

PAC Business Meeting

Harrisburg, PA

November 13, 2015

Attending: Beverly Chiarulli, Seth Mitchell, Jonathan Burns, Kurt Carr, Ira Beckerman, Paul Raber, Chris Kula, Mike Stanilla, Doug McLearn, Amanda Snyder, and Cathy Spohn.

President Beverly Chiarulli called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

Minutes of Spring Meeting: Beverly asked members to look over the minutes from the spring business meeting for corrections. Cathy made a motion to accept the meeting minutes as corrected; Doug seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

President's Report: Bev announced that the fall newsletter was sent this week. It includes the President's report. The focus is on increasing dues-paying membership. Last year an increase in annual dues to \$35 was approved; however the amount specified in the 2015 dues notice was only \$30. If you haven't paid 2015's dues yet, you can pay now \$25, \$30 or \$35. Paul asked if there would be a secure spot on our website to let members know what their status is. Bev said that PAC can't keep the free server at IUP, and Roger Moeller volunteered to take over the website. The PAC website has migrated to Roger's server. If you want to add anything to the website, either contact Roger directly or contact a Board member to notify Roger. Jonathan is running our Facebook and LinkedIn pages. Articles for the spring edition of the newsletter are due January 30, 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Bev reported on behalf of Lisa Dugas that the dues income as of 11/8/15 is \$995. There is a PayPal fee of \$3.11, which we will continue at least for next year. PAC gets to keep any profit from Archaeology month. Doug asked if we send any posters to other states; Bev replied that we do not. A discussion on how many posters are needed and how to distribute them more efficiently followed because of the costs of mailing them. Kurt suggested that 2,000 posters should be enough. Next year we will not need \$1,000 for book expenses.

Bev pointed out that the money from registrations for the Workshops in Archaeology comes into PAC's account; and PAC pays for brochures and honorariums with this money. Kurt said that this is not PAC money, although it is included in PAC's checking account balance. We are spending more than we are taking in. Following some discussion, Paul made a motion to keep funding the Farm Show in January, to the tune of \$1,000. Kurt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Paul made another motion to split the \$10,000 balance in our S&T CD, which matures on January 6, 2016, into three parts and invest the money to mature at different times. Kurt seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Amanda made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Doug seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Paul made a motion to set up a grant committee, to develop a program to help promote archaeology at schools and to search for grants. Jonathan seconded the motion. The motion

carried unanimously. Paul will head a committee to look at alternative mitigation strategies, such as the Archaeological Conservancy and mitigation banking.

Membership Committee: Seth reported that PAC has three new members since the spring business meeting. They are Dave Kroski, Amanda Snyder and Brian Fritz. For people who pay their annual dues after the spring meeting, that money will be applied to the following year.

Education Committee: Valerie Perazio is the chair of the Education committee, but it is not yet formed.

Public Outreach Options: Bev reported that there was a very poor turnout for Archaeology Day at the Capital this year, and asked if we should continue to hold it even though it does not cost PAC anything. Kurt said it's not worth it if there is no Fisher award and no speaker. Ira thought we should try to recruit more help from legislative aides, and that PennDOT would continue to support Archaeology Day. Paul made a motion to establish a public outreach committee to look into possible alternatives to Archaeology Day. Bev nominated Amanda and Ira nominated Joe Baker to serve on the committee. Doug seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Hatch Scholarship Committee: Paul noted that there is a problem finding candidates for the Hatch Scholarship, which provides money for students doing work in Pennsylvania archaeology to attend the SPA annual meeting. More response is needed from universities. Paul will try to contact university faculties and asked for help. Doug said that we need more young professionals to become members of PAC; Bev mentioned that we might add a student membership.

PHMC Report: Kurt stated that the State Museum will run out of space in a couple of years, and they are looking for temporary or permanent solutions. Moving the archives from the Archives Building, which has been suggested as a solution to the problem, has been delayed. The State Museum is still accepting collections. The program at Fort Hunter went well this year. Although no evidence of the fort was identified, lots of trade beads were found, indicating that Hunter or Chambers was trading with the Indians. The popular book on the archaeology of Pennsylvania is selling well, and the technical book on the Transitional period is under final review.

Doug reported that the BHP director, Serena Bellew, has left, and the acting director is Andrea MacDonald. Doug is participating in the State Transportation Innovation Council (STIC), an FHWA initiative which includes PennDOT, DEP, other agencies, universities and transportation firms. Their goal is to find innovative ways to improve transportation. He is a member of the Environmental Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for STIC. They have proposed the creation of a website for all historic bridges. Doug asked for ideas to suggest to the TAG.

Noël Strattan gave a presentation on the Archaeological Predictive Model sponsored by FHWA and PennDOT and developed by AECOM, to help in transportation planning. The state was divided into ten regions and 66 sections based on physiographic zone and watershed. Data from PASS files and 91 secondary variables were used to construct the model. Each region was

divided into areas of high, medium and low probability. It is estimated that 85% of all prehistoric sites will be located in 33% of the landscape (i.e. in high probability landscape). Issues still to be addressed include how to incorporate testing of the model into scopes of work and reports, and how to incorporate rates of disturbance into the model. Steve McDougal said that BHP has prepared guidelines for using the model. For any project with an APE greater than 50 acres or longer than 15 miles for linear projects, a Statewide Prehistoric Predictive Model Testing Methodology Form will be completed. A certain percentage (5-10%) of low to medium probability areas will be tested to high probability standards. For projects under that threshold (50 acres or 15 miles), a comparison matrix form will be completed. Chris Kula said that a column for disturbances should be added to the matrix. Seth asked about getting private companies to pay for testing of low to medium probability areas at high probability level as they will probably object. Noël said that she doesn't know when the model will go live, possibly early in 2016. The guidelines will go into effect at the same time. Noël added that there will be a new release for CRGIS in the future, with a new platform, and movement towards electronic submissions, but she doesn't know when that will happen.

PennDOT Report: Ira reported that Ryan Royles has left PennDOT, and Susanne Haney and Becky Knapp are filling in for him. Angie Jaillet is in training to fill in until a replacement can be hired. Right now there is a hiring freeze, so Ryan's position will be posted and advertised when the hiring freeze is lifted. There will be another training class for District Delegates and CRPs next year. CRM firms are getting delegated to perform work under the P3 project. Some amendments to the PA have been proposed and have been sent to the CRPs. They are mostly tweaks and updates, but there is one major change regarding exempted projects. Projects that require the use of geotextile and fill in temporary construction easements will no longer be exempt because this is a standard treatment and a finding must be made. PennDOT no longer has an agreement to perform geomorphology with Clarion University since Frank Vento has retired, but we still have a contract with IUP to do geomorphology. Due to the budget crisis, no travel is allowed except for that which is related to project delivery and is mission critical. Contracts are also on hold for this reason.

MAPP Report: Angela Jaillet has completed the video for Pennsylvania for the MAPP project. MAPP (Making Archaeology Public Project) consists of short videos from all 50 states in honor of the 50th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act passed in 1966. The Preservation 50 website will host all 50 videos, and there will be a dedicated Youtube channel.

New Business: Bev suggested that PAC plan to attend the PA Land Conservation Conference at State College from May 19 to 21. A booth for three days would cost \$45. Members would be needed to staff the booth.

Paul said that a topic and an organizer are needed for the 2016 PAC symposium in April. He is working on a revision of the Susquehannock volume. Gary Coppock will publish the 2015 symposium through the Society of Industrial Archaeology. Kurt said that he would organize the 2016 symposium on prehistoric quarries in PA.

At 12:30 PM, Doug moved that the meeting be adjourned. Amanda seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cathy Spohn