

## **NORTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL** **FALL 2012 MEETING**

***Jordan Lake, North Carolina***  
***06 October 2012***

Joe Herbert, NCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and welcomed all members present. Executive Committee members present: Brett Riggs (Vice-Chair), Susan Bamann (Exec. Committee), Randy Daniel (Exec. Committee), Paul Webb (Exec. Committee), Tom Beaman (Editor).

**1. Welcome/Old Business:** Joe Herbert welcomed all attendees and reviewed list of current NCAC board and NCAC committee members.

**2. Treasurer's Report:** Shawn Patch (Sec.-Treas.) was not able to attend. Treasurer's Report will be made at the next business meeting. Charles Heath volunteered to take down the meeting minutes. A post-hoc addendum; total NCAC funds on-hand (checking and savings) = \$5305.09

**3. Council Membership:** Joe Herbert noted that the NCAC membership roster on the NCAC website is outdated, and that he will work with Shawn Patch to update the list of current members (add new members, correct/update contact information or affiliation information) and post the updated roster on the NCAC website. Shawn will send out the current roster file via email and all members can review and update their information if needed. In the future, contact information changes can be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer.

**4. Council List-Serv & Council of Councils:** The NCAC Google Groups list-serv is up and running with about 35 participants signed-up. Joe noted that all discussion thread correspondence is archived and accessible on-line, and that he will send out another participation invitation to the Council membership. Joe also mentioned that he is continuing with participation in the national level Council of Councils. The Council of Councils meets in conjunction with the Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology.

**5. Editor's Report and Related Discussions:** Tom Beaman (NCAC Editor) noted that all previous Council publications have been digitized by RLA staff/students and are now available on-line via the NCAC webpage (<http://rla.unc.edu/ncac/>). The Piedmont and Mountains archaeology symposia volumes will be published on-line within a year or so; the Coastal Plain volume is now on-line. Steve Davis expects to complete the Piedmont Symposium volume by the end of 2012; seven of eleven chapters have been submitted and four remaining are anticipated within the next few months.

Joe Herbert noted that the Council Executive Committee has included an Editor position for some years now, but that the position is not formally codified in the current constitution. This position will be added to the constitution and the change will be voted on at the next meeting. Joe also thanked Steve Davis for bringing the "new" NCAC webpage on-line (<http://rla.unc.edu/ncac/>) and for his stellar work in building, maintaining and updating the page over the last couple of years.

Joe also discussed taking down the old, no longer maintained NCAC webpage which is accessed through the Office of State Archaeology (OSA) website. Steve Claggett indicated that he will check into this issue—taking down the old NCAC webpage and adding a link to the new NCAC webpage on the OSA website.

Tom picked up discussion on Council sponsorship and digital publication of gray-literature contributions of significance. In this regard, Tom Beaman and Brett Riggs met with Steve Claggett and Dolores Hall at the OSA to discuss the possibilities. The Council is seeking volunteer submissions of both formal, Council publication series manuscripts, and submissions or recommendations for the informal publication series, including field school reports, out-of-print "classics" of regional interest, technical reports, cultural resources management reports, etc. Such Council-sponsored, informal publications will be peer-reviewed

to ensure that such documents meet a basic level of professionalism, but such documents will be digitized and published on the Council webpage without changes to format or interpretation, etc.

Tom and others involved in this discussion noted that there are several issues to consider: 1) receiving permission from report or project sponsors (e.g., state agencies, federal agencies, private developers, universities, CRM firms); 2) elimination of sensitive information (e.g., archaeological site locations/GPS data, images of human skeletal remains); or 3) setting up a password access to a Council publications database if published reports include sensitive information.

Paul Webb noted that the State Library is working with the OSA to digitize all OSA library reports. Steve Claggett expanded on this, indicating that the OSA is working to digitize approximately 6,000 documents. At present, the OSA is working with the State Library staff to first organize and arrange the collection, and then to complete a pilot digitization project before proceeding with the entire OSA reports collection. One goal is to make compliance and research related documents of interest broadly available to archaeologists as well as cultural resources managers and planners (local, county, regional, state, federal).

