29 May.

SRARP - SCIAA

Chris Moore is working on Carolina bays in general and on Carolina bays at Allendale in specific.

Rob Moon reported just the regular ongoing work.

Keith Stephenson noted the annual report season is past due for SRARP. The annual report is currently with the security people for their review prior to submittal to the State Historic Preservation Office.

U.S. Forest Service

No one present.

SCDOT – Wayne Roberts

Jeff Craves, the new archaeologist, has arrived.

Wayne reported the stimulus package cut to SCDOT is equal to the annual FHWA cycle funding, so they will have twice as much money and work as usual. It is very hectic these days to prepare for FHWA to meet obligation dates. It had been slow, but SCDOT is now having its on-call consultants conduct fieldwork. Brockington and Associates is currently working on two bridge projects in Spartanburg County. One project is Anderson Mill, which is listed in the National Register, where backhoe trenching is being conducted. The other is Earl's Ford on the North Pacolet River near Landrum and the location of a Revolutionary War battle. Maybe they will find the battlefield. There are two other projects in negotiations. All four of these projects are being funded with stimulus money.

SCDNR

No one present. It was mentioned that Sean Taylor had appeared on the ETV Radio program "Your Day" last Wednesday and had numerous people calling in. Sean is a good advocate for archaeology.

Charleston Museum – Ron Anthony

Ron reported that Martha Zierden is immersed in any number of projects involving collections and digitization.

The Museum is looking at the mid-18th century Parker site on the north end of the Dill Sanctuary. It is potentially the site most threatened by the extension of the Mark Clark Expressway. There are currently two alternatives across the Sanctuary for the expressway expansion, either of which alternative would end the Sanctuary's role as a wildlife sanctuary.

The College of Charleston field school is getting ready. They will be working at the Parsonage site near Willtown. The second pastor of Willtown lived at the site. The field school proposes to test and get inside the structure. They also will be working at the Charleston City Wall and the redans that was missed in January 2008. The field school is a good opportunity for students to participate in both rural and urban archaeology.

USC Anthropology – Gail Wagner

Charlie Cobb will be running a Maymester field school at Palachacolas.

The Society of Economic Botany will be meeting 4 May 2009, with papers on the ethnobotany of the African Diaspora.

Brockington and Associates – Eric Poplin

John Marcoux and Laura Tedesco are here today as guests.

Brockington is testing sites along the I-73 corridor. They have projects in two locations for Duke Power -- the London Creek nuclear plant and powerline easements across the Sumter National Forest. They are continuing work in Dorchester and Colleton counties. Otherwise, they are finishing up several reports.

Brockington also has an upcoming survey in upper Richland County. Joe Schuldenrein will be looking at the Broad River floodplain immediately below Nipper Creek.

TRC – Sean Norris

TRC is conducting work for the Forest Service in Newberry County. They also are working in Orangeburg County. They have another Forest Service project to write up.

New South Associates – Natalie Adams

New South conducted a post-harvest survey of approximately 3000 acres on the Francis Marion National Forest. They have also inspected several road improvement projects and are hearing from locals to get projects ready for when stimulus money arrives. They have a Phase 2 project on a Woodland site at the V.C. Summer nuclear plant. There will be a Nuclear Regulatory Commission audit at the plant next week.

Adam King queried about the post-harvest, rather than pre-harvest, survey. Natalie said some post-harvest survey is being done but is not sure why. Eric Poplin thought perhaps no access prior to timbering, but Natalie did not buy that. Adam King queried whether the survey was to check what had been missed the first time around. Stacey Young indicated they were still seeing prehistoric features after the harvest.

Gail Wagner noted that the mound at the western end of Belmont Neck has had a pad put there and can't really find the mound anymore. The supervisor wants Gail to help mark the other mounds so this doesn't happen again.

R.S. Webb – Ken Styer

R.S. Webb has a road improvement project in North Charleston. Ken will be finishing up the Bull Point Plantation report soon. R.S. Webb also is testing a Woodland site at Blythewood.

AF Consultants – Lesley Drucker

AF Consultants recently finished a report for an Anderson County survey. The project involved 55 acres and was eroded or disturbed. She has some cell tower surveys in North Carolina. They are finding lithic scatters with some tools.

Diachronic Research – Carl Steen

Carl mentioned the draft report for Fort Johnson. He gave a paper at Jodi Barnes' conference last week. The Kolb site will be starting up next week for two weeks. He will be there, then working on Kolb materials for the rest of the year.

Old Business

Vice President King queried as to any old business from the floor. None was brought forth.

New Business

President Chapman's Resignation

Vice President King opened discussion pertaining to President Chapman's resignation. It is not clear from the Constitution or By-Laws how to proceed when an officer resigns as there is no provision for resignation. Also, elections result in a two-year term, which would cause a replacement officer being out of term/time with the rest of the officers. We need to modify the

By-Laws to reflect what to do when an officer resigns. At present, the By-Laws present a course of action for when an officer is incapacitated.

