



**Pennsylvania Archaeological Council
Business Meeting
October 30, 2020 – 9:30 to 11:30 am**

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

We recognize and acknowledge that Pennsylvania stands on indigenous lands. Descendant communities of the peoples who lived here include but are not limited to the Federally Recognized Tribes of:

Absentee-Shawnee Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma
Cayuga Nation
Delaware Nation, Oklahoma
Delaware Tribe of Indians
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma
Oneida Indian Nation
Oneida Nation
Onondaga Nation
Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe
Seneca Nation of Indians
Seneca-Cayuga Nation
Shawnee Tribe
Stockbridge Munsee Community, Wisconsin
Tonawanda Band of Seneca
Tuscarora Nation

Attending:

Hannah Harvey, Ira Beckerman, Casey Hanson, Chuck Williams, Susan Prezzano, Kira Heinrich, William Chadwick, Amy Covell-Murthy, Gary Coppock, Susanne Haney, Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Jonathan Burns, Corey Hovanec, Christine Kula, Justin McKeel, Phil Neusius, Jonathan Libbon, Sarah Neusius, Ben Resnick, Katherine Sterner, Mike Stanilla, Paul Raber, William Johnson

Minutes from Spring Meeting

Sarah Neusius moved to accept the minutes from 11/8/2019. Gary Coppock seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report (Beckerman)

Please see the Fall 2020 PAC Newsletter for the President's Report
([https://www.pennarchcouncil.org/PAC%20Newsletter%2032\(2\).pdf](https://www.pennarchcouncil.org/PAC%20Newsletter%2032(2).pdf))

Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Harvey)

- 2019 Final Cash Flow - Income: \$4,143.08 and Expenses: \$4,110.72 = Surplus \$32.36
- 2020 Cash Flow –
 - General Income: \$2,770.71 and Expenses: \$1,487.45 = Surplus \$1,283.46
 - Unexpected expenses: Zoom, Domain registration
 - Archaeology Month Income: \$2,200 and Expenses: \$711.71 = Surplus \$1,488.29
- 2021 Budget
 - General Fund: \$2,663 and Expenses: \$1,715.41 = Surplus \$917.59
 - New expenses: Adobe Rush video editing software
 - Archaeology Month – will do fundraising to build on surplus to support more activities
- 2019-2020 Audit – Our bylaws require an audit every two years and Ken Basalik has agreed to perform this for us again.



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- Web Domain – Information regarding our domain registration account with Network Solutions had become lost over the years. In the past our yearly renewal has been paid by an unknown entity. We will transfer the domain to our existing web hosting account during the next year.
- Susquehannock Volume Fundraiser – We have sold 21 copies and earned \$312 after expenses. There are 7 books remaining that can be purchased for \$15, \$20 if mailed.
- COVID Waiver for 2021 Dues – This summer, the PAC membership approved COVID-19 dues amnesty for 2021 for new and returning members who may be experiencing financial difficulty due to the pandemic. Dues are automatically waived for new and returning student members. Other members may confidentially request a waiver. Anyone seeking amnesty will retain active Professional member status.
- *Jonathan Libbon moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and 2021 Budget. Sarah Neusius seconded. Motion passed.*

Newsletter Report (Coppock)

- Please continue to send announcements about jobs, research, events, field schools, etc.

Membership Committee Report (Stanilla)

- One new member since the Fall Newsletter: Katherine Sterner.

Agency Reports

PHMC/State Museum – Please see report at the end of the minutes

PHMC/PA SHPO (Hanson)

- Getting closer to the time when CRGIS will be replaced by PA-SHARE for all submissions to SHPO. There will be training on how to use the system. Updates about the transition will be offered on the SHPO's blog: <https://pahistoricpreservation.com/countdown-share/>.

Carnegie Museum (Covell-Murthy)

- Museum staff are no longer furloughed, and the museum is open to walk-ins. Volunteers and researchers can visit the archaeological collections with an appointment.
- All handwritten artifact catalogs have been added to a searchable database for entire collection.
- Museum wants to partner with Pitt to do a local excavation and is still finding a site – might be doing some work at Arsenal Park.
- In January they will start creating a new human remains policy for museum involving legal counsel and the Museum's board of ethics.

PennDOT (Haney and Jaillet-Wentling)

- Keith Heinrich filled the Architectural Historian CRP position for districts 9-0 and 12-0.
- PHAST was delayed due to a moratorium on internships at the Commonwealth level, but this was resolved via the interagency agreement with IUP. They wrapped up field work in August and still completed same number of projects as previous years.
- PennDOT is working with the USACE to integrate them into the delegation PA.
- Staff are working with SHPO to integrate PATH and PA-SHARE.



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Hatch Scholarships (Raber)

- No scholarships awarded for 2020. If there is a meeting in 2021 they will be awarded. There might be some consideration of whether the award can be applied if the 2021 meeting occurs virtually.

OLD BUSINESS

Ad Hoc Committee on Mentoring (Jaillet-Wentling)

- A lot of internships have been cancelled or are undergoing major changes due to COVID.
- The committee is looking at building a database of regional internship programs for the PAC website. If you have info on internships and university mentoring programs, send them to Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Amy Covell-Murthy, Joe Baker, or Bill Chadwick.

Ad Hoc Committee on Sexual Harassment (Chadwick)

- Committee has been formed with 5 members. Plan to review existing policies from universities/other organizations. What parts can we re-use and where we want to go with it?
- Even though our organization is small, we need something to cover events under the PAC banner and look at the following questions:
 - Should we have any rules for who can or cannot be a member based on this issue?
 - If we have a policy, does that become a template for other groups in PA?

