

**March 5, 2004 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
 Bonnie L. Frick, Secretary

On Friday, March 5, 2004, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the Dennis Building in Columbia. President Natalie Adams called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. The following individuals were present.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Membership Status</b>
Natalie Adams	New South	M
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington	M
Bonnie Frick	SCDOT	M
Jon Leader	SCIAA	M
Chris Clement	SCIAA	M
Nena Powell Rice	SCIAA	M
Chester DePratter	SCIAA	M
Sharon Pekrul	SCIAA	M
Gail Wagner	USC	M
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	M
Valerie Marcil	SCDAH	M
Chris Judge	SCHTP	M
Adam King	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Chad Long	SCDAH	M
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Sean Norris	TRC	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Bill Green	TRC	M
Andrew Agha	USC	
Nicole Isenbarger	USC	
Carl Steen	Diachronic	M
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	M
Jim Errante	NRCS	M

## Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)

As of our last meeting on November 21, 2003, we have received \$600.00 in dues and \$2.37 from our Interest Checking and Business Investment Accounts (with current Annual Percentage Yields of 0.10 and 0.30 percent, respectively). The quarterly expenditures totaled \$512.16 including payments of \$10.48 to Chris Gillam for meeting refreshments in November, \$400.00 to the 2004 ASSC Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid Program, \$59.40 as annual payment to Netfirms Web Hosting for the COSCAPA web site, and \$42.28 on envelopes and stamps for mailing 2004 dues notices. This brings the current balance to \$4,270.74. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$1,855.02. Of the current 70 active COSCAPA members, 35 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$640.00 leaving 35 members with outstanding dues totaling \$650.00.

### Annual Treasury Report for 2003

#### Credits:

2003 Membership dues collected (62 paid members; 51 Full and 11 Associate).....	\$1,130.00
Back-payments for 2002 dues received in 2003.....	\$30.00
Donations to COSCAPA.....	\$5.00
Interest-bearing checking and savings accounts.....	<u>\$12.78</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$1,177.78</b>

#### Debits: (Expenditures, Donations, and Banking Fees)

Check date	Payee	Amount
16-Jan	Stamps for dues notices.....	\$29.60
24-Mar	James Chatters honorarium.....	\$100.00
22-Apr	Meeting refreshments.....	\$17.39
14-May	Meeting refreshments.....	\$24.69
22-Aug	Meeting refreshments.....	\$11.20
10-Sept	Archaeology Month poster.....	\$500.00
21-Nov	Meeting refreshments.....	\$10.48
11-Dec	ASSC Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid Program.....	\$400.00
16-Dec	Netfirms Web Hosting for COSCAPA web site.....	\$59.40
	Banking fees on returned membership-dues checks.....	<u>\$10.00</u>
<b>TOTAL.....</b>		<b>\$1,162.76</b>

<b>Account Income.....</b>	<b>\$1,177.78</b>
<b>Account Expenditures.....</b>	<b><u>\$1,162.76</u></b>
<b>2003 Account Credit.....</b>	<b>\$15.02</b>

Balance as of December 31, 2001.....	\$3,771.08
Balance as of December 31, 2002.....	\$3,697.15
Balance as of December 31, 2003.....	\$3,712.17

Encumbered for SCPS&P Grant.....	\$2,415.72
Available 2003 year-end balance.....	\$1,296.45

**Secretary's Report** (Bonnie Frick)

Bonnie asked if there were any other corrections. Chris Judge stated that DNR, not HTP, acquired the Weetee tract on the Santee River. Nena Powell Rice motioned to accept the minutes, and Chester DePratter seconded the motion.

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

Carl said he had extra copies if anyone needed them. He stated that he didn't get many submissions for this issue of the newsletter.

**Membership Committee** (Eric Poplin)

Eric Poplin stated that there were no submissions for the membership committee. Wayne D. Roberts stood up at this time and said he would like to rectify an oversight of this body. He stated that years ago, when Carl Steen applied for full membership, he wasn't living in the state, and COSCAPA deferred acting on his application for full membership. Wayne proposed that we accept Carl as a full member of COSCAPA and rectify the oversight. Sharon Pekrul announced that she was on the membership committee when Carl originally applied, and according to the paperwork and application he submitted, he wasn't living and practicing archaeology in the state, although he moved to South Carolina shortly after his application for membership was submitted. Sharon stated that all he needed to do was submit a letter saying he now wishes to be considered for full membership since he now meets all the criteria. Chris Judge seconded Wayne Robert's motion that COSCAPA accept Carl Steen as full member of COSCAPA. During the discussion period, Bill Green submitted a hand-written letter of application to Carl, and Carl signed it. Carl was unanimously voted to full member status.

**Site Files and Curation Committee** (Eric Poplin and Chad Long)

Eric reported that there was a meeting of the committee at SCIAA on February 27, 2004. He was unable to attend the meeting due to illness. Chad Long acted as Chair of the committee in his absence. Eric gave a brief summary of the topics for discussion: (1) process for digitization (how soon will this be completed, access); (2) development of curation manual; (3) issue of space (status of new facility); (4) SCIAA's two-week closing at Christmas. In general, the committee was pleased with the progress that's been made to date. Jon Leader responded to Eric's summary of the meeting. Jon stated that the possibility of moving to the state-owned building across from the museum is still alive. SCIAA should hear a final decision in about two or three weeks from the governor's office. The decision is now sitting directly with the governor's office. As for the digitization, SCIAA continues to coordinate with the SCDAH and SCDOT. The latest news is that Jon has met with Dave Cowen (USC Geography Department) and reworked the budget. Dave is looking into the possibility for ESRI to provide a turn-key operation. They've done it in other places. Experts on the computer side of things are

saying it will take 12 months for the majority of information to be on the web. Other data, such as final reports and the bibliography, will take two years to be accessible on-line. Jon referred to Sharon Pekrul about the curation manual. Sharon stated that the curation manual is her first priority, and she is working to have it done this spring. She asked that any comments or input be directed to her as soon as possible. Carl Steen asked for a copy of a Draft Manual. Sharon responded that there's not one. She has copies of the old guidelines she's been giving people for years. Valerie Marcil asked about scanning the old materials and posting them on the web for comments. Rob Moon asked for a scanned version or html version to put on the COSCAPA website. Jon Leader responded to Rob's request, saying he will discuss this with Sharon privately.

These notes from the February 27, 2004, Site Files and Curation Committee were submitted to Natalie and Bonnie by Chad Long on March 8, 2004:

**COSCAPA Site Files Committee Meeting Notes**

**February 27, 2004**

**Time: 1:00 pm**

**Location: SCIAA**

**Committee Members Present:** Lesley Drucker, Bonnie Frick, Mona Grunden, Chad Long

**SCIAA Staff Members Present:** Jon Leader, Sharon Pekrul, Keith Derting

**COSCAPA Members Present:** Wayne Roberts

The meeting opened with a brief explanation by Chad regarding the role/purpose of the Site Files Committee. He explained that the committee felt their role was to act as a liaison between SCIAA and COSCAPA. The committee's primary responsibility was to: 1) gather information regarding SCIAA's efforts to make improvements in site files and curation service 2) report back to COSCAPA and 3) advise/assist SCIAA in making improvements.

The meeting agenda consisted of three items:

- 1) Update of GIS database of site location information; schedule for completion; accessibility
- 2) Development of formal curation procedures/policies (in printed form)
- 3) Expansion of curation facilities

**I. Update of GIS database of site location, etc:**

Jon Leader reported that things were moving forward. With the assistance of the Dean, a graduate student is already working on this project. The project involves several components which will be developed over the next three years. These consist of:

- 1) Fully digitized map database (1<sup>st</sup> year)
- 2) Web access to the map database (1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> year): State agencies, managers, and cultural resources consultants will be provided access to the online database. A subscription fee of \$200-300 a year will be charged for off-site access. Subscriptions may run through the Ed Foundation. This would make subscriptions partially tax-deductible

The GIS will be made available at SCIAA on two computer workstations. There will be no charge to access the GIS at SCIAA.

The Server will be managed and maintained by the USC's Department of Computer Services. The Department of Geography will also assist/advise (e.g. internships?) in the development of the ArcIMS.

3) Site Form Database: information from every site form will be entered into a database. The database will be made available to researchers over the web (Time Frame? 1-2 years?)

4) Updating the bibliography and scanning all final reports into PDF format. **The scanned reports will be linked to the site form database.** (Time Frame?: 2-3 years).

5) Update the survey area data layer in GIS (2<sup>nd</sup> year)

Jon stated that the site form database could (conceivably) be up within one year. Keith Derting explained that the 12-month goal for having the site form database on-line was not realistic. He explained that, with the original GIS project, Holly Gillam had finished digitizing? in less than twelve months, but that Jim Scurry had already completed most of the digitization prior to her work on the project. Jon replied that the GIS experts at the university were in agreement with the 1-year assessment. If it appeared to be taking longer, than everyone would be so informed.

Wayne Roberts stated that the money was available to fund SCIAA's project and that they were just waiting on a proposal from Jon. Jon said he was awaiting the final form from the university and would immediately submit for the funds. He also thanked Wayne and SCDOT for his assistance.

A discussion of SCIAA's legal mandate and liability issues related to maintaining accurate site locations ensued. Jon explained that a request to the State Attorney General, 20 years ago found there were major liability issues. Keith stated that it was not a liability issue and that SCIAA could require site forms. Jon explained that the issue of quality assurance and control was directly tied to the interpretation of the State Attorney General. Therefore, he is currently waiting on the current Attorney General's opinion on the matter.

Keith Derting expressed major concerns about SCIAA's plans to update the GIS and make the information accessible over the web. His primary concern was related to the use of GPS and the accuracy of site locations on topo maps. Often times, the GPS coordinates and the topo map locations did not agree. He felt that 30% of the information in the site files was inaccurate and that the GPS coordinates were wrong. He was concerned that with the development of the on-line GIS, GPS coordinates would be automatically entered into a database without any quality control or review. The group felt the problem was something the entire industry was facing. The issue was very important but would probably be better addressed in another committee or forum.

Keith welcomes COSCAPA members to visit the Site Files Office and observe the problems associated with site location accuracies/inaccuracies.

Sharon stated that she and Keith have been left in the dark and that they need to be informed about the committee's recommendations and SCIAA's plans. Jon pointed out that Keith and Sharon had and continued to be consulted and that any concerns of level of involvement were an internal matter of the Institute. The committee agreed.

Jon Leader suggested we move forward to Agenda Item #3 since it was the easiest to discuss.

### III. Curation Facilities

The building/facility on Rosewood Drive is no longer on the table due to state government policies regarding new building purchases, etc. However, a vacant building at 300 Gervais Street (across from the State Museum) is currently being considered. The building has warehouses, curation space, and plenty of parking. It is conveniently located near the river, which would allow the Underwater Division to test equipment. Jon stated that he has University support and support from some of the legislators. **The Budget and Control Board will vote on the issue within 6 weeks.**

## II. Curation Procedures

Sharon stated that her primary responsibility this spring was to develop a curation manual. She is not going to use the current Draft Curation Manual. She intends to develop a new curation manual using the NPS Collections Management Guide as a model and for information. While core procedures from SCIAA's existing guidelines will likely remain in place, Sharon noted that they will be updated, clarified, and problem areas addressed, not only in light of the NPS materials, but also those of comparable repositories, and in response to comments and concerns that have been brought to our attention over the years.

**Sharon welcomes comments/input on the curation manual as soon as possible from COSCAPA members. She is not sure when/how/or if they will circulate drafts.**

The curation manual will be published on the web when complete.

The schedule for completion depends on other demands made on Sharon's time.

Jon stated that he was looking into getting \$\$\$ for additional curation staff.

Mona Grunden added agenda item #4.

## IV. University's 2 Week Holiday Schedule and access to site files during that time.

Jon has spoken with the University and stated that there are several liabilities associated with shifting the holiday schedule and that it would be very difficult. Sharon suggested that they could post the University's holiday schedule on their website to notify/inform researchers. Everyone felt that posting the holiday schedule was a good idea.

The group discussed how the problems associated with the holiday schedule would be overcome by the development of the on-line GIS and site form database.

The group returned to the GPS/Site Location Issue. The group discussed the need for guidance/training in recording archaeological sites. Wayne Roberts stated that he, Bill Green, and Carl Steen were asked by Natalie Adams to develop activity workshops for COSCAPA and that GPS /archaeological site recording would be a good activity for archaeologists in the state.

Chad asked whether specific guidance should be made available for how to accurately record an archaeological site. The group agreed and felt that the guidance should be made available in the Standards and Guidelines and through SCIAA's site form handbook.