Natalie Adams thought President Chapman was incapacitated as he was unable to do the job. Vice President King responded the Executive Committee discussed this interpretation. The Executive Committee didn't think incapacitation applied but is asking the membership's opinion.

Wayne Roberts equated resignation with incapacitation, as the President couldn't carry out his duties. The next election is in November. Perhaps we could pretend Adam King is President. Wayne queried whether a quorum is present? Yes, a quorum is three paid members and two officers.

Vice President King noted we still need to add resignation language to the By-Laws.

Wayne Roberts proposed adding "resignation" to "incapacitation".

There was considerable discussion about how to proceed. Wayne Roberts proposed having Vice President King fill out the President's term. Natalie Adams proposed not accepting President Chapman's resignation but instead keep the structure "as is". Leslie Drucker thought we need to figure out what to do now, then amend the By-Laws. Vice President King indicated we could change the By-Laws now, or appoint a committee to draft language. Rob Moon proposed changing the By-Laws now. Eric Poplin proposed adding resignation to the By-Laws with incapacitation, plus any other language needed to address resignation, death, etc.

Vice President King read from Section 2 of the By-Laws: "The number and composition of officers is established in Section 5 of this Constitution. . . .In the event of incapacitation of any officer of the corporation, the officers shall name his/her surrogate pending the next duly constituted meeting of the members at which time a nominations committee will be appointed.". Leslie Drucker queried why Section 10 [Vice President's duties] did not apply. Natalie Adams indicated it conflicts with other sections. Rob Moon and Eric Poplin noted the need for four officers. Rob Moon recommended appointing the Vice President. Lesley Drucker countered the officers need to be elected, not appointed. Gail Wagner queried if Section 2 covers the current situation, then would a Vice President need to be elected? Vice President King clarified the current language stipulates four officers elected for two-year terms. Eric Poplin proposed changing the terms defined; an officer would serve out the current term even if it doesn't say that. Ken Styer assumed the Vice President would step up into the President's position.

Vice President King read Section 10 of the By-Laws: "Vice-President: The Vice-President shall assist the President in the discharge of Presidential duties as the President may direct, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President or officers. In the absence of the President, or in the event of the President's inability or recusal to act, the Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President." This states the Vice President assumes the duties of the President, but not the office itself. And, we still need four officers.

Natalie Adams and Lesley Drucker queried why four officers are necessary at all times – where is this stated in the Constitution or By-Laws? Vice President King pointed out Constitution Section 5, which states "The business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed by four officers. . .". We could skirt the situation until the next election in November, but we still need to amend the By-Laws.

Natalie Adams proposed a committee to do this right. Eric Poplin made a motion for a committee. Vice President King noted a motion is not necessary to appoint a committee, the Vice President has to power to appoint one. The Vice President wants to appoint a committee and requests volunteers. Eric Poplin, Natalie Adams, and Lesley Drucker volunteered as committee members along with the Vice President. This should fix the problem.

It was then discussed that President Chapman has resigned, but that his resignation has not yet been accepted. We could ask him to serve as President until the end of his term. Vice President King pointed out that President Chapman was asked to resign, so it seems a conflict to now not accept his resignation. Lesley Drucker queried whether the Executive Committee

will send a letter to President Chapman about its decision. Vice President King indicated yes. He also clarified that since the letter of resignation was received, the Executive Committee has managed the President's duties, not the Vice President per se.

Other

Gail Wagner offered anyone who needs volunteers to send her an electronic announcement and she will post it on her webpage.

Vice President King read the following notice and request from Nena Rice, who was not able to attend today's meeting. "Each year the Archaeological Society of South Carolina gives special recognition to individuals, both avocational and professional, who have done outstanding service to ASSC. These awards are given at the annual conference on South Carolina archaeology, which will be held on April 4, 2009. If you know of an ASSC member in your community or someone who has contributed to outreach, fieldwork, and/or lab work . . .", please let Nena know.

There was talk last meeting about the pottery sorting guide. There has been no progress by Carl Steen and David Anderson.

The Vice President queried as to any other new business. None was brought forth.

Announcements

No announcements were made.

Next Meeting

The date and place of the next meeting was discussed. The next meeting will be held on Friday, 29 May 2009, tentatively at the field school at Palachucola WMA. Vice President King will talk with Chester DePratter and Charlie Cobb to confirm the date and place, and the membership will be notified. If the venue does not materialize, the next meeting will be held on 29 May 2009 at the Archives and History Center, Columbia.

The committee will come up with language pertaining to resignation of an officer to put to the membership.

Wayne Roberts noted there is poor attendance at out of town meetings. For him, it is just too much time out of his schedule.

Vice President King queried as to anything else. The membership will be alerted via email about the place of next meeting.

Adjournment

There being no other business, a motion to adjourn was requested by Vice President King. A motion was made and seconded. All were in favor of adjournment. The 6 March 2009 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Frances R. Knight
Secretary