



Pennsylvania Archaeological Council
Business Meeting
April 9, 2021 – 9:40 to 10:40 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
Pamunkey Indian Tribe

Attending:

Ira Beckerman, Hannah Harvey, Mike Stanilla, Bill Chadwick, Jesse Walker, Charles Williams, Susan Prezzano, Kurt Carr, Cathy Spohn, Jonathan Libbon, Bernard Means, Phil Neusius, Sarah Neusius, Amy Covell-Murthy, Ben Ford, Casey Hanson, Angie Jaillet-Wentling, Chris Kula, Tim Carn, Jessica Schumer, Katherine Sterner, Kira Heinrich, Susanne Haney

Minutes from Fall 2020 Meeting

Sarah Neusius moved to accept the minutes from 10/30/2020. Bernard Means seconded. Motion passed.

President's Report (Beckerman)

- Scott Heberling will represent PAC as a member of Preservation Pennsylvania's Pennsylvania At-Risk evaluation committee.
- African American Burial Ground legislation – PAC supported the 2020 legislation for the African American Burial Grounds Study Act. Unfortunately, although it passed in the Senate, it did not get passed in the House to become law. We have been asked to support the re-introduction of the Act for the current Congress, and have done so. This bipartisan legislation directs the National Park Service (NPS) to conduct a study on ways to identify, interpret, preserve, and record historic African American burial grounds. The bill authorizes \$2.5 million over 3 years to carry out the study. The Secretary of the Interior would examine:
 - How to engage with the communities connected to the burial grounds
 - Processes for identifying unmarked and unrecorded African American burial grounds
 - Alternatives for providing a public database with information on historic burial grounds
 - How to commemorate and interpret historic African American burial grounds
 - Best practices for preserving burial ground landscapes and caring for artifacts.



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Secretary/Treasurer's Report (Harvey)

- 2019-2020 Audit – Ken Basalik completed our audit for 2019-2020. Thank you Ken.
- 2020 End of Year financials
 - General fund surplus of \$2,114.12
 - Archaeology Month Fund surplus of \$1,488.29
- COVID Waiver for 2021 dues is still available. Reminder that this includes free membership for students.

Web Report (Harvey)

- Tim Carn has signed on to be our new web manager, and a new Wordpress site should be live by September. Roger Moeller will continue to make requested updates to the existing site. Thank you Roger and Tim.
- Our web domain registration has been transferred from IUP to our existing hosting service for a lower yearly cost than before. Thanks to Sarah Neusius, Ben Ford, and Corey Hovanec for their assistance in resolving this issue.

Newsletter Report (Coppock via e-mail)

- Send more contributions.

Membership Committee Report (Stanilla)

- One new member since the Spring Newsletter: Kristina Gaugler from Heberling Associates.

Consulting Party Report (Beckerman)

- Ira signed an MOA for the T-372 White Rock Road Realignment Project (USACE lead).

Nominations and Elections Report (S. Neusius)

- The results of the spring 2021 election are: Ira Beckerman, President; Jonathan Libbon, Vice President, Hannah Harvey, Secretary-Treasurer; Amy Covell-Murthy and Casey Hanson, general board members. Thank you to everyone who ran this year, including Tim Carn, Bill Chadwick, and Mike Stanilla. New officers assume their duties at the close of this meeting and will serve until spring 2023.
- Special appreciation to Gary Coppock, Mike Stanilla, and Bill Chadwick for their service over the last two years.

Hatch Scholarship and Publications Report (Raber via e-mail)

- The Hatch Scholarships are in abeyance until we can have an in-person meeting in April 2022. If that looks possible the committee will send out an announcement in January 2022.
- Paul Raber will remain series editor for the Recent Research in Pennsylvania Archaeology series. Looking for a volunteer to organize the next Symposium (2023) and edit the papers for publication.

Agency Reports

PHMC/State Museum (Carr)

- The Section of Archaeology is continuing to work from home until July, but the State Museum is opening April 30.