## **Constitution Committee (Mona Grunden)**

Mona asked if everyone had seen the Constitution Natalie Adams distributed via e-mail. This Constitution included items voted on years ago, but never actually incorporated into the Constitution. The Constitution Committee was organized to incorporate these changes to the Constitution, and they did this. Mona explained that during review of the Constitution, the committee noted several discrepancies within the Constitution (def. of quorum, def. of members, etc.) and noted that the Constitution needed some reorganization and some changes needed to be made to it. In terms of making changes to the Constitution, there has to be two-thirds of the entire membership to vote on it. Chris Judge brought up the point that there are several members who no longer live or work in

S.C., but still get the newsletter and still want to know what's going on in S.C. He said we could do a mail vote, but wasn't sure if we want people who are just interested in information to be voting on things that are going on in the organization. Right now the Constitution is in order, but Natalie Adams stated that the committee would like permission to tinker with it. They would like to continue to meet and work out some of the problems. Carl Steen stated at this time that he would like to see an archivist of COSCAPA, a position that would last 5 to 10 years. After a brief discussion regarding the archivist position, Chris Judge thanked Natalie for all her hard work going through all the minutes and newsletters from past meetings.

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

Currently, the state is in a process of reorganization. The good news is that most boards, public input of agencies, remain untouched. The governor may make some groups cabinet level. More importantly, the Heritage Trust Board, which is made up of a combination of people like Jon and Roger Stroup, and also political appointees to represent areas of the state. In the past, governors have left them as is if they were doing the job. They've never taken them all out at the same time. However, Governor Sanford has already made some changes. Gail Wagner is no longer a member of the Heritage Trust Board, and Jon sees this as a serious problem, and neither is Terry Ferguson, although he was at his term limit. At this time Jon referred to Chris Judge for his comments. Chris stated that all 6 appointees to the Heritage Trust Board have been asked to resign. While it may seem like an odd thing, this is the normal way that these things are done for Archives and History, DNR board, or higher level commissions in the state government, and generally those people do submit their letter of resignation. It's never happened to the Heritage Trust Advisory Board. It is a strange request. Gail was brought in during the transition phase from Hodges to Sanford, but Governor Sanford actually signed her five or six year appointment. She has only served one year. There are growing concerns about the Conservation Bank that's before the legislature right now. It's a very similar program to Heritage Trust. Chris wouldn't be surprised if the governor tried to lump the two groups together. Oswald King (a veterinarian from Spartanburg) has replaced Terry. At this time, Gail Wagner read the letter she received asking for her resignation from Heritage Trust Board. Several members of COSCAPA suggested that she remind the governor's office that he appointed her to the committee. Jon Leader suggested that she photocopy the letter appointing her, and the letter asking for her resignation, and send them in.

Jon continued with PAC reports regarding the Code of Regulations, Minority Affairs Commission. He's dealing with the question of state recognition. People in the judiciary have done their homework, contacted Jon, and he was interviewed yesterday. It's hard to at this point to be really clear on what will happen with it. It has nothing to do with AmerIndians but everything to do with minority affairs and minorities. It will have no impact on Bureau of Indian Affairs, no impact on BAR. It will have no impact on gambling, no real impact on NAGPRA, except it will limit those individuals that we have to keep on a list. This should make everyone's job easier in consultation. Most people Jon's talked to are in favor of that, since there's no threat to the gambling or bingo halls.

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

Jon stated South Carolina Department of Archives and History has agreed to take over the archaeology contract list. The Gullah situation continues in Charleston County on Wadmalaw Island. He'll be going out there again with the GPR equipment. The Citadel project is back up (Round 4). There are 180 to 200 people left in the cemetery under the Varsity Club. Jon stated that he's been assisting law enforcement with the remote sensing equipment. They've been looking for drug and money stashes, and the equipment has worked flawlessly.

Maritime Research Division – At the request of the Federal Government of Mexico's *Instituto Nacional de Antopoloia e Historia* Chris Amer and Jim Spirek spent a month in Mexico during November and December collaborating on their federal survey, operating their marine survey equipment and providing immediate training for the Mexican archaeologists. The MRD is collaborating on the multi-disciplinary study of offshore erosion off Myrtle Beach deploying and retrieving underwater sensors. The MRD is on the final stages of the editing of the Naval Wreck Survey report for publication later in the spring. Last fall, Chris Amer completed a lecture tour around universities in New England for the AIA. He leaves next week for another round of lectures in Alabama and Florida. Regarding the Hunley, the staff at SCIAA continues to support the goals and objectives of the Hunley Commission with lectures, etc. Jon announced that Alena Derby is the new person for the MRD in the Charleston office, and is in charge when Chris and/or Jim are in the field. She can be contacted at (843) 762-6105.

Research Division- The Rock Art Survey continues. Presently Tommy Charles is photographing rock shelter interiors and manipulating the photos with Photoshop software to determine if drawings that are invisible to the naked eye might be present. Most have revealed nothing, but one shelter has a small area of unusual marking that might prove to be cultural. Tommy is working with Dr. Terry Ferguson of Wofford College testing an Archaic site on the Pacolet River in Spartanburg County. They have excavated several shallow units on a high and eroded land surface that reveals possible cultural features. Two backhoe trenches have been excavated to depths of 2.2 meters. A yet unidentified cultural deposit is present at 110-120 cmbs. Future plans for the site are undetermined at this time. Terry and Tommy have begun testing at a very large and impressive multi-component site, 38GR1, in Greenville County. A 5x5 meter area was excavated to just below the plow zone, 7 features were recorded within the unit. A single small excavation was excavated with a backhoe to determine site depth. The backhoe stopped at 2 meters and a bucket auger was used to a depth of 280 cmbs. At that point a sand strata was found, water came in and no attempts were made to go deeper. A number of well-defined strata were recorded in the backhoe test unit. Soil samples were taken from each. A layer of silt clay with lots of charcoal was found at approximately 260 cmbs. Testing at this site will continue into April. At that time the land will be farmed. The findings will be evaluated and plans made for future work at this impressive site.

Chester DePratter is researching the slave and freedmen population on Parris Island and will soon produce the final report on Parris Island cemeteries.

Al Goodyear is busily preparing for another season of work on the Topper and Charles sites in his quest for Paleo Indian and Pre-Paleo occupations.

Stan South has received from Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers good comments from one of their reviewers on his autobiography "An Archaeological Evolution", now under consideration for publication. He has completed formatting his 1959 thesis, "Archaeology on the Roanoke" and will be submitting it to the University Press of Florida next week for consideration for publication. He is currently formatting for publication his book on "Bartlam on the Wando: Staffordshire in Carolina" in preparation for publication, for which he recently received a \$5,000 grant from the late Frank Horton through Brad Rauschenberg.

Applied Research Division- The ARD field crew continues to conduct testing at Fort Jackson under the direction of Deborah Keene. Chris Clement continues to work on the write up of data recovery at 38RD628, also a Fort Jackson site, and is also researching the colonial road system associated with the Revolutionary War Battle of Cowpens for the National Park Service. Steve Smith continues to work at Camden, and along with Jim Legg, was recently instrumental in getting Honey Hill placed on the National Register.

SRARP- (Adam King and Rob Moon)- Mark Brooks is testing adjacent to Carolina Bays. Keith Stephenson and Adam King are working with Nelson on his thesis. Keith is also working on Woodland period papers. Concerning Etowha, Adam is doing photography for Mound C, and has a student digitizing the material. Rob Moon, with help from the Augusta Archaeological Society, will be starting back up this spring at Silver Bluff. Tammy Forehand is working on an article for *Early Georgia* about the volunteer program. The kids' camp will be starting in Early June. George Wingard is scanning photographs of standing structures from 1950 (there are 200,000 acres, and every house and building was photographed before it was taken down). The Department of Energy has instructed Adam and Keith to move full steam ahead on the archaeology for the MOX fuel facility.

#### **State Historic Preservation Office** (Chad Long and Valerie Marcil)

Valerie announced that the South Carolina's 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Statewide Historic Preservation Conference will be held on April 1, 2004 at Archives and History. There will be a session on Section 106, especially designed for avocationalists and community groups. SCIAA has given SHPO the responsibility for the archaeology consultants list. Chad and Valerie have been updating the list. Valerie wants additional info, supporting information from consultants. Bill Green commented that if specific information is required on each staff member, it could become quite a bundle of information. He asked Valerie if there is a way to shorten the process. Chad Long responded that consultants should use their best judgment, and that the vitae on everyone in the office is not necessary. Valerie said the main things that need to be addressed are the five categories

under the Secretary of Interior's standards and guidelines (personnel, degrees, projects worked on, etc.). Jon suggested that if people are already in RPA (which has the same requirements/ mirrors the Secretary of Interior's guidelines), they just send in proof of their status. Valerie is working towards a database containing all the different areas that show the consulting group meets the standards. Carl Steen brought up the issue that he subs out when he needs a zoarchaeologist, but TRC looks like a one stop shop. Chad asked that any questions be e-mailed to him or Valerie. The ultimate goal is to provide more information on consultants than ever before.

More SHPO news included a regional switch. Chad now reviews all Richland County reports. Valerie announced the School of the Building Arts (SoBA) Festival in Charleston, March 25-27. The new school is being developed to train people to do restoration work, and is set to open in Fall 2005.

As a forewarning to the professional community, Valerie and Chad are putting together a list of incomplete projects, such as those where a final report was never submitted, and will be contacting us in an effort to clean their files and close projects out.

Chad gave an update on the digitization project. He is working on a proposal for SCDOT, and it should be ready next week. Part of the digitization process may include the scanning of National Register nominations and making them available on-line.

Chad brought up concerns over the Cummings Point Morris Island proposed development. The developer is proposing 20 lots, with houses and buildings that recreate the historic setting of the island. Chad is concerned about the viewshed effects to Fort Sumter and the archaeological impacts if the island is developed.

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

The Greenville Recreation District, with the aid of a T-21 enhancement grant, hired New South to conduct an archaeological survey at the Poinsett Bridge property. No sites were located. New South is also preparing a historic context. Mark Swanson will be going to Tulane to look through the Robert Mills papers. Last week a committee, whose members included Wayne Roberts and Dan Elswick, interviewed several engineering firms. One will be chosen to do an assessment of the bridge. Heritage Trust continues to work with the Corps of Engineers and Save the Light on the Morris Island Lighthouse project. Chris met with the fourth landowner of Altamaha recently. He is hopeful that Trust for Public Lands (along with Heritage Trust money) will acquire 50 acres. Heritage Trust is also moving ahead with the Pickney Point shell ring. Chris and Carl Steen will be working at the Kolb Site the week of March 8 through March 19. March 13 is Public Day.

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

Wayne reported that there has been no progress made on the non-metal truss bridge survey recently. He also offered a reminder that bridges must be evaluated, and survey site forms completed if necessary. Recently at SCDOT consultants conducted a cultural resources study of a bridge replacement project, yet failed to record the bridges. The money is there for the GIS project to proceed, all Wayne needs is proposals from SHPO and SCIAA. Recently SCDOT has met with SHPO and FHWA to discuss the tribal consultation process. There will be an in-house tribal consultation session conducted by MaryAnn Naber. SCDOT staff have been coordinating with Heritage Trust on the Fish Dam Ford project (SC 72 bridge replacement) and will soon approach the landowner. Also, there will be a data recovery on the Archaic site that was located during investigations by Brockington. Berger has completed the test excavations at 38CT260, for the SC 903 bridge replacement project.

#### **PRT (Andrew Agha)**

Fieldwork is completed at Redcliffe, and the artifacts are being processed. The attempt to find Andrew Jackson's birth house was unsuccessful, but they may want to do testing on the other side of the street at some point in the future.

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

Gail is asking for volunteers at the Wateree River Correctional Institution, from March 8-March 13. A guard will be present. This is a multi-component site, and there may be a mound. Gail is also running a Maymester Field School, May 10-28, at Belmont Neck. Terrance Weik will be running a field school during Summer Session I at the Siebel's house. There will be a linguist joining the Department of Anthropology this fall.

#### **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Jim Errante)**

Jim acts as the cultural resources specialist in South Carolina and North Carolina. There are two testing projects coming up in Madison County, N.C. NRCS is attempting to give more responsibility regarding cultural resources to the Farm Service Agency (FSA). A technical service provider could be useful in managing the cultural resources in North Carolina. The technical service provider concept is still in the developmental stages in South Carolina.

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

Lesley has been conducting some small surveys, background research for a few projects. She's also working on this year's archaeology festival. It will be the first weekend in October at Santee, on Friday night through Saturday. It will be a similar program as it has been in the past. There will be lots of opportunities to share ideas and enthusiasm.

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

Brockington has completed a data recovery at a Post Bellum/early 20<sup>th</sup> site on Daniel Island. On the edge of the site there's a brick kiln that hadn't shown up before. The floor is still there. Bricks were robbed from the kiln and used for the houses. Brockington's working on another site, a late Mississippian village, on Daniel's Island. This site has an antebellum component. Another project they've been working on is the SC 34 bridge(s) replacement project over the Great Pee Dee River. The floodplain is old. They've found a few lithic scatters on the Marlboro side. One bridge has an extensive peat deposit. Gail Wagner suggested that this might be a good place for a pollen core. Brockington also came across some 19<sup>th</sup> century dikes (possibly property lines). The reports on Palmetto Bluff are being completed. Brockington is also testing sites near Grimball's Farm on James Island.

