



**Pennsylvania Archaeological Council
Business Meeting
April 5, 2019**

Attending:

Hannah Harvey, Lisa Dugas, Mike Stanilla, Ira Beckerman, William Chadwick, Gary Coppock, Amy Covell-Murthy, Susanne Haney, Paul Raber, Rick Geidel, Kurt Carr, Roger Moeller, Jonathan Burns, Mark McConaughy, Angela Jaillet-Wentling, Sarah Neusius, Phil Neusius, Kristin Scarr, Bev Chiarulli, Chris Kula

Minutes from Fall Meeting:

Moved that minutes of the last meeting be accepted. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Bev Chiarulli requested that Mike Stanilla lead the meeting. No President's report was presented.

Treasurer's Report:

Presented by Lisa Dugas

- Member Dues – 17 members had paid since 1/1/2019. In 2015 there were 65 members, and now there are over 80. We have approximately 60 people who pay regularly.
- Archaeology Month – poster printing fees will be cheaper than last year, and they have been going down in cost.
- Publications – Penn State Press will be invoicing for the Susquehannock book. We will send the \$1500 to SPA so they can be invoiced for the entire amount. As noted in the Spring 2018 minutes, we had increased the publication funds from \$1000 to \$1500
 - We might need to dip into the savings account this year due to the larger Publications contribution.
- According to the constitution, the accounts must be audited by a CPA every two years and before they can be turned over to a new treasurer. Ken Basalik has done this for PAC in the past.
- *Mark McConaughy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Kurt Carr seconded. Motion passed.*

Membership:

Presented by Mike Stanilla

- New Members: Katherine Peresolak, Lara Homsey-Messer, Wade Catts (re-join).

Elections:

Presented by Rick Geidel

- Extended thanks to Angie Jaillet-Wentling and Sarah Neusius for serving on the committee.
- New officers to assume their positions at the close of this business meeting:
 - President: Ira Beckerman
 - Vice President: Mike Stanilla
 - Secretary/Treasurer: Hannah Harvey
 - Board Members: Gary Coppock, William Chadwick

Consulting Party:

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- We need to clearly designate who signs MOAs on behalf of PAC, and this issue has arisen in situations with PennDOT.
 - By-laws typically designate signers, but nothing is explicit ours



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- Group discussion raised several points: Can we pass a motion which will be recorded in the minutes stating that whoever is head of the ad-hoc Consulting Party committee may sign MOAs? Or, should it be designated as the President or the Section 106 Coordinator. This is like signing a contract, so any officers authorized by the executive board should be able to sign. Can we just reference the by-laws and send that to PennDOT?
- Conclusion: It might be time to look at the by-laws since the last amendment was in 2009

Hatch Scholarship:

Presented by Paul Raber

- The award amount increased to \$150 per recipient
- There were four applicants this year, all of whom were reviewed and approved: Tamara Alchoufete (University of Pittsburgh/Carnegie Museum), Jake Amsler (Juniata College), Kristina Gaugler (IUP), Andrew Malhotra (IUP)

PHMC/State Museum:

Presented by Kurt Carr

- Workshops – The 2018 Workshops about the Susquehannocks were a huge success with 186 attendees, which was 5 more than the Climate Change Workshops.
- Farm Show – Approximately 34,000 visitors, which was fewer than last year. A meeting was held to explore the idea that all state agencies should be in one spot, but there was less traffic the last time that was tried. PAC discussion raised several ideas for possible themes for next year: the Delaware, the Monongahela, rockshelters, “Fantastic Archaeology” – to debunk misconceptions. Settled on Monongahela as a good theme that can be compared with the Susquehannocks and can pulled a different geographic audience.
- Veigh Collection donation – This is a huge project, and the State Museum is still working on it. We need to provide a summary to his family.
- Pennsylvania Summary – Being prepared by University of Pennsylvania Press. Page proofs will be sent. 3 volumes all in one binding. The only includes pre-contact archaeology. It is scheduled for 2019, but the proof says 2020. There will be no discounts for SPA/PAC, and the cost will be \$130. 1,000 copies will be printed.
- Databases – Section of Archaeology staff continue to combine artifact catalogs into a single SQL database. The State Museum wants to build one database for the entire museum system, but it is largely built to fit other types of museum collections. The archaeological collection database might not fit into the new museum system.

PHMC/SHPO

Presented by Hannah Harvey

- The new Archaeology Project Reviewer, Casey Hanson, starting on April 15. Casey is coming from the Texas Historical Commission/Texas State Historic Preservation Office where he served as a SHPO Section 106 and Antiquities Code of Texas project reviewer.
- We are currently revising the *Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations* and the *Data Submission Guidelines*. We hope to have both documents ready in May. Changes to the archaeology guidelines solely focus on the new electronic submission requirements, and changes to the submission guidelines are intended to clarify exactly what is required and how the process works.



