The September 9, 2022 meeting of the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists was held at the Cayce Historical Museum Visitor’s Center, located at 1800 12th Street, Cayce, South Carolina. The meeting was convened at 10:00 a.m. by President Rebecca Shepherd. The following individuals were in attendance:

| **Name** | **Affiliation** | **Status** |
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| Rebecca Shepherd, President | SCDOT | Member |
| Kelly Higgins, Secretary | New South | Member |
| Robert Morgan | USFS- retired | Member |
| Adam King | SCIAA | Member |
| Ramona Grunden | TRC | Associate Member |
| Jessica Cooper | SCARNG | Member |
| Josh Fletcher | HDR | Member |
| Eric Poplin | Brockington | Member |
| Sean Norris | TRC | Member |
| Tracy Martin | SCDOT | Member |
| Natalie Pope | New South | Member |
| Amanda Rasmussen | USFS | Guest |
| Kelly Goldberg | USC Anthro | Guest |
| Karen Smith | SCDNR | Member |
| Keith Stephenson, Treasurer | SCIAA-SRARP | Member |
| James Stewart, Vice President | New South | Member |
| Keely Lewis-Schroer | USFS | Member |
| Robert Larsen | SHPO | Guest |
| Gail Wagner | UofSC | Member |
| Jim Errante | NRCS | Member |
| Jason Moser | USFS | Member |

**Guests/Visitors:** Robert Larsen, Kelly Goldberg, Amanda Rasmussen

**Secretary’s Report:** Kelly Higgins

Kelly did not receive any comments on the June 10, 2022 minutes. Minutes were accepted at the September 9, 2022 meeting.

**Treasurer’s Report:** submitted by Keith Stephenson

As of our last meeting on June 6, 2022, our account balance was $5,126.79. Quarterly expenditures consisted of $28.33 for refreshments at the September meeting and a $4.76 processing fee to PayPal. Quarterly income consisted of $240.00 in annual dues payments. This brings the account balance to $5,333.70.

Of the 60 active COSCAPA members for 2022 (56 Full Members and 4 Associate Members), 33 have paid this year’s dues for a total of $840.00, leaving 13 members with a collective outstanding balance of $260.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Membership Committee:** Eric Poplin

John Fisher applied and his application was sent out to the membership. The membership committee recommended he be accepted as a full member. He was voted in as a new member.

**Native American Liaison Committee:** No report

Chris Judge sent the board a list of activities that are coming up in Lancaster County, which was passed around. Full list is available upon request.

**Political Action Committee:** No Report

**Workshop Committee:** Natalie Adams Pope

Natalie said that while there haven’t been any meetings, if someone has an idea about a potential workshop, they should go ahead and organize it.

Kelly Goldberg had an announcement about work she has been doing with a new Public Heritage Lab at USC. This group is focused on connecting K-12 schools with archaeological resources throughout the state. They are hoping to open the Lab up to the public and will be kicking off with a Photogrammetry workshop. They have commitments from the University of Arkansas Center for Advanced Spatial Technologies to have some people lead the workshop. Hoping to do a two-day workshop, followed by a day of presentations, where local people in Columbia can show what they’ve been doing in photogrammetry and digital archaeology. Planning on doing it in late February or early March.

**ASSC Liaison:** Jessica Cooper

Fall Field Day is scheduled for October 8 from 10-3 at the 12,000 Year History Park in Cayce. Booths that will be present include SCDNR, Buzz, Scott Jones, Anthropology Graduate Student Organization, State Parks, Forest Service, etc. The SC Military Museum will be present and have a brick making exhibit.

The Archaeology Month Poster will be virtual this year and will be a story map hosted by SCIAA. SC Archives and History denied funding for a printed poster. We will need a plan for funding in the future.

The journals are almost complete. The 2021 journal is still waiting on a couple things, while the 2022 journal has had all but one article sent out for peer review. If you have any book reviews or notes from the field, please send along to Jessica Cooper.

**SCIAA Liaison:** Adam King

Nothing since the last meeting.