#### **Diachronic Research Foundation** (Carl Steen)

Carl is finishing up the testing on 5 sites (dating 1825-1918) at Fort Bragg. These sites don't appear to be from upper-class people, but they were landowners. Carl is also working on the Kolb site report.

#### **New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

New South has been doing testing at plantation-related sites at the Beaufort Marine Corps station. They are also conducting testing at Poinsett. There is one tenant site, and 7 Middle to Late Woodland sites (3 are in Big Bay). Because of the war status, some sites can only be accessed on the weekends. Natalie is working on the Cooper River Management Plan, putting out tables and graphics.

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

TRC has submitted a draft report of a 400 acre survey conducted for the Forest Service in Edgefield and McCormick counties. They will be submitting a Final Report of the survey results conducted on Parris Island. They recently submitted a draft report for a bridge replacement project in Oconee County. The bridge is a camel-back, determined eligible in the 1970s, and will require documentation. No archaeological sites were found during the survey. TRC has been working on a Phase I for an Illinois Pipeline project. They've done some stripping, which revealed lots of features. They've found lots of Mississippian pottery. The site is on an old levy of the Mississippi River. Mona is still at Fort Bragg, finding lots of rhyolite.

#### **ASSC** (Nena Powell Rice)

Next year, the ASSC conference will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in February. Vin Steponaitis will be the guest speaker. This year's (2003) conference turned out well. It was held in Gambrell instead of Capstone. However the banquet was held at Capstone. Gail suggested that Nena look into the possibility of having the banquet at a restaurant,

which would be cheaper than Capstone. The attendance to the conference was slightly lower than in previous years. Chris Judge suggested that the conference be advertised earlier.

### **Old Business**

Bill Green announced that Dr. Michael Trinkley has stepped down as coordinator for SEAC Contributions News Bulletin. Bill will be serving in this position. July 15, 2004, is the deadline for contributions.

Gail Wagner asked if anyone is interested in the SAA Public Education Coordinator position. Most other coordinators aren't in academic positions, and she has been very busy lately and would like someone else to take over the position.

Keith Stephenson announced that a contract had been signed for having the 2005 SEAC in Columbia.

### **New Business**

Natalie Adams has organized an Activities Committee to come up with ideas on workshops, speaker, other things that members of the archaeological community may be interested in. Chad Long, Wayne Roberts, and Carl Steen have been asked to serve on this committee. Although the committee hasn't had an official meeting, Wayne has spoken to Chad and Carl separately, as well as some other members of COSCAPA. Wayne is pursuing the idea of a historic ceramics workshop, to be conducted by George Miller. Years ago he conducted a similar workshop, which was successful. Some other ideas include a workshop on GIS, a workshop on GPS and Remote Sensing. Gail suggested the possibility of doing some remote sensing training at Mulberry. She also suggested that there be a workshop on flotation. Wayne mentioned that there may need to be a small fee to attend these workshops.

The next meeting was set for June 4, 2004, at Archives and History (if available). Gail Wagner motioned to adjourn, Chris Clement seconded the motion.

**June 4, 2004 Meeting Minutes**  
**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
 Bonnie L. Frick, Secretary

On Friday, June 4, 2004, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia. President Natalie Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following individuals were present.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Membership Status</b>
Brad Botwick	New South Associates	M
Valerie Marcil	SCDAH	M
Chris Gillam	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Chester DePratter	SCIAA	M
Adam King	SCIAA	M
Chris Clement	SCIAA	M
Heather Bartley	Univ. of Georgia	G
Sharon Pekrul	SCIAA	M
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Tammy Forehand	SRARP-SCIAA	A
Michael Harmon	USFS	G
Bob Morgan	USFS	M
Chad Long	SHPO	M
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	M
J. Ryan Oats	SCDOT	G
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	M
Sean Norris	TRC	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Andrew Agha	PRT	G
Nicole Isenbarger		G
Jim Errante	NRCS	M
Carl Steen	DRF	M
Keith Derting	SCIAA	G
Gail Wagner	USC	M
Chris Judge	SCHTP	M
Chad Horton		G
Natalie Adams	New South Associates	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington & Assoc.	M
Keith Stephenson	SCIAA-SRARP	M
Bonnie Frick	SCDOT	M
Nena Rice	SCIAA	M

Guests to the meeting were introduced to the membership.

**Secretary's Report** (Bonnie Frick)

Bonnie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. Keith Stephenson stated that as of the November 21, 2003 meeting, he had received \$580.00 in dues (rather than \$600.00), bringing the balance to \$4,250.74. The available balance of \$1,835.02. With those changes, Chester DePratter moved that we accept the minutes, and Wayne Roberts seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

As of our last meeting on March 5, 2004, we had received \$360.00 in dues and \$2.96 from our Interest Checking and Business Investment Accounts (with current Annual Percentage Yields of 0.10 and 0.30 percent, respectively). This brings the current balance to \$4,613.70. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, leaving an available balance of \$2,197.98. Of the current 70 active members (COSCAPA has a total of 103 active and inactive members on record; inactive members are those who have not paid dues for 2003 and/or any preceding years), 49 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$900.00 leaving 21 members with outstanding dues totaling \$390.00.

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

Carl said he had extra copies if anyone needed them. He stated that he'd like to get more submissions next time.

**Membership Committee** (Eric Poplin)

Eric Poplin stated that there was one recent applicant. This application will be brought forward at the next meeting.

**Site Files and Curation Committee** (Eric Poplin)

Eric reported that he had recently sent an e-mail to Jon Leader asking for an update on three issues: (1) GIS project; (2) Curation Manual; (3) Facility.

At this time, Jon announced that he would like to respond to Eric's inquiry. He passed out the curation manual, which incorporated comments, as well as current policy at SCIAA regarding curation. Jon stated that the comment period for the draft curation manual ends on June 30, 2004. During the month of July, he and Sharon and others will incorporate comments into the draft, and the curation manual will be implanted and will be available as a PDF file on August 1, 2004. It will also be available on the web, and SCIAA will print off as many copies as people need. Jon noted that on page 2 of the manual, it states, "Consultation with the State Archaeologist is required prior to the acceptance of human skeletal remains of any time period or cultural affiliation for curation at SCIAA..." Jon urged that burials need to be kept in landscape in the field.

However, if they are in danger, SCIAA has a legal obligation to accept them and make sure they are properly covered. He also noted that on page 20, the manual states, "SCIAA's current fee structure is \$200.00 per cubic foot, billed by invoice, after receipt and comprehensive review of the collections..." This charge will not take place until August 1, 2004. Jon also stated that each project is dealt with separately.

Regarding the facility, Jon stated that SCIAA has made four runs at 301 Gervais Street. During the latest run for the 301 Gervais St. building, the Budget and Control Board was behind SCIAA, USC was behind SCIAA, input from Congress and the Legislature was positive, and the Governor placed the matter into the budget. He did not take it out of the budget. However, a buyer came to the table, and now the deal is off. This is the current plan is for 300 Gervais Street (portion of the State Museum). The Department of Revenue will soon move to Blythewood, and SCIAA has a good shot at 300 Gervais St. This area is climate-controlled, has parking and has security.

Chris Judge asked why other agencies are allowed to lease. Jon responded that SCIAA is currently in a lease situation, they're just not able to go to a new lease (the building on Rosewood would have been \$10,000 less).

Regarding digitization, Jon stated that after numerous meetings with SHPO and ESRI, the budget and documents have been turned in and will be in DOT's hands next week. The current estimate is \$220,000 for the software and hardware. The Dean has been very supportive, and will probably end up at the Provost's Office seeking additional funding.

Eric announced that the Site Files and Curation Committee will meet again before the next COSCAPA meeting and review that status of these issues. Two additional issues were raised to the committee (personal issues), and Eric referred them to Jon. These are personal issues, and Jon could not discuss them.

#### **Constitution Committee** (Chris Judge)

During recent meetings, the committee found numerous inconsistencies, but feel that most of these have been resolved. The revised Constitution will be distributed prior to the next meeting for review. At the next COSCAPA meeting the committee will take comments and have a discussion, and possibly ratify it at the November meeting.

#### **Activities Committee** (Wayne Roberts)

A recent meeting of the activities committee (composed of Wayne Roberts, Carl Steen, Chris Clement, and Chad Long) resulted in a list of 7 potential activities: Historic Ceramics Workshop, GPS Workshop, Remote Sensing Workshop, Prehistoric Ceramics Identification Workshop, GIS Workshop (to be held later, after the SCDOT GIS project is completed), Lithic Raw Material Identification Workshop, and Report Layout Workshop. It was felt by the Committee that COSCAPA members leading workshops would be willing to donate their time. However, COSCAPA would be responsible for expenses when bringing in outside experts to lead a workshop. Therefore, expenses for

attending a workshop would range from free to a token amount to cover materials and handouts to as much as \$25 if outside people were brought in. For the Lithic Raw Material Identification Workshop, Wayne suggested that Keith Derting, Al Goodyear, Jim Bates, Carl Steen, and himself could act as leaders. It might also be possible to have Randy Daniel from N.C. attend the workshop. George Miller is not doing his ceramics workshops anymore. The Activities Committee awaits direction from President Adams and the COSCAPA membership before scheduling the first workshop.

President Adams asked that the committee move forward if they get any indication from the membership on what the membership would like to see first. Natalie would like some of the workshops to be scheduled during the school year, so that students could take advantage of them, for free, if possible. Chris Gillam suggested that the committee send out a blanket e-mail soliciting response on these topics. Gail Wagner mentioned that the Archaeological Society is considering a certification program for archaeological technicians (similar to the Arkansas Model of Certification for Amateurs).

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

There have been difficulties in processing visas of visiting scientists to the United States. This has encroached on several archaeologists recently, and has affected some people that SCIAA wanted to come to South Carolina. The AAAS (The American Association for the Advancement of Science) and AAU (Association of American Universities) have issued a joint statement urging the U.S. government to establish new visa policies while bolstering security.

The Society For American Archaeology has recently discussed what it means to do ARPA. The ARPA Uniform Regulations establish "archaeological value" as one of three measures of the gravity of any criminal or civil violation of ARPA. The SAA Board strongly endorses these standards and encourages their use by professional archaeologists. During the meeting, Jon circulated eight pages of discussion on the standards for the determination of archaeological value.

The Budget has been passed, and South Carolina is trying to make government leaner, while not diminishing services for the public. Members of Congress have been making phone calls on a weekly basis about the new curation facility. If SCIAA can't get 300 Gervais Street, Jon feels that COSCAPA may need to "weigh in" on the issue, write letters, make phone calls, etc.

The code of regulations following the passage of the new enabling act for the commission of Minority Affairs did pass. They now have a code in place in South Carolina which defines what it means to be a state-recognized tribe or entity at three different levels. No one has gone through the process yet. In a year from now there will be a list of South Carolina recognized tribal entities.

Regarding NAGPRA, Jon promised Michelle Pounds from the Carolina Indian Heritage Association that he'd read an e-mail from her into the record. The Carolina Indian

Heritage Association has asked several tribes to relinquish their claims to remains in South Carolina. Many tribes in the nation have done so, and a few have given CIHA permission to act on their behalf on this matter. Jon and Michelle have discussed repatriation in the past, and Michelle was under the impression that CIHA had permission to act on behalf of some federally-recognized tribes. Michelle's suggestion on how to resolve the repatriation issue in this state was to go ahead and petition a national committee in possession of remains to the CIHA and see what happens once the inventory from that group is published in the Federal Register for comment. When the inventory is published, Michelle will be happy to keep all groups in South Carolina aware of what's happening, and then we will know which groups may or may not be involved in the process of repatriation.

Bob Morgan asked Jon if Michelle had told him which federal tribes she was representing, and Jon responded that he had only been copied by some of the federal tribes who had responded to her, not all of them. Carl asked if CIHA is recognized among non-affiliated Indians. Jon responded that they are not recognized. Carl then asked what CIHA does with the artifacts when they are repatriated. Jon said when objects are repatriated to any group, and they've gone through the federal process (once the committee has agreed, once the paperwork has been signed, etc.) what they do with them next is none of our business and we have no legal say on what is done with them. The whole process takes years. He knows of a number of groups that have re-buried them, but doesn't know of any group that's sold them. They could end up in a tribal museum- it's a cultural issue and decision.

At this time, Jon asked Wayne Roberts if he would like to discuss the wetlands situation at SCDOT. Wayne said he really didn't know much about the situation. Chad Long said any exemption would not affect the Section 106 process. Review would still be the same.

Jon also brought up the need to reform and reformulate the South Carolina Standards and Guidelines. This will be brought up again as new business.

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

Maritime Research Division – Chris Amer and Jim Spirek are in Mexico working with Pilar de Luna, training people on equipment that was developed here in South Carolina. The work they are doing is being paid for by the federal government of Mexico as a cooperative agreement with USC, which is their direct employer. In their absence, Alena Derby is the new person for the MRD in the Charleston office (she replaced Lynn Harris), and is in charge when Chris and/or Jim are in the field. She can be contacted at (843) 762-6105. Jon has asked that she submit an application to become a member of COSCAPA.

