

PAC Business Meeting

November 28, 2016

Attending: Beverly Chiarulli, Seth Mitchell, Lisa Dugas, Kurt Carr, Kira Heinrich, Bill Liebekencht, Amy Covell-Murthy, Jon Libbon, Ira Beckerman, Rick Giedel, Phil Neusius, Bill Chadwick, Paul Raber, Chris Kula, Jonathan Burns, Cathy Spohn, Mike Stanilla, Mark McConaughy, Joe Baker, Marion Smelter and Lisa Dugas.

Minutes from Spring Meeting: Moved that minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Proposed by Ben Resnik, seconded by Paul Raber.

Election results: Bev Chiarulli re-elected as president; Michael Stanilla as Vice President; Lisa Dugas as Secretary Treasurer; Board members at Large; Jonathan Burns and Gary Coppock

President's report: (Bev Chiarulli)

- Good year in some ways; expanding PAC's presence to other venues, including Byways; latter was good place

Treasurer's report: (Lisa Dugas)

- Membership has increased (10 new members) and 41 paid members
- People mostly pay in April
- 5 donations of \$300 for poster; poster fee \$900; remainder will go into 2017 poster
- More expenses last year than previous years
- Over \$100 on PAC meeting last year
- PA heritage conference, PA Land Trust, Farmshow
- Want to separate Workshops out of PAC in a separate banking account to make finances clear
- Kira notes that PAC can request funds as part of Section 106 mitigation public outreach efforts
 - SHPO has been doing this, but PAC can also do so
 - Need to send letters to agencies to ask to be part of consulting parties
 - And talk to SHPO
- IRA suggests approaching DGS and get on list of vendors that do outreach; but PAC is a non-profit

Membership Committee: (no report)

Education report: PAC has a presence; Pennsylvania Social Studies teachers conference in December; and Science Teachers conference

- TSMP is working on education curriculum for 4th to 8th graders; TV show series from public television; starts with a W
- Petroglyph presentation at FARM show from TSMP

HATCH/PAC Scholarship Committee:

- Paul Raber made motion for PAC to support \$300 toward Hatch Scholarships; preference given to presenters of papers/posters, but can include attendees

Publications: Transitional volume out; Raber is working on Susquehanna volume and a quarry volume based on quarry session;

Any ideas for PAC symposium next Spring

PHMC report: (Kira Heinrich, SHPO Project Manager)

- SHPO not BHP anymore but SHPO; lot of positions open;
- Deal with PASS file backlog and report backlog; hope to be caught up by next fall
- Won the “heavy” Otto Haas award
- Doing public outreach for plan update

TSMP: (Kurt Carr)

- New director; Beth Hagar was acting director and became permanent director; she has initiated temporary exhibits in the main gallery
- Archaeology: merging compliance databases; up to 200,000
- Running out of space; getting old TSMP book storage room for additional space
- Outreach programs; Fort Hunter (3000 people); Campona event (2500 people); Indian Steps;
- Large amateur collections

PennDOT report: (Ira Beckerman)

- Angie has filled some archaeologist position
- Hiring a new architectural historian and archaeologist
- Deputy Secretary is retiring; Scott Christie; sets the tone for PennDOT
- Expect a number of retirements in the next couple of years
- Public-Private-Partnership (P3) program seems to be working; issues with follow through on compliance reports; these are bonded programs;
- Interpreted as design/build on steroids; has taken root and going to be promoted
- Constrained by revenue stream from gas taxes, etc; any given year getting about 1/3 of what need to get infrastructure back up to speed
- Project PATH being operated by IT; want to create an interface between SHPO and PennDOT
- Want to add a private path for archaeology reports
- SHPO will have this option in something like CRGIS; their timeline is 2020.

Statewide Archaeological Predictive Model: (Chris Kula)

Links to seven volumes of report on web site; www.penndotcrm.org

- Funded by FHWA
- Want to test and evaluate
- State divided into 10 areas based on watersheds
- Most of project areas today are really small
 - What is distribution of project sizes?
 - 3 tiers of project sizes; how will test is in a table from slide presentation
 - 50 acres and above; consult with SHPO before testing
 - Less than 50 acres divided into 2 tiers
 - Tier 1: testable APES under 2 acres; test at high probability interval
 - Tier 2: greater than 2 and less than 50, rely on professional judgement to determine testing strategy
 - SHPO using only project size; PennDOT looked at “testable” APE and not simply project size; “testable” means undisturbed and less than 15 percent slopes, unless rockshelters present; people need to take a hard look at wetness—even if wet now, maybe not wet in the past;
 - Variability of survey frequency across state will affect how will test model
 - Want people to report in terms of mapping; preliminary thoughts about what think of model
 - Model based on environmental variables and not take into consideration cultural reasons why people put a site into an area
 - Want to get to “pretty good” probability
 - Have to account for disturbance when evaluating models
- I. Beckerman: mission as an agency is to make good faith effort to find sites; want model to become as good as human judgment; PennDOT archaeologists testing Tier 1 now; some consultants are applying now but more after the first of the year
- Model only applies prehistoric archaeology
- Questions
 - P. Raber: wants all archaeologists in PA, including PAC, to discuss in forums; concerned with applications of model; does not see this allowed for in the schedule; suggests workshops to discuss implications
 - Ira wants to know what concerns and why can’t do data gathering; not going to affect how people do things

Consulting Party Report: nothing active; L. Dugas did attend a Maryland meeting on 219 and B. Chiarulli attended meeting in Uniontown on bridge replacement

Education Committee Report: (no active representative)

- 2017 is PAC's year for poster; J. Burns is doing the poster; B. Chiarulli suggests talking to G. Coppock about printing; J. Baker says he knows some printers; CRM firms dropping in making contributions of \$300 or more, which gets you listed on the poster
- Public Outreach Options
 - Archaeology Day at State Capitol: basically now defunct
 - Fisher Award: maybe give at Preservation Pennsylvania conference
 - Archaeology Month Poster
 - Farm Show 2017: theme is petroglyphs and symbols
 - Archaeology Channel Membership?
 - Decided not do Land Conservation Conference again as no one went into exhibits room
 - Saw Byways conference as useful; maybe participate more in 2017

K. Carr discussed Shongren reburial