**STATE AGENCIES**

**SCDNR:** Karen Smith

Helping SCIAA conduct fieldwork at the Francis Marion National Forest. The Parker Annex hosted the SCESHA conference in early August, there were about 40 people were in attendance. Jacob Hamel, a MA student from UMass Boston, is studying the Fort Frederick material. He is hoping to determine the recipe used for tabby mortar.

Meg Gaillard finished a summer internship program where 8 students interned at DNR. She is currently running another one with two students, both from Benedict College studying Environmental Engineering, and are from the Bahamas. Their professor is looking to place additional students in internship programs, and if you are interested in a partnership please reach out to Meg.

Scot Jones visited over the summer to look at the Parrot Point collection. He is interested in bone pin manufacturing, which are in abundance in the collection. DNR also looked through the collection for dateable material, as Karen has a collaborative NSF grant with Matt Sanger and Victor Thompson on shell ring sites. Karen has provided 75 new dates from six rings and several related sites around the Pockoy Island area.

**SCIAA:**Adam King

Chester DePratter conducted an investigation in Beaufort looking for Stuart’s Town. Stuart’s Town was a short-lived attempt at a Scottish settlement that lasted for a year. Examined a couple hundred shovel tests and found some features to further examine. There will be a symposium in the spring, where Chester will talk about what he found and some other people will talk about Stuart’s Town and what was found in the area.

The ARD crew have done a couple small projects and will be starting at Fort Bragg in October. Steve and Jim are working at Camden Battleground. John Fisher and Giles Dawkes, of UCL, are conducting a field school at Pinkney Castle with students from UCL for the month of September.

MRD crew have been doing survey off Hilton Head and the Santee Delta looking for a French and Spanish sixteenth century shipwrecks. Will also be diving off Hilton Head in the fall looking to ground truth some anomalies they found.

John Fisher is taking over the Avocational Site Form. Chris Judge suggested making the form more simplified and recording a video of how to fill it out. This will be posted in a location that is TBD, but it will be widely shared. It would also be helpful to have a searchable database.

CURATION: The University can’t build a new facility until the old one is demolished. Therefore, the artifacts are being temporarily stored at the Science and Technology Building on campus (old Law School building). The collections were moved to this location the week of September 26 and will remain there until the new building is built (date TBD). Boxes that have not been restabilized prior to being moved will be set aside at SCIAA until they can be transferred to new boxes. The accessibility of the collections will be decreased during this time. New collections are still technically being accepted, but should only be sent if needed to complete contract.

**SRARP:** Keith Stephenson

Things are pretty quiet right now. There is a solar farm project coming up, and Forest Service projects are ongoing.

**SCDOT:** Rebecca Shepherd and Tracy Martin

Tracy Martin has started a new job as NEPA coordinator for the upstate region. The head archaeologist position is currently open and there is no word on when that position will be filled. There is currently one archaeologist for the foreseeable future and there might be slowdowns depending on how busy DOT is internally. Potentially will be doing less in house and using consultants more.

The SCDOT On Call contract expired in August and there are no plans to renew it. SCDOT projects will be dispersed through the small purchase project list. If your company is not on the small purchase list, please email Becca and she will tell you how to get on it.

Keeping busy with small bridge replacement, intersection improvement, and sidewalk projects. Tracy is monitoring at the Saluda Canal; there is only 150 feet left to remove and the project will hopefully wrap up soon. New South helped delineate a cemetery in York County, at the 77/160 interchange. NSA did some probing and a pentrometer survey. There are currently burials in the proposed and current ROW. Engineers are hoping to redesign the project to avoid the cemetery.

The intern helped out a lot over the summer, preparing old reports to be scanned and getting artifacts together for curation when there’s a new facility. The scanning project is going well, and reports from counties through Florence have been digitized. Georgetown through Newberry counties have been sent off and will hopefully have those digitized soon.

Bill Jurgelski presented at the Trail of Tears Conference

**SCDAH:** Robert Larsen

SHPO is busy as usual, they are helping the USFS with a new Programmatic Agreement. The SCDOT liaison position is still open. Rob is currently doing the bulk of the Corps work until that position gets filled.