Office of State Archaeologist- Jon addressed the issues relating to the curation manual, a new facility, and digitization of archaeological sites earlier in the meeting. Jon stated that there is a concurrent resolution in the House and Senate regarding historic cemeteries and archaeological sites, condemning individuals engaged in vandalism and looting. This

came out of the most recent grievous act in Beaufort, S.C. Jon was contacted by a representative and citizen about another degradation on E-Bay, where human remains and artifacts were looted from a site in Beaufort, then taken to Augusta and put on E-Bay for sale. The first bidder was from Belgium. With assistance from state law enforcement division of computer crimes, they were able to get E-Bay to drop it. Next year the legislature will try to raise South Carolina state laws to the same level as those in Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, and Tennessee. Currently, looters target South Carolina because of the lax laws.

Terry Weik is continuing the GPR work at the Seibel's House and Richardson Cemetery. Dew Drop was buried next to Mrs. Richardson. Dew Drop was not a servant or slave, but was her horse.

Research Division- Tommy Charles and Terry Ferguson have been testing several prehistoric sites along the South Saluda River in Greenville and Pickens counties, and another site on the Middle Saluda in Greenville County. The site on the Middle Saluda was destroyed by construction of a pond before they could complete their work there. The other sites are well protected for the time being. At one site on the east side of the South Saluda they found Thoms Creek Pottery, and just across the river in Pickens County they found Stallings Island Punctate pottery. Both sites appear to have numerous features. They have also conducted subsurface radar tests at both sites, and they plan to conduct large area excavations at both sites next fall and winter, funds permitting.

Tommy has begun writing a final report on the Rock Art Survey that he has carried out in the past several years.

Stan South has completed his book "John Bartlam: Staffordshire in Carolina", and it has been submitted to the USC Print Shop for publication as RMS #231. It should be available in mid-summer. It republishes his 1993 Bartlam report on work he did with Carl Steen at Cain Hoy and adds the report on the work he did with Jim Legg in a second project that same year.

Stan's autobiography, "An Archaeological Evolution" was submitted to Kluwer/Plenum Publishers in New York, where it received two glowing reviews from colleagues, and he expects it to go into production later this year. He is currently going over the manuscript to iron out any inconsistencies and wrinkles it may have.

Stan's book "Archaeology on the Roanoke" is his edited version of his thesis that reported on the work he did with Lewis Binford on the Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina basin, in 1955. It has been submitted to the University of Florida Press, where it is currently under review. He hopes that the book will be published there and that he will receive notification of its acceptance sometime this summer.

Stan and Chester DePratter have submitted a proposal for funding of a project to be carried out at Ninety Six National Historic Site to look for what Stan believes is the 1776 stockade built around the town of Ninety Six to protect it against attack by Cherokee

Indians. He found the stockade in 1971 cutting exploratory trenches but was not able to map it. This project will reveal the bastions, photograph them, and map the extent of the fort.

Chester DePratter continues his research on the former African American residents of Parris Island. As part of that research, he recently made a trip to Brunswick, Maine, to study the papers of Union General O.O. Howard who was in charge of the Freedmen's Bureau following the Civil War.

Chester is working with David Hurst Thomas of the American Museum of Natural History on a volume covering the systematic survey of St. Catherine's Island, Georgia.

In October of this year, the Marine Corps will formally celebrate the designation of the Charlesfort/ Santa Elena site as a National Historic Landmark. This celebration was to have taken place in 2002, but was delayed due to the 9-11 attack. Chester is helping to organize and plan that celebration.

The North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, North Carolina, will be hosting a major exhibit on the Santa Elena pottery kiln and the pottery recovered from it. The exhibit, being prepared by guest curator Dr. Linda Carnes-McNaughton, will run from September 28, 2004, to January 29, 2005. Chester DePratter will be the guest speaker for the opening on October 2, 2004. The North Carolina Archaeological Society will be meeting at the Pottery Center on that same day.

Al Goodyear is still in the field with a large crew at the Topper site in Allendale County. This is his last week of field work for the year. He has found a number of PaleoIndian blades, and he has continued his excavations into the pre-Clovis levels.

Applied Research Division- The ARD continues testing sites on Fort Jackson. Currently they are concentrating on defining site boundaries near Gate 4 so that a planned timber harvest can move forward. There's a couple of springs in this area and what were initially four sites located around the springs heads have, after shovel testing at 10m intervals, turned into one very large site covering well over 500,000 square meters.

The Division also recently found most of a fluted point on Fort Jackson. Unfortunately it was found on the surface of a fire break, but they will be returning to that location in the near future to see if additional material is present. The point is made of a fine-grained black rhyolite that was probably quarried from Asheboro, North Carolina area, and closely matches in morphology two points that had been reported from Fort Jackson back in the 1970s. Testing of that find location yielded no further artifacts and the find was concluded to be a hoax. That now needs to be reassessed.

Chris Clement continues to work on the report for a data recovery project at 38RD628, also on Fort Jackson. He is trying to define and interpret activity areas on the site and, along with Mark Brooks and Barbara Taylor, is also continuing to work with the core

taken from the spring that is directly below the site. Basal dates on the core were about 18,000 BP, and pollen analysis is under way.

Steve Smith's Battlefield Archaeology work is also ongoing. With Jim Legg he recently presented a paper on Camden at the Third International Battlefield Conference. The focus of the paper was how heavily collected sites can continue to yield useful interpretive data. In addition, Steve was recently at Cowpens National Battlefield where GPR will be used to try and locate the "wolf pits" where the British dead were reportedly buried after the battle. This effort will be filmed by a British film crew for the BBC.

Last, but not least, survey reports for Cowpens and for McEntire Air Base have been completed, and the testing report for McEntire is in draft form.

SRARP- Chris Gillam, SRARP-SCIAA, has recently presented research on the Upper Paleolithic of the Russian Far East at the SAA conference in Montreal where he chaired a General Session of Asian Archaeology. His research with Russian colleagues has recently been published in the Russian volume, *Problems in Archaeology, Ethnography, and Anthropology of Siberia and Neighboring Regions*, Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Novosibirsk, and has been submitted for publication in the 2004 volume of *Current Research in the Pleistocene*. Chris and David Anderson's co-authored *American Antiquity* article on Paleodindian colonization was chosen for re-publication in the SAA's 2004 volume, *Readings in the Late Pleistocene North America and Early Paleoindians: Selections from American Antiquity*. Chris and David have begun new research on continental-scale predictive modeling of early human ecological niches with colleagues from an NSF-sponsored workshop held at the University of Kansas in March. They recently gave a proof-of-concept presentation to NSF officers in Arlington, Virginia, that may lead to future NSF funding for the project. Chris has also begun to gather data for a modeling project with Jose Iriarte of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama, on mound sites in Uruguay, South America. In South Carolina, Chris is finalizing data preparation for the SRS predictive model that is also the basis of his dissertation research in the Department of Geography at USC. Chris and Holly are preparing for the birth of their second baby girl in August.

The Department of Energy instructed Adam and Keith to stoke down the archaeology for the MOX fuel facility shortly after the March COSCAPA meeting; then, two weeks ago, they were advised to stoke it back up. The Department of Energy is also paying for a MOX fuel facility in Russia. The instructions for the facility in Russia were written in English, so they had to stop the work to translate the instructions. That caused a pause in the archaeology here. Excavations should start June 15 or June 21.

The data recovery continues at 38AK155, an Archaic through Early Mississippian site. A series of superimposed rock cluster features with animal bones have been found.

Tammy Forehand will be meeting with folks on Tuesday about the printing of the Bush report. It should be out soon.

Ken is working on the analysis of Pin Point and should have the report finished soon.

Mark Brooks is back working at Flamingo Bay at a prehistoric site.

### **State Historic Preservation Office** (Chad Long and Valerie Marcil)

Chad has met with a representative from SCE&G about the Saluda Hydro re-licensing project. The Consultant List should be compiled and posted to the internet by August. The archaeology section of the SCDAH website already includes abstracts of compliance work, and they are hoping to include links to various organizations. Chad and Valerie met with Keith Derting and Jon Leader about site recordation problems. Valerie received a notice through e-mail about Section 106 training through the Advisory Council. These workshops will be taking place in upcoming weeks. Bill Green is now coordinating Contributions to SEAC newsletter and has asked Valerie to help. By July 15, Valerie needs one or two paragraphs from each agency and firm on what project the agency or firm is working on. She will pass this information on to Bill.

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

DNRHT are no longer owners of the Morris Island lighthouse. Their office will be moving to the second floor, to smaller quarters. Bonneau Ferry tract on the Cooper River will be dedicated this afternoon (June 4, 2004). New South Associates has completed a draft report on the archaeological survey and historical context of Poinsett Bridge. Lichtenstein Engineers will be starting a stabilization study of the bridge, and will take detailed photographs of the bridge. Beaufort County Council has approved \$3.1 million to acquire Altimaha. Art Coven at USC is studying a core David Leigh took at the Kolb site. They're hoping to look at Holocene and Pre-Holocene pollen samples.

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

Consultant selection for the three-year on-call contracts with several archaeology firms will be taking place in the next few months. The GIS project is nearing reality. Lichtenstein is conducting background work for the non-metal truss bridge study. Data recovery will be going on sometime in late summer of fall at the Archaic site in Union County near the Battle of Fishdam Ford. The SCDOT is attempting to acquire the 208 acre tract that the battlefield is on. The SCDOT may be hiring another archaeologist in the near future.

### **PRT (Andrew Agha)**

Ashley Chapman has a group of volunteers and graduates from the College of Charleston field school surveying the park with him. More work is being done to expose the rest of the palisade at Charlestowne Landing (they are wanting to expose a 30 foot section). Andrew's wrapping up the Redcliffe Report, and turned in his thesis on Tuesday.

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

Over spring break, Gail took volunteers to the State Prison Farm looking for where Lawson spent a night. They looked at a 400 by 500 meter bluff. There were two areas of midden. The ceramics didn't look Mississippian. The ceramics looked to be brushed and fabric-impressed. Gail has not completed the paperwork for a site number yet.

During the three week field season at Belmont Neck, which dates 950-1300 AD, the looter's pit located on a burial was excavated. Another looter's pit hit a historic feature. The 2001 test unit is now down 80 centimeters. The first 15 cm are plowzone, the next 35 cm was fill from a saturated atmosphere. Underneath this layer is 40 cm of midden. Underneath that may be another clay cap. On May 24, David Leigh came out for the Duke re-licensing of the Catawba-Wateree-Santee system. He assessed Mound A to see if Duke's water control is contributing to the fast erosion. Terry Weik is at Seibel's House for the month of June.

### **Forest Service (Bob Morgan)**

Mike Harmon has been hired at Sumter National Forest. An overview for the forest by Southeastern is in ahead of schedule, and is under review. Bob would like to have some outside reviewers. The Forest Service is developing a database for sites. Bob would like to see a statewide historic context. There is currently no good historic context for assessing sites.

### **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Jim Errante)**

A hand-full of river basins have been selected to be focused on as continuing conservation programs. The Edisto River Basin is one that has been selected. The Farm and Ranch Protection Program has been set up to assist farms that have been in existence and continually farmed for 100 years. There are credit points for archaeological resources and above-ground resources. These farms have to be in danger of annexation or encroachment. If any one has questions regarding the program, contact Jim.

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

Lesley has been conducting some small surveys, background research for a few projects. She has been talking to cell tower construction companies about requiring field surveys in addition to background checks prior to construction. She's hoping they'll warm to the idea of field surveys. However, there's been no final agreement between cell tower people and the Advisory Council.

This year's Archaeology Discovery Weekend (October 1-3) is going back to educating the public, and giving them an opportunity to experience archaeology. Workshops will begin Friday afternoon, and there will be a lantern tour Friday night. There will be workshops on Saturday, and two tours on Sunday. She has scheduled some of the workshops twice. There's one historic-oriented workshop, prehistoric workshops, GPR

workshops. She's trying to save money this year, trying to get word out in papers, etc. Folks will be able to download registration forms and programs. Chris Judge will be leading a tour to Santee Mound on Sunday, and there will also be a tour of the Eutaw Springs battlefield on Sunday.

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

Brockington has been conducting excavations of burials at Hagood Stadium at the Citadel in Charleston. Eric is not sure where the bodies will be re-interred. Brockington is also conducting data recovery excavations at Bluffton, on a property owned by Palmetto Bluff. The site is late 18<sup>th</sup>/early 19<sup>th</sup> c. house and with a Late Archaic and Woodland occupation.

### **Diachronic Research Foundation** (Carl Steen)

Carl is writing up four turn-of-the-century sites at Fort Bragg. He has a variety of side projects going on- Dawes Island report, etc.

### **New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

Natalie is working on a draft report for the data recovery in Georgia of a tenant site. New South is conducting testing at the Mordecai Zachary House in Cashiers, N.C. The house was occupied until 1980. It had a detached kitchen that burned in 1910, then was rebuilt. They are testing the yard area, and may have found an early kitchen.