2021 Archaeology Month Poster (Haney)

- Markosky has volunteered to design and produce the next poster on theme of blacksmith shops.

PAC Virtual Events (Harvey)

- We held a virtual speaker series on Zoom for Archaeology Month that consisted of four talks on a variety of subjects. Roughly 60 people attended the series and we averaged 25 per talk. Videos are up on PAC's YouTube channel:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCqE6FrLVyiQb4U_2e-ZBtoA.
- Because we are paying for Zoom, we plan to offer more virtual public education opportunities and are looking for ideas of themes and speakers. The platform is also available for activities like oral history interviews and virtual happy hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Website (Harvey)

- We are still looking for a webmaster to replace Roger Moeller at his request. In the interim, Hannah Harvey will develop a new site using Wordpress. We will work to get this set up over the next year.

2021 Farm Show Participation (Beckerman)

- 2021 Farm show will be a virtual event. We haven't been able to get information about possible advertising opportunities. We can continue to plan for a stand-alone archaeology booth that represents many different agencies, organizations, and institutions for a future year.



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2021 Spring Meeting (Beckerman)

- The current plan is to hold the PAC Spring Meeting and SPA Annual Meeting at the same venue as was planned for 2020. The PAC Fall Meeting and Symposium is scheduled for Friday, April 9, 2021 if it can be held in person.

Elections for 2021-2023 (Neusius)

- The election will be held November to December 2020 and results will be shared with the members in mid-January. Elected officers will begin their terms at the end of the Spring meeting.

Committee Vacancies (Beckerman)

- Membership & Ethics – contact Mike Stanilla
- Consulting Parties – contact Lisa Dugas

Increasing Diversity in PAC Membership (Beckerman)

- Discussion: How can we encourage diversity and include more voices in our organization?
- SAA efforts:
 - Examining leadership structure to expand it and include more diverse representation
 - Looking to grow diversity of voices in publications and editorship
 - Finding ways to open avenues for underrepresented people to feel like they're part of the society, such as financial incentives
 - Communicating with sub groups within the organization (student groups, Native American groups) to come up with a more comprehensive plan
 - Creating a fund to encourage more people to attend meetings
- PAC brainstorming
 - Expand Hatch Scholarship to target students from underrepresented communities or to include young professionals
 - Look at encouraging membership among THPOs through a dues waiver, establishing liaisons to PAC – they need to have a vote/voice in what we are doing
 - Look at ways of sponsoring new members such as a Sponsorship member category or increasing the amount paid by Sustaining members
 - Partner with the Society of Black Archaeologists (SBA) to look at joint membership, make an appeal through SBA for people to join PAC
 - Invite SBA or another group to partner on a special Newsletter, workshop, presentation, or forum
 - 2021 Thematic speaker series to look at more diverse issues, other voices in PA archaeology
 - Engage preservation groups that focus on resources that are of value to those groups – example: Young Preservationists of Pittsburgh
 - PHMC Historical Marker Program and DEIA initiatives are supporting efforts to cover underrepresented themes – We could set up fund to do another marker, and we can help provide expertise for preparing nominations

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah Harvey, Secretary-Treasurer



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State Museum Report

The Section of Archaeology at the State Museum has been working from home since March. We are fortunate to have access to many of our files through OneDrive so we are continuing to process collections. Our main goal has been to populate an agency-wide collections management data base. When completed, this will allow researchers and the public to access the collection through a single data base. Most of the compliance collections are electronic and have been converted to a single format. We are currently working on the older collections that do not have electronic catalogues and creating Excel spread sheet from paper catalogue lists. This is basic data entry on a massive scale and can be mind numbing work for staff but is incredibly important to Pennsylvania archaeology. The next time you have contact with staff from the Section of Archaeology, please thank them.

As part of this work, short descriptions of interesting artifacts are being developed with photographs and are available to the public on our web site under PHMC Collections.

The State Museum galleries have been closed since March. No date has been set for re-opening to the public, but we are anxious to do so. This may happen in the spring, but it is dependent on the status of the Covid-19 virus. However, the Exhibits department is very busy, conducting maintenance on the exhibits in preparation for re-opening. This includes developing virtual exhibits. As part of this process, the mannequins in the Delaware Village have been removed. Many were stereotypic and even hideous representations of Native Americans. Over the years, we have had numerous complaints, so it was felt that now was the time re-interpret the Village. We are in the process of planning a new design and it should be completed in 2021.

As many of you know, the Workshops were virtual this year consisting of presentations on the first four Fridays in October. The theme was The Delaware Indians: Then and Now. The presentations were the Prehistoric Archaeology of the Upper Delaware by Roger Moeller; The Contact Period in New Jersey: An archaeological Perspective by Greg Lattanzi; Lenapes and Colonists in the Lower Delaware Valley, 1624-1700 by Jean Soderlund; and The Delaware Indians – Where they are now by Brice Obermeyer. They were all very well done. This was a new form of presentation for museum staff and for some of the presenters and their efforts are much appreciated. About 250 registered for the series, with at least 100 in attendance for each presentation and at least 80 remained until after the Q and A session at the end of each presentation.

Based on the success of the Workshops, other presentations are being planned for other curators along with children's programs by the Education section.

Currently, we are not accepting new collections and are not permitting in-person access to the collections. I am hoping that will change, maybe in January but it all depends on the virus. Feel free to contact staff with any questions.

Stay safe, maintain social distancing, wear masks and be healthy.

Kurt Carr