**SCPRT:** No Report

Hiring an Archaeologist at Colonial Dorchester and Charles Towne Landing.

**The Charleston Museum:** No Report

**UofSC, Department of Anthropology:** Kelly Goldberg

The fieldschool at Sesquicentennial State Park with Kelly Goldberg and Nina Shreiner went well and they are hoping to do it again next year.

A volunteer program is starting up on Tuesdays from 5-7 to help process the artifacts from the Sesquicentennial fieldschool. However, they are running out of stuff to process, so if you have any artifacts that need washing or something that doesn’t need an excessive skill set, please reach out to Kelly Goldberg.

There will be a new internship program to help prepare students for working in CRM. A new postdoc, Nina Yomo, is in charge of this program and may be reaching out to different institutions to see if there are any internship opportunities (ideally paid). If you are interested in taking on students, reach out to Kelly Goldberg. Also have developed a “Shadow an Archaeologist” program to reach out to a more diverse group of students. This program will target HBCU students in the fall and high school students in the spring. Working with the Department of Education for the spring session. If you have any projects going on in the spring where you would be in a position to have high school students, around 2-4 students, to get on site experience for a day or two please reach out to Kelly Goldberg.

A new archaeology professor position will be opening up soon. The specialty will be posted soon, but the position will be tenure track.

**UofSC, Lancaster, Native American Studies Center:** No Report

**Clemson University:** No Report

**Coastal Carolina University:** Carolyn Dillian, email

We’ve added a new faculty member, Dr. Linwood “Jesse” Rouse, who holds expertise in remote sensing, drones, and GIS. We are excited to add his courses to the catalog and expand our offerings in these areas.

The historical archaeology fieldschool will likely be held at Brookgreen Gardens on an annual basis moving forward and will be taught by Dr. David Palmer

The “Waccamaw Indian People: Past, Present, Future” exhibit is still on display at the Horry County Museum, but traveling portions are moving around the county and state. The exhibit won the SAA Outstanding Public Archaeology Initiative Award in the spring, and the Award of Excellence from the Leadership in History Awards by the American Association for State and Local History. Thanks to COSCAPA for sponsoring us for the RPA Public Outreach Grant, which helped pay for exhibit materials.

We are working on a proposal for a Master’s degree in Cultural Resource Management. No timeline on when it will leave internal conversations. It’s a long term plan and we would like to discuss with COSCAPA as a group as we move further into the process.

**College of Charleston:** No Report

**University of Tennessee:** No Report

**Winthrop University:** No Report

**FEDERAL AGENCIES**

**NRCS:** Jim Errante

Conducting cultural resource training courses in North and South Carolina. DNR is helping with those programs.

Continuing to survey along streams following flooding, had a major slowdown during COVID and now getting caught back up.

**USACE:** No Report

Archaeologist position is now open. Hiring will be taking place during a nationwide program on September 14 and 15.

**USFS:** Jason Moser

Have two new employees, Amanda Rasmussen and Keely Lewis-Schrorer, they have been a welcome addition to the staff.

Starting a NAGPRA inventory project through a contract with the University of Tennessee. It contains 165 boxes worth of material excavated from five years of fieldschools in the 80s and 90s. They are lso going to be assisting in some re-bagging and re-boxing material.

Just finished a week long heritage review of the entire program, where people from all over the country came to take a look at the program and see how it’s working. Everybody’s been doing a really good job of updating the Forest Service records. For example, there are 11,337 sites on Forest Service land in South Carolina; 2060 are unevaluated, 129 are eligible, and two are listed on the NRHP (includes both structures and sites).

The Sewee boardwalk has been rebuilt after the storm damage from the last storm and is in really nice condition. The signage has not been replaced yet, hopefully that will get done in the next year.

Surveys are ongoing on all districts, except for Francis Marion. Call will go out for a cultural context for Francis Marion this fiscal year ending September 30.