Karen Serio completed the historic context for the railroad that runs through St. Matthews. The railroad purchased slaves to excavate the railroad bed in St. Matthews.

Brad Botwick is helping Mason Sheffield write up several sites he tested at Poinsett bombing range. Soon Brad will be going to Horry County to look at rice fields. He is also writing up Phase II testing results at Beaufort County Marine Corps Station.

### **TRC** (Sean Norris)

Genevieve Taylor has been hired to do fieldwork and lab work for TRC. Mona is wrapping up her fieldwork at Fort Bragg. Recently Sean surveyed 70 islands for Duke's re-licensing in the Wateree-Catawba area. Bill is writing the results of a Phase I and II project at the Overlook site in Georgetown County. TRC has some smaller surveys in Orangeburg, and a few reports that are in the Final Draft stages.

### **ASSC** (Nena Powell Rice)

The deadline for getting information into the programs is June 21. The Mississippian period is this year's theme. The 225th Revolutionary War Anniversary Committee is

gearing up for the anniversary in 2005. Chris Judge is seeking comments for a biographical sketch on Jim Michie for South Carolina Antiquities. Chris Clement asked when it will start coming out again. Chris Gillam has 2001 and 2002 and will send it to press in 30 days. Six issues are planned to be out by the end of the year. Eric Poplin is the editor of Features and Profiles, and Carol Poplin is working on the website. The next deadline for submittals is the end of the month.

### **Old Business**

Keith Stephenson announced that SEAC will be held in Columbia November 2-6, 2005, and COSCAPA will sponsor it. A contract has been signed with the Adams Mark Hotel, which will become a member of the Merriott Courtyard Corporation. Chris Judge, Nena Rice, Bill Green, Jon Leader, Bob Morgan, Gail Wagner, Adam King, and Keith Stephenson are on the committee organizing SEAC 2005. Recently Bill Green has solicited \$5,000 from SCANA for the SEAC banquet and band (location to be announced).

### **New Business**

Jon Leader suggested, with concurrence from the Archives and History staff, that the Standards and Guidelines should be re-opened, re-assessed, and re-done. Jon suggested that a committee be formed. One thing that does need to be addressed concerns the reports and distributions (found on page 19 of the Standards and Guidelines). Jon suggested that this sentence should be added: "Draft reports will not be reviewed without site forms." The reason for this is because people are submitting drafts without revisit forms, and these should be attached. Jon also encouraged that as we (the community) generate the UTM coordinates, we should go to [www.topozone.com](http://www.topozone.com) to double check the location. Also, it was suggested that Draft Reports of documents also be sent to Keith Derting, so that he can check locational information within the reports. Recently, Jon met with Chad Long and Valerie Marcil, along with Keith Derting, at the Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology. There is concern about site recordation problems. Jon came up with a solution that was supported by Chad, Valerie, and Keith. There was some discussion on whether these changes should be voted on and added as addendums. Jon was under the impression that this did not need to be voted on, since SHPO staff had agreed to this during a meeting with Keith and Jon. There was no vote at this time. Carl Steen asked if someone will be reviewing the reports at the Institute. Keith Derting said yes, Jon said no. According to Jon, Keith will be reviewing the locational data. Lesley suggested that in order to save time, money and trees, we send just the chapter that discusses the locational information. Jon said that Keith needs a full draft report. After a lengthy discussion, President Adams broke into the discussion. She wants a committee to review the Standards and Guidelines (2000). Jon Leader, Bob Morgan, Valerie Marcil, Chad Long, Carl Steen, and Eric Poplin will serve on the committee. Eric will chair the committee.

Rob Moon stated that Environmental Restoration had contacted him. They have a GIS layer, a presentation, of all the contamination at SRS along the Savannah River. They

would like to find a time to present this to the archaeologists (approximately one hour) who do work in this area. They are offering this- we don't have to do it. The venue for the presentation is negotiable. Rob will coordinate a meeting, if there is interest, or send out the information if individuals want to approach Environmental Restoration. President Adams asked for Rob to e-mail her the contact information.

Carl Steen and Linda Carnes McNaughton headed a symposium a few years ago in honor of Stan South called "In Praise of the Poet Archaeologist: Papers in Honor of Stanley South and his Five Decades of Historical Archaeology". Carl wants to publish the articles as a COSCAPA publication. Carl could present COSCAPA with a publishable document then COSCAPA could print it, or Carl could print it as a COSCAPA publication. He suggested printing 150 copies. Dues paid members would each get a copy. The remainder would be sold to pay for printing costs. Carl estimated the cost to be \$2,800 for 150 copies. Wayne Roberts motioned that COSCAPA do this. Nena Rice seconded the motion. No one was opposed, and no one abstained in the voting. The leftover copies will be sold, and COSCAPA will reimburse Carl for his expenses.

The next meeting was set for September 10, 2004, at Archives and History (if available). The meeting adjourned at 12:20 P.M.

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**Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists**  
 Bonnie L. Frick, Secretary

On Friday, September 10, 2004, the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA) met at the South Carolina Department of Archives and History in Columbia. President Natalie Adams called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM. The following individuals were present.

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Bonnie Frick	SCDOT	M
Chris Gillam	SRARP-SCIAA	M
William Green	TRC	M
Gail Wagner	USC-Cola	M
Chris Judge	SCHTP	M
Nena P. Rice	SCIAA	M
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Valerie Marcil	SCDAH	M
Dawn Reid	ACC	M
Jean F. Guilleux	ASSC	G
Steven D. Smith	SCIAA	M
Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M
Sean Norris	TRC	M
Catherine Runyan	Brockington	M
Brent Landsdell	Brockington	G
Chris Clement	SCIAA	M
Ramona Grunden	TRC	A
Terry Ferguson	Wofford College	M
Chester DePratter	SCIAA	M
Sharon Pekrul	SCIAA	M
Carole Bastian	Barr & Assoc.	G
William Barr	Barr & Assoc.	M
Lesley Drucker	AF Consultants	M
Wayne D. Roberts	SCDOT	M
Natalie Adams	New South	M
Eric Poplin	Brockington	M

Also present at the meeting were Keith Derting, Jon Leader, Chad Long, Carl Steen, and Martha Zierden.

Guests to the meeting were introduced to the membership. These guests were Brent Landsdale (Brockington and Associates) and Jean Guilleux (ASSC, Hilton Head Chapter).

Jean Guilleux, a representative from ASSC, presented the membership with ideas on a certification program. ASSC is concerned about the decline in membership and asked Mr. Guilleux to investigate how other archaeology societies are dealing with this crisis. He discussed the certification program in Arkansas. Arkansas's certification program involves public education and targets avocational hobbyists. The program contains two parts: a training program, involving work on archaeology sites and lectures, and a certification program, which involves multiple levels (see Appendix). The program has been successful for 30 years in Arkansas. ASSC is interested in the prospect of doing something similar in South Carolina. The goals would be increasing membership and public education. ASSC would deal with the administration of these projects. Mr. Guilleux then answered questions.

Several questions were asked to Mr. Guilleux. It was asked if Arkansas' program is an entryway to work on archaeology programs. Mr. Guilleux responded that Arkansas' program has about 20 new people each year in the training program. They pay a fee for participating in a dig. However, most don't follow through with the certification progress. There are only 12 people who have completed the entire process. Most of the people in the program are retirees, avocational archaeologists, and some students. None are looking to become a professional in the field. In South Carolina, Mr. Guilleux anticipates the numbers to be smaller. If South Carolina can start a similar program and get 20 new members, then ASSC has achieved the goal of increasing membership. A question was asked regarding if there have been problems with people who have "unhonorable intentions". Mr. Guilleux responded that Arkansas has had two participants who've entered the field of archaeology and were hired. The intent of the program is not to turn people into archaeologists. Chris Gillam suggested that South Carolina organize field opportunities in a better way. Mr. Guilleux responded that there is still the public education aspect to consider. Gail Wagner posed a question regarding active members in the program who don't finish, then become inactive. Mr. Guilleux answered that having a full-time membership will be challenging. Natalie Adams suggested that if COSCAPA is interested, COSCAPA should take on some of the responsibilities. Jon Leader added that there is already a similar underwater certification program. There was a comment that some chapters of ASSC are inactive, and there is a lack of continuity in ASSC regarding field projects. Mr. Guilleux responded that ASSC has to be active, provide activities. Valerie Marcil suggested that having the program may increase stability and numbers. Chris Gillam asked if episodic field opportunities are they way to go, or would once a month activities be better. Mr. Guilleux responded that the "once a year" will work in South Carolina, but both ways should be offered. Chester DePratter suggested that one possible solution could be that the Hilton Head chapter of ASSC raise money to hire a professional archaeologist who could train people. Then there would be a labor pool with supervision. This supervisor could offer seminars, in addition to supervising surveys and excavations. Natalie Adams suggested that we move on with the COSCAPA meeting and discuss the training program further under New Business. The meeting continued with the secretary's report.

**Secretary's Report** (Bonnie Frick)

Bonnie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. The minutes were approved.

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

As of our last meeting on June 4, 2004, our treasury balance was \$4,613.70. Since that time, we have received \$210.00 in dues and \$2.46 from our Interest Checking and Business Investment Accounts (with current Annual Percentage Yields of 0.10 and 0.30 percent, respectively), along with a \$250.00 donation for the Stan South Volume. A quarterly expenditure of \$38.80 was made to Eric Poplin for refreshments for the March 5 and June 4, 2004 meetings. This brings the current balance to \$5,037.36. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, and \$250.00 for the Stan South Volume, leaving an available balance of \$2,371.64. Of the 70 active COSCAPA members (COSCAPA has a total of 103 active and inactive members on record; inactive members are those who have not paid dues for 2003 and/or any preceding years), 59 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$1,090.00 leaving 11 members with outstanding dues totaling \$200.00 (respectively submitted by Keith Stephenson).

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

Carl said he had extra copies if anyone needed them. He asks for submissions 4 weeks prior to the next meeting.

**Membership Committee** (Eric Poplin)

The Membership Committee received two applications for full membership since the previous meeting. All documentation was received for Daphne Owens, and reviewed by the Committee. The Committee is split on its recommendations for Ms. Owens' membership. Two members recommend her as a Full Member and two members recommend her as an Associate Member since her graduate degree is in Geology. She is a practicing archaeologist, and has been a member of the RPA, although she isn't currently. Her resume was circulated, and there was discussion. President Adams asked if we should consider her for full membership, and a vote was taken. COSCAPA voted to accept Ms. Owens as a full member. Bill Green, Chris Judge, and Wayne Roberts abstained from voting. Ms. Owens was accepted as a full member.

The Committee is awaiting supporting documentation for the other applicant.

**Site Files Curation Committee/ COSCAPA SCIAA Liaison Committee** (Eric Poplin)

Eric read the following report:

The SCIAA Liaison Committee met on 6 August 2004 at the request of the President in response to comments received from multiple Council members.

Committee members present: Eric Poplin (chair), Lesley Drucker, Bonnie Frick, Mona Grunden, Chad Long. Guests: Natalie Adams, Mary Edmonds, Valerie Marcil, Wayne Roberts.

Council members (both guests and emailed comments received by President and Committee members) expressed dismay at the implementation of the new SCIAA curation standards and sought an audience for their concerns. Chief among those was SCIAA's apparent disregard of comments provided concerning a number of issues in the new standards.

The Committee compiled a summary of Council members concerns with the process and the new standards. We decided to draft a letter that the Committee recommends the Council submit to the University/ SCIAA voicing these concerns.

Chair Eric Poplin drafted a letter and then circulated it among the Committee members for additional input, clarification, etc. During this period, SCIAA has made efforts to address a number of the concerns outlined in the letter. The Committee feels that the concerns outlined in the letter remain valid.

A final version was compiled and forwarded to all Council members with email on 2 September 2004, for review prior to the 10 September 2004 meeting. We felt that early review would permit discussion among Council members concerning the submittal of the letter itself rather than rehashing the concerns of individual members with SCIAA curation policy/actions.

Dr. Leader sent out new information this morning and yesterday regarding concerns that were addressed in the letter, in particular responses to some of the points made in the letter. Jon also mentioned that the letter that was circulated on September 2 did not get to everyone. He and Eric had been discussing these issues for some time, and Jon was unclear if this letter was an earlier draft, since it didn't incorporate his comments. He attached nine documents of e-mails where the issues were discussed with Eric and apparently some of the issues were solved. In addition, he attached three letters of support for the curation manual as it had been done from North Carolina, Georgia, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Jon offered alternatives to the curation process that SCIAA had circulated. Jon has viewed Brockington's format, and as long as it is explicit, and as long as a copy went with the collections, Brockington's needs were met, and SCIAA's needs were met, Brockington could continue their process. SCIAA was attempting to come up with a very simple document, a living document, something that folks who did not already have a set-up could use. If others wanted to come up with their own format, as long as it was explicit and met the needs of the group as well as SCIAA's needs, SCIAA will take a look at it.