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- Database conversion of artifact inventories is going well. Continuing to seek a platform that will help make this available to the public.
- Artifact storage is an increasing issue. Continuing to seek alternatives.
- Section of Archaeology is now accepting small collections. Call ahead to make arrangements.
- State Museum is working with the Delaware Tribe, Delaware Nation, and Stockbridge-Munsee Community regarding repatriation of human remains and reburial at Pennsbury Manor. First reburials will take place in October.
- Plan to redo entire archaeology gallery and will be consulting with tribes on that effort.
- 2019-2020 excavations at Fort Hunter have identified a cellar feature containing a midden-like deposit with mid-18th century fort related artifacts. Ongoing analysis and research is bringing greater recognition of the role and presence of enslaved African Americans at the site during the McAllister period. The State Museum will address/investigate the issue of African Americans in PA. Want this to be a community-based project in Harrisburg and Central PA from the beginning.
- 2021 Workshops in Archaeology will be held on October 23 and the theme will be the archaeology of African Americans in Central PA. Format (virtual or in-person) TBD.

PHMC/PA SHPO (Hanson)

- PA-SHARE – guidance is coming for adding resources, surveys, and reports. If you have issues or questions e-mail the help desk at pashare@pa.gov. Archaeology privileges do not roll over from CRGIS so you need to re-apply.
- SHPO is in final stages of hiring 2 new people to fill the archaeology reviewer and PASS coordinator positions.
- Looking at DEP permits and trying to clarify issues with History Code and permitting. Reviewing permit by permit to understand their actions. SHPO will share plan when it is ready.

Carnegie Museum (Covell-Murthy)

- The Annex is slowly reopening, and Amy is there MWF if you need to do research. Please make an appointment.
- Deb Harding retiring in January and the museum is looking for an anthropologist with collection management experience (North American and South American indigenous material culture). Position will be posted in June.
- Jim Richardson won the SAA award for excellence in Latin American and Caribbean Archaeology.

Old Business

2021 Archaeology Month Poster (Schumer)

- Markosky is currently designing the poster on the theme of blacksmithing. This will tie in with the 2022 PAC Spring Symposium.

2021 Archaeology Month fundraising (Harvey)

- \$1,220 raised so far. Special thanks to CHRS, Skelly & Loy, GAI Consultants, Markosky Engineering Group, and Stan Lantz.



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Increasing Diversity in PAC Membership (Beckerman)

- I (we) would like to develop a scholarship program with the intent to help promote diversity in students becoming archaeologists. Different models discussed by the group include the Black Trowel Collective grants and a general scholarship to help more students even choose anthropology/archaeology as a career choice. A fund should be established for this purpose and a working group should be formed to figure out the implementation.
- *Kurt Carr moved to establish a scholarship fund geared toward diversity and to form a working group. Jonathan Libbon seconded. Motion passed.*
- Working group members are: Angie Jaillet-Wentling (chair), Hannah Harvey, Chris Kula, Ben Ford, Susan Prezzano, Kurt Carr, Amy Covell-Murthy

Upcoming Events

- Virtual 2021 Speaker Series – Hannah Harvey and Amy Covell-Murthy will organize a series for the fall, opening with Bernard Means. Seeking additional speakers.
- 2021 Fall meeting – date and format TBD
- 2021 Fall Program – We will reach out to the Allegheny National Forest to see if they are interested in offering a program. Casey Hanson, Hannah Harvey, and Susan Prezzano will coordinate. Date and format TBD
- 2022 Farm Show – PAC members are encouraged to volunteer
- 2022 PAC Symposium and SPA Spring Meeting – Will hopefully be held in-person in Ligonier April 8-10

New Business

- RPA Affiliation – The RPA runs an Affiliated Societies Program. The fee is \$100 a year. Benefits are: every member gets a \$40 year discount on RPA dues, and PAC would qualify to apply for RPA's Public Education Grants.
- *Jonathan Libbon moved that PAC should apply to become an Affiliated Society. Sarah Neusius seconded. Motion passed.*

Respectfully Submitted,
Hannah Harvey, Secretary-Treasurer