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PennDOT:

- Staff changes: Kara Russell is replacing Ira Beckerman and Kevin Mock replaced Chris Kula as Archaeology Supervisor. Cathy Spohn (District 6) will be retiring in April and Joe Baker will be retiring at the end of May. The CRPs will be reshuffled as follows:
 - Jaillet-Wentling – PHAST and District 11
 - Scarr – Moving to western PA to take 9 and 12
 - Haney – 10 and 1
 - Shaffer – 2 and 3
 - Mock – Supervisor and 4
 - McDougal – 5 and 8
 - Lenert – Will cover 6 until a replacement for Cathy Spohn is hired. There is a plan to create a District 4 and 6 grouping.
- Cultural Resources Handbook – There are a few comments that need to be addressed, but this will hopefully be out by the spring.
- Programmatic Agreement – Looking at making some changes to the PA in cases with adverse effects.
- Pre-Contact Probability Model – There are still many questions about how this is being tested, if the model will be re-run, and how it is affecting field methodology.
 - General suggestions that PennDOT draft a brief describing the strategies for testing the model and send it to PAC. This could also be a topic for a PAC Fall Program.

New Business:

- **African American Burial Ground Network Act**
 - PAC was contacted by a group that is requesting support for the African American Burial Ground Network Act.
 - *Rick Geidel moved that PAC should send a letter of support, Paul Raber seconded. Motion passed.*
- **New York Archaeological Council**
 - In response to recruiting e-mails sent by Gary Coppock, the New York Archaeological Council expressed interest in each organization paying dues to become a member of the other group. PAC members do not feel that reciprocal membership makes sense but agreed that we could coordinate by sending newsletters, meeting minutes, etc.
 - Other ideas included:
 - Reaching out to other states to form a Middle Atlantic alliance of councils
 - Offer NYAC space in our newsletter for a column, or even a section for updates from other councils
 - Adding NYAC events to our conference calendar
 - *Mark McConaughy moved that we should communicate with NYAC but not join, Kurt Carr seconded. Motion passed.*
- **Historic Preservation Specialist Reclassification**
 - PennDOT and the PA SHPO use the Secretary of the Interior's professional qualifications in hiring their staff, but there is nothing in the Historic Preservation Specialist position description that matches the qualifications for a professional archaeologist, making it difficult to identify, hire, and appropriately compensate qualified candidates. PAC and SPA should send a letter to the Office of Administration supporting reclassification.



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- *Sarah Neusius moved that PAC should send a letter to OA, Paul Raber seconded. Motion passed.*
- **Student Member Class**
 - Ira Beckerman would like PAC to consider adding a student member level targeted at graduate students. We would need to amend the constitution to do this. We've agreed in the past to allow student membership, but never acted on it.
 - The board can work on crafting the details.
- **Ad-Hoc Student Mentorship Committee**
 - *Ira Beckerman moved to create an ad-hoc committee to develop a plan for starting a student mentorship program, Sarah Neusius seconded. Motion passed*
- **New Logo for PAC**
 - Hannah Harvey suggested that PAC could use an updated logo and that this could be created through a logo contest aimed at students. Gary Coppock suggested that a consulting company's graphics department could take the winning design and give it professional polish. The board will figure out the details and timeline for the contest.
 - *Mark McConaughy moved that PAC proceed with the contest and that the award should be \$100, Sarah Neusius seconded. Motion passed.*
- **2019 PAC Fall Program**
 - The PA SHPO will organize the next Fall Program around the theme of challenges to managing 20th century archaeological sites. The event will include a series of case studies dealing with sites from this time period. The session will conclude with a group discussion about how these sites should be recorded, evaluated, and if there are any site types that should not be documented.
- **Pandenarium Historical Marker**
 - Angie Jalliet-Wentling nominated the site of Pandenarium in Mercer County for a PHMC Historical Marker. The nomination was approved and fully-funded through a PHMC Underrepresented Communities initiative.
 - For consideration in future nominations: there was a bump in the review process because Angie used her own work as a citation due to lack of other publication about the site, but she was able to get a letter of support from the SPA.
- **Newsletter and Social Media**
 - Please submit content to Gary Coppock for inclusion in the newsletter and to Jonathan Burns for use on social media. It is important to include images.
- **Susquehannock Publication**
 - Paul Raber reported that there are flyers about the upcoming Susquehannock publication that include a code for a 30% discount. These are available in the Spring 2019 Newsletter.

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah Harvey