A second alternative would be for COSCAPA to come up with a curation manual. Early on in the process Jon offered to have COSCAPA come up with a manual, but COSCAPA

felt they weren't in a position to do this. However, Jon feels COSCAPA is in a position to do this, to come up with a manual that meets the needs of the membership. He made the offer again. Once a draft was created, he would send it out to the same groups for review, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. As long as there were no legal impediments, as long as there are no legal issues that weren't addressed, Jon will accept it. After some discussion, Jon made it clear that he'd like COSCAPA to form a committee and to write a manual.

There is still concern from members of COSCAPA that the curation manual is unclear. If other formats can be used by different companies, it should be stated in the manual. Again, Jon asked COSCAPA to come up with a manual that the group can live with. There was a comment that the Moundville model seems to be a superior model. However, Jon explained that Moundville is not required to do some things that SCIAA is mandated to do, and therefore the model is not a direct fit. That doesn't mean it couldn't be modified. Moundville is an organization which exists under no state oversight and no state direct enabling act. However if COSCAPA decides to base a manual on Moundville's manual, thirty days should be sufficient to get it back to Jon, he'll review it (along with the attorneys) for 30 days, and within 60 days there should be an answer. After additional discussion, the offer was made again by Jon for COSCAPA to come up with a manual that met the membership needs. Jon did take into account comments that were submitted on the draft manual. Other groups and people also saw these comments, people outside the state looked at the comments, and gave Jon the advice to issue the manual. It is the policy of the Institute to come up with a manual that is acceptable to COSCAPA and allows SCIAA to meet its mandates. Jon asked if COSCAPA was willing to write a manual.

Keith Derting pointed out that there are two facets to what the Institute does, in regards to curation and site files. One is to serve the archaeological community, and the other is to maintain in perpetuity both the artifacts and the information. SCIAA has to maintain certain policies and procedures to make sure these two things can be done. Jon stated, in response, that if COSCAPA is willing to write the curation manual as an industrial standard, and get it to Jon, Jon will include either the president of COSCAPA or Natalie's designee in any consultations on the question of liability. He doesn't feel that any state agency has ever done that, and Jon is willing to work with COSCAPA on a professional basis.

After further discussion, there were suggestions that Jon take the comments that were submitted on the draft manual, and incorporate them into the manual. One concern was voiced regarding access to collections. Again, Jon stated that he's offering COSCAPA to write a manual, and if it is legally sound, he'd implement it.

After additional discussion, Eric Poplin stated that the committee brought a recommendation that the Council send the letter forward. Eric moved that the Council act on the letter and send it forward. There was a question about the contents of the letter. The letter is addressed to the president of USC outlining the concerns of the Council regarding the current curation manual. The materials may have to leave the

state. This opinion was expressed by multiple people to the committee. Due to costs and inconsistencies, it may be unable to comply with manual, and the artifacts may go to a different facility. Valerie Marcil suggested that there are many people who are not happy with how the artifacts are being received or not received, and people aren't happy with the manual. They want an agreeable, workable document. This can't be ignored. The frustration seems to be with slow response time, inadequate responses, lack of trust. Valerie feels the reason the letter is being sent is because of the build-up of frustration, and there seems to be no other way to get a response.

Terry Ferguson pointed out that policies are irrelevant because there is no space and there is not adequate staffing to curate the backlog of artifacts. The state should be the central repository for the information and the artifacts, but there isn't any space. The real issue that ought to be addressed is to find ways to acquire a facility. Jon has 4,300 cubic feet of heated/cool space. Telephone calls he has had recently show 1,316 cubic feet (rather than the 850 feet stated in the letter) of space is needed for artifacts awaiting curation. Jon has discussed this with the University and they are permitting him to rent the space. He has talked to the legislature, the legislature is talking to the governor, about a new facility. He has made several shots at getting a new facility, which is on the record.

Natalie then brought up that there is a motion on the table to send the letter, and we need to discuss the motion. There was discussion that the letter needs to be modified to reflect what has been stated today regarding problems with the curation manual. Several people agreed. Wayne Roberts suggested that we need to integrate comments in the curation manual that were suggested, as well as portions pulled from other curation manuals. There was further discussion that comments made on the draft should be incorporated into the manual, and the suggestion was made that we sit on the letter for now. There was also the suggestion that a third party (not Jon, not COSCAPA) take the draft manual and the comments to the draft manual and "mesh" them together. Natalie asked if a curator from out of state should be included in this process, and she suggested Eugene Futado. We would submit the manual, as well as the comments, and ask Eugene to take a look at it. The recommendation was made that we allow 60 days for the document to be modified, then the committee could meet again, and the document would go out for review again. There was discussion that maybe we shouldn't set a timeline for Eugene.

Eric withdrew his motion. Additional discussion followed. Someone suggested that we have a federal person, possibly Natalie Drew (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers) also review the manual. We could send the manual to her first, and if she is unable to do it, then we could send it to Eugene Futado. More discussion followed about who should see it.

It was then suggested that we pass it to Eugene for comments, then go to Natalie for comments, then back to COSCAPA for review. Natalie Drew has already made positive comments on the manual. We'll be working under their time frame, but will try and have a manual for the next COSCAPA meeting. We'll send it to Eugene first. The manual, the comments on the draft manual, and the recent e-mailed comments between Jon and Eric will be sent to Eugene, and he will be asked to look at it.

### **Constitution Committee (Steven Smith)**

It was the committee's job to "tweak" the constitution. The two largest issues concern the quorum vote needed to make changes to the constitution and a rearrangement of some things into the by-laws section. The committee cannot make changes without a quorum vote (2/3s of the entire membership). It would be difficult to get the new constitution passed, since many members of COSCAPA are "inactive". In addition, there are several items that need to be moved to the by-laws section of the constitution. Under the old rules, 2/3s of the membership is needed to change how much membership dues are. Steve stated that it's hard to get things done in a meeting of this size with the present membership. Chris Judge stated that the intent of the committee is to clarify some things in the constitution. Steve resumed discussion, and stated that the committee hopes the new constitution will eliminate some of these problems. The new constitution also creates an Archivist position, so that next time there will be a record of what changes have been made that didn't get incorporated. The "active member" definition needs to be clarified, and the committee also tinkered with the grievance process (a committee should be formed to investigate before the vote is brought before the membership). With the new constitution, by-laws can be changed under active members (those who attend one meeting in two years and pay dues). Another comment the committee received on the new constitution is in reference to who will receive COSCAPA's paperwork/remnants if it is dissolved. Wayne Roberts feels whatever is left should go to SCIAA (the Charleston Museum and the University of South Carolina were the original holders). The constitution committee suggested that the Charleston Museum and the Caroliniana be recipients in case COSCAPA is dissolved. Steve asked if there were any objections to SCIAA being the only recipient. There were none. Steve said that the change would be made and a vote would be mailed to the entire membership, under the rules of the existing constitution (a 2/3s quorum would be necessary). All full members who were in attendance of the September 10<sup>th</sup> meeting voted to accept the new constitution (Nena Rice was absent from the vote).

### **Activities Committee (Wayne Roberts and Carl Steen)**

On November 6, 2004, there will be a Historic Ceramics Workshop in Gambrell Hall, Room 247. There will be a 9AM to 11:30 AM session, and a 1 PM to 3:30 session. Stan South, Wayne Roberts, Carl Steen, Steve Ferrel and Linda Carnes McNaughton are among the presenters. This will be the first in a series of workshops.

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

Lee Pye lawsuit – Jon encourages COSCAPA to support Lee Pye's motion for summary judgment against the "slap suit". Eric Poplin moved that COSCAPA attach their name to the "slap suit" (James Southard, Jr. and Developments Unlimited, LLC vs Lee Pye, Russ Pye and Justin Enterprises, a South Carolina General Partnership). This would mean simply that COSCAPA supports Lee Pye, but has no further involvement. Wayne Roberts seconded Eric's motion. The membership voted to attach COSCAPA to this lawsuit. Bill Green abstained from voting.

Wadmalaw Island update- Jon is discussing, along with attorneys from the mortgage company and senators, the desecration of the cemetery and how to bring the shrinking Gullah cemetery back to its natural state.

Linda Carr will not be heading up the Commission of Minority Affairs. There are two other finalists to look at.

McCleod Plantation- It is up for sale. We need to monitor this situation.

Folly Beach erosion- Jon Leader turned to Chris Judge for discussion on this topic. According to Chris, there was a large response to his emergency e-mail asking for help with this site that is severely eroding. Ashley Chapman brought his total station. Chris will continue to monitor this situation.

Archaeology Magazine had an article on looting that came out. Jon now has a direct link to the Department of Justice and BIA to go after people on E-Bay.

Bacon's Bridge Tract in Dorchester County- This tract came up for sale from Charleston Southern. The Open Land Trust acquired the tract for approximately \$325,000. It will be preserved now.

#### **Standards and Guidelines Committee** (Eric Poplin read the following)

The Standards and Guidelines Committee met twice since the last COSCAPA meeting, on 15 July 2004 and 1 September 2004. Our next meeting is scheduled for 6 October 2004.

On 15 July 2004 (9:30 to 11:30 AM), five Committee members were present (Eric Poplin, Lesley Drucker, Chad Long, Valerie Marcil, Carl Steen- Jon Leader, Bob Morgan absent); President Natalie Adams also present.

We discussed the location of the digital version of current document, and believe that it is in the possession of John Cable. If not, we will convert from pdf versions to edit-able version when we complete the review. Carl Steen will serve as Editor when all revisions are accepted. We will prepare all proposed revisions for dissemination to the Council and other interested parties before any changes are made to the existing document.

Reviewed existing Document from Cover through Section II.A. Introduction (Pg 11). Noted a number of new definitions, typos, etc. that need to be incorporated. Need clarification in sections re: Native American consultations, NAGPRA, etc.

On 1 September 2004 (9:30 AM-12:30 PM), six Committee members present (Eric Poplin, Lesley Drucker, Chad Long, Valerie Marcil, Bob Morgan, Carl Steen- Jon Leader absent). No visitors.

Reviewed existing Document from Section II.B. through II.D (pp. 11-15). There were discussions of nature of archaeological sites, appropriate field techniques for discovering and delineating sites, and appropriate GPS equipment to locate sites.

After reading these minutes, Eric noted that the Committee will meet again on October 18.

### **Old Business**

The contributions to the Stan South Volume will be out before the next meeting. If anyone has contributions, please get them in.

Chris Gillam will call David Anderson regarding the South Carolina Pottery Volume, asking him to relinquish the volume or allow COSCAPA to help with it. David is currently in a new position with the University of Tennessee.

### **New Business**

Nena Rice was absent during new business, however Jon Leader made a request to COSCAPA on her behalf for assistance with the Archaeology Month poster. Nena is asking for \$400. Eric Poplin moved that COSCAPA make this contribution, Steve Smith seconded the motion. There was a unanimous vote that COSCAPA make this contribution.

It was then suggested that COSCAPA form a committee with ASSC to further discuss the possibility of a Certification Program in South Carolina (similar to the one in Arkansas). Martha Zierden, Ashley Chapman, Gail Wagner, and Carl Steen (Chair) will serve on this committee.

### **State Historic Preservation Office** (Chad Long and Valerie Marcil)

Chad Long announced that Marta Matthews' old position (Review and Compliance Coordinator) had been filled with Richard Sidebottom. Regarding the McCloud Plantation, all decisions up to this point are at the local level.

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

Barry Beasley is Chris' new boss. At Bonneau Ferry Plantation, the mile markers have been removed (for their protection) and a fence has been installed around the house for protection. Brian Long has been hired to replace John Rude. The engineering work at Poinsett bridge has been delayed. Chris has extra copies of the University of Tennessee "Synthesis Volume on Historic Landscapes" if anyone is interested.

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

GIS Project- It is very close to beginning. The money has been appropriated, and the project will kick-off soon.

Short Form Reports- SCDOT and SHPO have signed an MOA which allows consultants and sub-consultants to use short-form reports for certain projects. This will cut down on expenses, as well as review time. Contact Wayne or Bonnie for a short-form template.

Curation- A number of consultants have artifacts from SCDOT projects that they are storing. SCDOT wants to remedy this. Curation expenses can be a line item in the cost estimates. Please let Sharon know as soon as possible when fieldwork is complete, and bill SCDOT or the prime as soon as possible for curation fees.

On-Call Selection Committee- The results are still unknown.

Non-Metal Truss Bridge Inventory- The consultants are working on the context study, and will be beginning the survey soon.

## **PRT (Ashley Chapman)**

Colonial Dorchester tested 600 50X50 cm test units with the help of College of Charleston students and the Charleston Museum. It is a long-term project, and eventually there will be close interval testing. Right now work's being done on the 1670 ditch.

## **USC (Gail Wagner)**

The University is hiring a new professor for Anthropology/ Southern Studies, with a specialty in Southeastern Indians. The PhD program is moving forward.