**PRIVATE AGENCIES**

**AF Consultants:** No Report

**Arcadis:** No Report

**Brockington and Associates:** Eric Poplin

Hired Lisa Randall to help conduct work on a phosphate mining camp that has been underwater for a while. Jeff Sherrod is doing an analysis on historic Native American ceramics and presented a paper at a Southeastern conference.

Have a project starting in September in Hawaii that is scheduled to go through December. Will be supplying labor, screening dirt and looking for human remains. Project upcoming in Hitchcock Woods.

**Diachronic Research Foundation:** No Report

**HDR:** Josh Fletcher

Have been documenting small family cemeteries, one in North Carolina and the other in Georgia. Currently working on ~20 bridge replacement projects for DOT (Four of which are in Sumter National Forest; those will be started late this year or early next year). Still working on the 301 Bridge replacement over the Savannah River as it has been delayed due to high water. Gordon Watts at Tidewater Atlantic will be doing the underwater survey, but the water is still too high.

**New South Associates:** Natalie Adams Pope

Working on small DOT projects, primarily for Rural Roads Safety Program. Also assisted DOT with delineating a cemetery in York County. Kelly Higgins and Natalie will be meeting with Stacey Young for an upcoming project for SCPRT at the Governor’s Mansion Complex. The project will include GPR survey, shovel testing, test units, and a robust historical context. We will be assisting the North Carolina office on a couple Forest Service projects in Croatan and Uwharrie.

**TRC:** Sean Norris

Working on a small, seven-mile extension of the Palmetto Trail north of Greenville. Some potential for still sites and rock piles. Conducting small projects along the coast, some may turn into potential work. The big thing right now is the Congaree Remediation Project. The cofferdam alongside the Gervais Street Bridge has been built, but it is leaking- it was supposed to have been drained of water by now. Divers started working on the second cofferdam this week, which is closer to the Blossom Street bridge. The plan is to have the UXO removed over the fall with remediation starting in the spring. Hopefully will be going full swing by March/April of next year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Adam King provided some clarification on the NAGPRA collection discussion from the last meeting. Jon Leader reported at the last meeting the NAGPRA collections were going to the Catawba. SCIAA has done an inventory of all human remains, associated funerary objects, and things that might be unassociated funerary objects. Jon Leader has talked to tribes across the Southeast, and the Catawba were willing to take the material. After the inventory has been completed, the results are supposed to be published in the National Register, which was not done previously and has recently been published. This inventory has identified the cultural affiliation for material that can be identified as culturally affiliated. Culturally unaffiliated material has not been addressed yet. The next step for the culturally affiliated material is to distribute the results for conversation. The Catawba are still willing to take they culturally affiliated material. Jon has been consulting about the culturally unaffiliated material; when NAGPRA was contacted, they said much of the unaffiliated material can be culturally affiliated. Another widespread consultation invitation is needed for the culturally unaffiliated material. Once everyone is on board, it goes to the NAGPRA review board for approval. This material will not be going anywhere until the culturally unaffiliated collections at SCIAA are changed to culturally affiliated. Goal is to get a summary done before the end of the year in order to apply for NAGPRA grants to do the proper consultation and research on the entire collection.

**NEW BUSINESS**

The Southeastern Conference on Historic Sites Archaeology (SECHSA) had a good turn out, and a 3-year plan was developed for hosting the conference. Next year is tentatively at Georgia Southern and at UNC Greensboro the following year, and possibly in Georgetown after.

SCIAA is hiring Chris Moore to do Younger Dryas research, he will be starting in September.

The Archsite Committee was reconstituted to look for problems and resolutions for ArchSite (such as downloading data in NAD83). The committee consists of James Stewart (chair), Robert Larsen, and Keely Lewis-Schroer. Adam King will talk to SCIAA staff to re-form the ArchSite development group.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next meeting will be on December 2 at 10:00 am, at the DNR Parker Annex- 2025 Barnwell Street, Columbia SC.

President Shepherd adjourned the meeting at 12:15 pm.