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

Jon Leader read the following reports: The University has submitted SCDOT-SCIAA-GIS project to SCDOT. We are working with Wayne and Mr. Berry Still on the contract for signature. We are also coordinating with SCDAH and Chad Long on their portion to ensure compatibility. Jennifer King has been hired as a ½ time professional curator on a 12 month renewable. We are planning to hire a full time professional curator in January also on a 12 month renewable. IN 2005 there will be 2 ½ professional curators on staff. It is our intent to clear the backlog of materials and to increase research access to the collections.

Other news at SCIAA (copy provided by Jon Leader):

Maritime Research Division- The Maritime Research Division is conducting coastal surveys and engaged in work at Port Royal. There is an article in the newsletter about work being done in Mexico.

Research Division- Tommy Charles is working on a final report of the South Carolina Rock Art Survey. In the meantime, the search for new art continues. Exploring the Chauga River in Oconee County is scheduled for the week of September 13, hurricanes permitting. A new petroglyph site has been reported near Great Falls, in Chester County. The site was found by Dr. John Schmidt, of Winthrop College and he reports that human and abstract figures have been observed. Plans to survey and record the site has been delayed by recent heavy rains. With Terry Ferguson, Wofford College, Tommy is preparing to begin excavations of one, or possibly two, prehistoric sites on the South Saluda River in Greenville and Pickens Counties. These sites have produced Thoms Creek and Stalling Island Punctate pottery as well as a substantial Pisgah cultural component. Preliminary testing was done at these sites in spring of 2004 and additional testing is planned for this fall prior to selecting areas for more extensive excavations. Tommy is also working with the Elloree Museum to create a prehistoric American Indian exhibit, scheduled to open in November 2004.

Chester DePratter is working on a final edit of the Parris Island Cemetery Report which will be submitted in the next few months. On September 21, he and Stan will be involved in a dedication ceremony for the Charlesfort/Santa Elena National Historic Landmark monument on Parris Island. On October 2, Chester will present the opening lecture at an exhibit on the Santa Elena pottery kiln at the North Carolina Pottery Center in Seagrove, North Carolina.

Al Goodyear and his team continue to work on the Topper site material. This year a dense Clovis occupation was discovered on top of the hill, on Top of Topper as it were. At least four early stage fluted performs were found plus some long prismatic blades. Excavations went even deeper this year down into the Pleistocene terrace where there are evidently older occupations. Three radiocarbon samples from deep in the terrace are currently being dated which should give us some idea when humans first started coming to Topper. The national media continues its strong interest in Topper and the whole issue of when people first got into this hemisphere. CNN and Time Magazine have prepared stories that will probably be released after the C14 dates.

Stan South's book "John Bartlam: Staffordshire in Carolina" has been published as SCIAA RMS 231 and is available for \$40 from Stan, with proceeds going into his Historical Archaeology Research Fund. His autobiography, *An Archaeological Evolution*, is in press at Springer Kluwer Academic/ Plenum Publishers and will appear early in 2005. Stan and Chester gave a tour of Santa Elena for a group of DOD Conservation and Environmental Specialists attending a symposium held in Savannah. Stan spoke on pattern recognition to the Anthropology Department graduate students at their Wednesday luncheon. Currently he has been taking leave time from archaeology to work on editing a book written in the 1940s by his mentor at Appalachian University, David Hodgin, who had a strong influence on Stan. The book, typed by Stan for Hodgin

in 1952, entitled "Religion and the Modern Mind," discusses the contrast between supernaturalism and science, and is as relevant today as it was half a century ago. Stan's copy is the only one known to exist and its publication will make it available to other skeptical inquirers who may be interested in reading it.

Applied Research- Chris Clement is finishing up the data recovery report on 38RD628. Steve and Jim Legg are putting the final touches on The Camden Battlefield report. Steve and Jim finished a brief survey in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, for the American Battlefield Protection Program in which they located the camp of Major Patrick Ferguson at Gilbert Town.

#### **ASSC (Lesley Drucker)**

This year's festival has workshops and Lesley's asking for pre-registration. One workshop on Friday afternoon has been cancelled (prehistoric tools and weapons). There are commitments for 2 Sunday tours.

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

TRC is conserving a canoe (circa 1400 AD) in North Carolina. In this canoe a Civil War rifle era was found. If anyone knows anything about this rifle and where it belongs, please contact Bill.

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

Brockington's Charleston office hired Andrew Agha.

#### **Charleston Museum (Martha Zierden)**

Foodways of the Low Country Exhibit will be at the Charleston Museum November 12, 2004 through September 12, 2005.

Towards the end of the meeting, Jon distributed a copy of SCIAA's Collections, Access and Loan policy.

Terry Ferguson announced that he has been approached by a group who's interested in archaeological research in the upstate. They have requested any archaeological literature on sites in the Piedmont, in order to compile a bibliography. If anyone has information regarding sites in the piedmont, please send it to Terry Ferguson at Wofford College.

The next meeting was set for December 3, 2004, at Archives and History (if available). The meeting adjourned at 12:27 P.M.

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Chuck Cantley	PRI	M
Chris Judge	SCHTP	M
Brian Long	SCHTP	M
David Anderson	Univ. of Tenn.	M
Rob Moon	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Adam King	SRARP-SCIAA	M
Keith Stephenson	SRARP-SCIAA	M
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Ashley Chapman	SCPRT	M
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Guests to the meeting were introduced to the membership. Brian Long, the Cultural Preserves Manager at SCHTP, was introduced by Chris Judge.

### Secretary's Report (Bonnie Frick)

Bonnie asked if there were any corrections to the minutes. There were none. Chris Judge motioned to accept the minutes, and Wayne Roberts seconded the motion.

### Treasurer's Report (Keith Stephenson)

As of our last meeting on September 10, 2004, our treasury balance was \$5,037.36. Since that time, we have received \$120.00 in dues and \$1.68 from our Interest Checking and Business Investment Accounts (with current Annual Percentage Yields of 0.10 and 0.30 percent, respectively), along with a \$350.00 donation for the Stan South Volume, and \$290.00 collected in registration fees for the Historic Pottery Workshop. Quarterly expenditures consisted of \$21.65 to reimburse Vice-President Eric Poplin for refreshments for the September 10, 2004 meeting, \$400.00 to the USC Educational Fund via Nena Powell Rice for the 2004 State Archaeology poster, \$59.40 to Netfirms Web Hosting.com via Rob Moon as annual payment for the COSCAPA web site, and finally \$247.18 to reimburse Carl Steen for expenditures at the Historic Pottery Workshop. This brings the current balance to \$5,070.81. Of this amount, \$2,415.72 is encumbered for the South Carolina Pottery Survey and Planning Grant, and \$600.00 for the Stan South Volume, leaving an available balance of \$2,055.09.

Of the 71 "active" COSCAPA members (\*COSCAPA has a total of 111 members on record: 71 "active" members and 44 "inactive" members), 64 have paid this year's dues for a total of \$1,180.00 leaving 6 members with outstanding dues totaling \$110.00.

\*From the Office of Treasury perspective, "inactive" members are those who have not paid dues for 2003 and/or any preceeding years, thus by my count COSCAPA has 44 "inactive" members. Note, however, that this definition does not jive with that in Section 8 of the original COSCAPA constitution as follows: "Members may be placed on inactive status either at their own request or by a two-thirds vote of a quorum of members at a duly constituted meeting." Per this definition, COSCAPA technically has only 8 inactive members from whom I have received written or verbal requests to be relieved of active status.

Balance @ Sept. 2004 meeting		\$5,037.36
Dues collected		\$120.00
Quarterly Business Investment Account		\$1.68
Donation to Stan South Volume		\$350.00
Registration Fees for Historic Pottery Workshop		\$290.00
Check (#267) to Eric Poplin	\$21.65	
Check (#268) to USC Ed. Fund for poster	\$400.00	
Check (#269) to Netfirms.com	\$59.40	
Check (#270) to Carl Steen	\$247.18	
Balance @ Dec. 2004 meeting		\$5,070.81
Earmarked for S&P Pottery Grant	\$2,415.72	
Earmarked for Stan South Volume	\$600.00	
Available Balance @ Dec. 2004 Meeting		\$2,055.09

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

Carl said he had extra copies if anyone needed them. He asks for submissions 4 weeks prior to the next meeting.

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

The Membership Committee received two applications for full membership since the previous meeting. Documentation was received for Michael Harmon (US Forest Service) and Connie Huddleston (Lab Director, Brockington and Associates), and reviewed by the Committee. Three of the committee members are in favor of full membership. It was recommended that Michael Harmon and Connie Huddleston be accepted as full members. Both applicants were accepted as full members after COSCAPA vote, with no one opposing. Eric noted that there is another applicant who will be discussed at the next COSCAPA meeting.

Steve Smith distributed a list of members that need to be purged from the COSCAPA roll. Under the old constitution, they need to be moved to the "inactive" status. Under the new constitution, there will be guidelines for "inactive" status. Steve moved that the circulated list be the official "inactive" list. The motion was seconded, and it was unanimously passed. After this "inactive" list was made official, Steve moved that we adopt the new constitution. Chris Gillam seconded, and the announcement was made that the new constitution has been adopted.

The COSCAPA current membership consists of: Natalie Adams, David Anderson, Ronald Anthony, Ralph Bailey, William Barr, James Bates, Monica Beck, Myles Bland, Brad Botwick, David Brewer, Kara Bridgman, Nancy Brock, Paul Brockington, Mark Brooks, Olga Caballero, John Cable, Chuck Cantley, Marsha Chance, Ashley Chapman, Tommy Charles, Chris Clement, Cynthia Connor, David Crass, Chester DePratter, Martin Dickinson, Lesley Drucker, Dan Elliott, Jim Errante, Chris Espenshade, Terry Ferguson, Tammy Forehand, Bonnie Frick, Chris Gillam, Al Goodyear, Bill Green, Ramona Grunden, Lynn Harris, Chris Judge, Deborah Keene, Adam King, Jonathan Leader, Chad Long, Valerie Marcil, Allen May, Robert Moon, Patrick Morgan, Robert Morgan, Sean Norris, Daphne Owens, Sharon Pekrul, Eric Poplin, Nena Powell Rice, Dawn Reid, Charlie Rinehart, Dr. Bruce RippetEAU, Wayne Roberts, Catherine Runyan, Tina Rust, Kristrina Shuler, Eric Sipes, Greg Smith, Steve Smith, Annette Snapp, Carl Steen, Keith Stephenson, Linda Stine, Ruth Troccoli, Gail Wagner, Lucy Wayne, Ruth Wetmore, Martha Zierden.

The COSCAPA "inactive" membership list consists of: Christopher Amer, David Babson, David Beard, Richard Brooks, Melanie Cabak, David Canisco, Elizabeth Collins, Carrel Cowen-Ricks, Robin Denson, Keith Derting, Pat Garrow, Drew Grainger, Mark Groover, Debi Hacker, Jeanne Haight, Fritz Hamer, Glen Hanson, Bruce Harvey, Christine Hensley, Mary Inkrot, Susan Jackson, Dee Dee Joyce, Rita Kenion, Larry Leionka, Todd McMakin, James Michie, Jenalee Muse, Wayne Neighbors, Elaine Nichols, Bruce Penner, John Peterson, Virginia Pierce, Jill Quattlebaum, Darwin

Ramsey-Styer, Ted Rathbun, Jackie Rice, David Rotenstein, Ken Sassaman, Stan South, James Spirek, Ken Styer, Niels Taylor, Bruce Thompson, Lee Tippett, Michael Trinkley, Robert Wise.

#### **Activities Committee** (Wayne Roberts)

The pottery workshop on November 6, 2004, was a success. The next workshop will be on GPS, and Chad Long will oversee this workshop early in 2005. There will also be a workshop on lithic raw material types in the spring of 2005. Please see committee members with comments/suggestions.

#### **Site Files Curation Committee/ COSCAPA SCIAA Liaison Committee** (Eric Poplin and Steve Smith)

Steve Smith has reviewed the curation manual, and has provided comments regarding his review. He has reviewed comments from TRC, Brockington, New South, the draft COSCAPA letter to the University (dated September 10, 2004), as well as comments presented from members of COSCAPA during the September 10, 2004 meeting. Steve circulated a matrix with his responses to the comments. Steve reminded everyone that these were his comments on responses to the draft manual, and he encouraged members of the community to contact him regarding these comments. Another meeting was scheduled for January 28, 2005 for the Site Files Curation Committee. Steve was thanked for all his hard work.

Regarding the GIS Project, there are now signed agreements between SCDOT, SCDAH, and SCIAA, and these organizations are moving ahead with the project. The server will be at USC. Jon Leader is in the process of purchasing equipment. The counties directly involved in the I-73 corridor will be the first to be available. In two years, every county should be accessible on-line. The second part of the GIS project will link the user to reports related to the site being researched.

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

At the state-level, there is still the push to reduce state government. The University of South Carolina is moving ahead with the research park, and at some point, SCIAA will be on the list to move into the research park. Dr. Leader has been receiving more calls lately regarding the looting of cemeteries.

Regarding Native American issues, there are six applicants for State recognition. As part of the application process, tribes are asked to provide histories and genealogies. Dr. Leader anticipates that a wealth of historic information will soon be entering the public record regarding these tribes.

Federal agencies are also suffering with funding problems, among other problems. There are problems in the national forest regarding an abundance of young (“teenage”) trees.

Prior to the 1980s, the national forests were harvested and now the trees are unhealthy and fire-prone. This has instigated “Healthy Forest Initiatives”. The Department of Defense has recently made attachments to bills regarding naval wrecks. These attachments would impose tougher penalties for looting, and the looter networks are very concerned about this. There is excitement about large sums of money coming to the organization Save America’s Treasures.

Recently in the State newspaper there was an article regarding human remains (associated with the Santee) being turned over to an unaffiliated group of Native Americans. Dr. Leader commented that the Santee from Nebraska (a federally listed tribe) claim Chief Koon of South Carolina as their kin. The Santee of Nebraska authorized the remains go to Chief Koon. This discussion prompted discussion on NAGPRA laws, and it was explained that when a tribe files a claim, the next step is that the claim goes before a federal review board. The final decision is based on a committee at the federal level making a determination. When asked about the State Archaeologist’s involvement, Dr. Leader explained that he is a steward, and doesn’t have the legal standing to deny a federal agency. It was then asked if SCIAA and the State Archaeologist could inform COSCAPA when other collections are being considered for repatriation. Dr. Leader explained that this could be done. It was also explained that prior to a request, it is the responsibility of the federal agency to inform parties involved. Dr. Leader offered to place a paragraph in the letter responding to the request regarding COSCAPA’s desire to be notified. At this time, however, there are no requests at SCIAA for repatriation, and the Santee are not requesting additional materials at this time (see New Business).

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

The committee met in October, and spent time discussing survey strategies (shovel test intervals, transect intervals). They have established a few changes regarding accuracy of GPS equipment, and when this equipment will be used in the field.

### **ASSC/ Certification Liaison Committee (Carl Steen)**

There is an upcoming meeting to begin discussions. While Arkansas has paid archaeologists overseeing their program, and paid professionals do need to oversee this program, there may be funding issues.

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

Research Division- Tommy Charles is currently working on a final report for the South Carolina Rock Art Survey. He has acquired a graduate student, Anthony Pickering, to assist with a publication on the prehistoric stone tools of South Carolina. He has just completed an exhibit on prehistoric American Indians for the Ellore Heritage Museum. He and Terry Ferguson are preparing to begin excavations in January at two sites on the Saluda River in the upstate: 38GR1 and 38PN35. At 38GR1, a Gradall will be used to remove plow zone from a large area to reveal features believed to be the result of

occupation by Pisgah people. He hopes to define a Pisgah village, or at least a dwelling or two, and to obtain radiocarbon dates and botanical remains for the occupation. At 38PN35, there is another Pisgah occupation as well as Late Woodland and Late Archaic, and possibly earlier, components. Initial testing indicates that both of these sites have well defined stratigraphy. He will be using volunteers and invites everyone to come up and take part in the excavations. If interested, contact Tommy at the Institute.

Stanley South is being his usual productive self. He is currently in the final stages of editing a book titled "Religion and the Modern Mind" written by one of his mentors, David Hodgkin, in the 1950s. This book will be published by Parkway Publishing in Boone, North Carolina. He has recently applied for funds to excavate the fort built around the town of Ninety Six in 1776 to defend against a possible attack by the Cherokee. If funding comes available, he expects to conduct that work in the Spring of 2005.

Chester DePratter is working on a survey in the marshes east of St. Helena Island in Beaufort County. Work there will involve a team including geologists and botanists with the ultimate goal being delineation of past shorelines, plotting of sea level changes, and the plant succession sequence for those burial islands which are less than 4500 years old.

Al Goodyear reports that planning and registration is underway for the May season at Topper. Excavations are planned for the deep Pleistocene terrace remains and the Clovis occupation recently discovered on top of the hill. Plans are being made also for a Clovis in the Southeast Conference to be held here in Columbia next Oct. 26-29 at the Columbia Convention Center. Registration and program details will be made available at the beginning of the year. A peer reviewed article will be submitted very early in 2005 to discuss the recent announcements.

Applied Research Division- Chris Clement is putting the final touches on the report of mitigation work at 38RD628 at Fort Jackson. Steve Smith and Jim Legg spent a month in the field at Fort Motte excavating a portion of the fort ditch and metal detecting around the battlefield. Jim and Steve also completed a draft report on work at Camden battlefield and that is under review by the ABPP.

OSA- The funds for the SCDOT-SCIAA GIS Project are online. Equipment is being ordered, hiring documents are being prepared and staff have been informed. A coordinating meeting with SCDOT, SCDAAH, and SCIAA will be forthcoming.

The conservation of the Oconee canoe continues on schedule at the Oconee County Heritage Center.

The first applicants for state recognition have been received by the statutory recognition committee for consideration. Six groups made application in this cycle. The applications have been discussed and the recommendations will be presented to the full Commission later this month.

Steve Smith has agreed to be involved with the curation manual process.

Jon Leader was named Distinguished Alumnus for Anthropology by his Alma Mater for 2004.

Ms. Jennifer King has joined the staff on a part-time basis as an Associate Curator.

Chris Gillam, SRARP-SCIAA, is nearing completion of his dissertation on archaeological predictive modeling at the SRS. He recently completed the editing of the 2001 and 2002 volumes of *South Carolina Antiquities* in September; the volumes have now returned from the printers and will be distributed in the coming weeks. Chris' research with Andrei Tabarev on the Upper Paleolithic of the Russian Far East is in press and will appear in the next issue of *Current Research in the Pleistocene*. Chris and David Anderson are conducting new research on the peopling of the Americas and have been invited to present their research at a jointly funded National Science Foundation-European Science Foundation workshop in France.

Maritime Research Division- The naval wrecks survey has been completed. Elena Derby is no longer with SCIAA, but there should be a replacement in June.

### **Old Business**

The Stanley South volume is ready to begin printing.

David Anderson distributed 25 cd copies of the 1996 ceramics volume (app. 300 pages). South Carolina's section is mostly complete, however David is missing some information from North Carolina. David asked that members of the community read the volume and provide him with comments. He also needs photos of ceramics that can be added to the cd as an appendix, along with other images of ceramics from South Carolina and North Carolina. His goal is to have a manuscript by this time next year. He will need access to collections housed at SCIAA in the spring, and it was recommended that he submit a letter of request now to SCIAA.

### **New Business**

Keith Stephenson requested COSCAPA donate \$400.00 to ASSC student grant-in-aid (this amount will be matched by ASSC). David Anderson motioned that we do this, and Chris Gillam seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

At this time, Eric Poplin moved that COSCAPA notify federal agencies that COSCAPA is an interested party regarding the repatriation of materials. Carl Steen seconded, and there was no opposition.

**State Historic Preservation Office** (Valerie Marcil)

There is a new preservation award, the Archaeological Stewardship Award, which may be presented for significant achievement in South Carolina archaeology. The criteria include project impacts, degree of difficulty, degree of outstanding status, and degree to which the project exceeds state and federal guidelines. The annual preservation conference is March 31, 2005. The web page for archaeology will be available soon.

**Heritage Trust Program** (Chris Judge)

Brian Long will be working with Chris as the Cultural Preserves Manager. The engineering study on Poinsett Bridge should be complete by December 15. It is anticipated that there will be a 14 acre addition to Congaree Preserve, adjacent to Moss Creek. The Heritage Trust Program is attempting to buy into the Altamaha site. Work will begin at the Kolb site on March 7 through March 12 (March 12 will be Public Day).

**SCDOT** (Wayne D. Roberts)

The GIS project is moving forward, and the agreements have been signed between SCDOT, SCDAH, and SCIAA. The first counties to be digitized will be those associated with the I-73 corridor, then focus will move to the counties associated with the US 17 Ace Basin project in the lowcountry. The on-call contractors for the next three years are Brockington and Associates, Coastal Carolina Research, Legacy Research, and New South Associates. The non-metal truss bridge inventory context is currently being reviewed at DOT. The Department has made an offer to purchase 150+ acres of the Battle of Fish Dam Ford battlefield, and it is likely that the offer will be accepted. It is anticipated that a draft report on the US 17 bridge replacement over the North and South Santee Rivers in Charleston and Georgetown counties will be complete in early 2005. The SCDOT and the FHWA are currently working towards tribal consultation.

**PRT** (Ashley Chapman)

There is a new residence being installed at Colonial Dorchester, and some of the present buildings are being removed. However, work will stay away from sensitive areas. Work is being done to photo document the cemetery and tombstones, bell tower, and tabby fort wall.

**University of Tennessee** (David Anderson)

The University has voted on David's tenure, and the vote was unanimous. He is serving as President-elect of the professional council of archaeologists in Tennessee. COSCAPA is being used as a model for the Tennessee council. Guy Weaver has requested copies of last year's newsletters, and Carl Steen has agreed to get these to him. The PaleoIndian database of the Americas is on the University website.

**ASSC** (Nena Powell Rice)

Volumes 33 and 34 (2001-2002) of the *South Carolina Antiquities* are out, and under Natalie Adams direction, volume 36 (2004) will be out soon. Volume 35 (2003) will discuss a session at the 2003 SEAC conference, however this volume at this time is not ready for publication.

The archaeology posters have gone out, but there are still plenty left at the Institute for distribution. There has been discussion in the past on doing a volume of the *South Carolina Antiquities* on all the old archaeology month posters. Nena is planning to get scanned images of the old posters, as well as the articles, and combine these into a book.

The ASSC conference will be on February 19, 2005. Vinnie Steponitus will be the speaker.

#### **Constitution Committee** (Steven Smith)

Since the new constitution is now in effect (see Membership Committee notes), the Archivist position needs to be filled. Chris Gillam volunteered to act as Archivist. Tina Rust (absent from the meeting) was recommended as well, and President Adams will contact her prior to the next meeting. There will be a vote at the next meeting.

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

Brockington is conducting data recovery excavations for SCDOT at 38UN989, and Archaic and Woodland site located opposite of the Fish Dam Ford battlefield. Surveys are also being conducted in Francis Marion National Forest and along US 17 (Ace Basin project).

#### **Diachronic** (Carol Steen)

Carl is working on the analysis of 7 years of work at the Kolb site, and trying to get dates on features with shell and Hanover pottery.

#### **New South Associates** (Natalie Adams)

A data recovery will begin at the Yauhannah Bluff site (for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) on January 17, 2005. Work will continue for approximately one month. Work will also be conducted for the US 701 bridge project, which is adjacent to the Yauhannah Bluff site. Brad is doing work in Beaufort County as well as finishing up a testing report for Shaw Airforce Base.

#### **Palmetto Research Institute** (John Cable)

PRI is conducting a 2,000 acre survey in Francis Marion National Forest. They have completed their third testing project at Fort Bragg in North Carolina.

**TRC** (Sean Norris)

The draft report on the SC 377 bridge replacement project over the Black River is almost complete. A data recovery is being conducted at Parris Island. Mona is writing up the results of the survey and testing project at Fort Bragg. Bill is conducting work in Horry County. The project in Horry is one that Carl Steen had previously worked on, and Carl asked that anyone who needs information he may have should contact him (regarding field notes and artifacts).

The next meeting was set for February 18, 2005, at Archives and History (if available). The meeting adjourned at 11:50 A.M.

**COSCAPA Treasury Year-End Report for 2004**

Credits:

<b>Amount</b>	
2004 Membership dues received (66 paid members; 56 Full and 10 Associate).....	\$1,220.00
2003 back-dues received in 2004.....	\$40.00
2005 Membership dues received in 2004.....	\$100.00
Historic Ceramic Workshop.....	\$290.00
Interest-bearing checking and savings accounts.....	<u>\$9.64</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b><u>\$1,659.64</u></b>

Debits:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Amount</b>
08-Jan	Envelopes for dues notices.....	\$5.28
08-Jan	Stamps for dues notices.....	\$37.00
04-June	Meeting refreshments.....	\$38.80
10-Sept	Meeting refreshments.....	\$21.65
10-Sept	Archaeology Month poster.....	\$400.00
16-Nov	Netfirms Web Hosting for COSCAPA website.....	\$59.40
18-Nov	Historic Ceramic Workshop.....	\$247.18
03-Dec	Meeting refreshments.....	\$16.36
03-Dec	ASSC Graduate Student Grant-in-Aid Program.....	<u>\$400.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<b><u>\$1,225.67</u></b>

Total Credits.....	\$1,659.64
Total Debits.....	<u>\$1,225.67</u>

2004 Surplus..... \$433.97

Balance as of December 31, 2004..... \$4,746.14  
Encumbered for SCPS&P Grant..... \$2,415.72  
Encumbered for Stan South Volume..... \$600.00  
*Available 2004 year-end balance*..... *\$1,730.42*

Contributors to Stan South Volume:

New South..... \$250.00  
TRC..... \$250.00  
AF Consultants..... \$100.00