At the moment, project related staff time and funding, as well as a lack of adequate server space, are all issues under consideration. Steve also mentioned that there are conflicts of interest, in that the State Library seeks to make all public records and documents available to the general public, but this mission conflicts with the OSA mission to restrict public access to sensitive documents and data, particularly locational data on certain archaeological resources. The OSA is working with the State Attorney General's Office to develop protocols regarding restricted access data in conjunction with existing legislation on the availability of public records versus legal restrictions allowed under the North Carolina Archaeological Resources Protection Act (G.S. 70, article 2).

Steve Davis noted that the RLA has numerous digital publications already available on-line, and will add the RLA publications link to the NCAC webpage. Gary Glover indicated that most NC-DOT CRM reports are already digitized, and Joe Herbert indicated the same is true for Fort Bragg CRM publications. Joe and several others present also mentioned that the Virginia DHR website and publications database might serve as a model to consider (i.e., password access to reports and GIS data). Given time constraints and the need to move on to other business, Joe suggested continuing the conversation via e-mail or on the NCAC list-serve.

**7. NCAC Executive Committee Meeting (March 2012):** Brett Riggs summarized discussions and decisions at the most recent NCAC Executive Committee (EC) meeting. Several Executive Committee members met with Steve Claggett and Dolores Hall at the OSA for a "brainstorming" session regarding re-establishing the NCAC-OSA relationship, focusing on the stewardship of archaeological resources across the state. The EC also discussed ways to revitalize the NCAC, an on-going discussion of recent years, and the format of the Spring 2013 NCAC Meeting (see below).

**8. NCAC Spring 2013 Meeting:** Steve Davis and Brett Riggs offered to host the Spring 2013 meeting at the Research Laboratories of Archaeology (UNC-CH). After some discussion, all present agreed that the venue is centrally located and the best option. Brett will advise on venue location specifics, as well as the date and time, which will be in conjunction with the UNC-Chapel Hill Spring Break 2013. If the meeting is held over Spring Break, parking on campus or near campus will not be an issue for members coming in from out of town. In brief, the meeting will be a daylong event with brief (15-minute) current research presentations ("flash presentations") during a morning session. After a lunch break, the afternoon session will be thematic, something along the lines of the 1998 Uwharries Lithic Conference, with formal presentations and possibly workshops or breakout sessions through the late afternoon. The Executive Committee is soliciting ideas for the afternoon session, a hands-on topical symposium of broad interest to the Council membership. Brett and Steve will advise the membership as the meeting planning process moves forward.

**9. Membership Committee:** Dawn Reid reported that six NCAC applicants were awaiting approval votes by the Council membership, and briefly discussed each candidate: M. Brooke Brilliant (Archaeological Consultants of the Carolinas), Michael K. O'Neal (Archaeological Consultants of the Carolinas), Eric Deetz (Coastal Carolina Research), Lindsay N. Flood (Coastal Carolina Research), Anna Agbe-Davies (Dept. of Anthropology UNC-CH), Daryl Armour (Fort Bragg CRMP). The Membership Committee reviewed the credentials/research interests of each applicant and approved each for consideration by the Council membership. All present voted and approved each candidate for full membership. Dawn will e-mail and advise each new member. Joe Herbert noted that some members have not yet paid their dues for the year and asked that all members in arrears to please pay their 2012 dues.

**10. Nominations Committee:** No members present. Joe Herbert advised that Shawn Patch's term as Secretary-Treasurer expires in 2012, but that the Nominations Committee has not found any volunteers to serve as candidates for the position. Joe asked for volunteers from the floor – initially no volunteers – after some discussion, Michael O'Neal agreed to serve as a candidate. Since no candidates were in place by the time of present meeting, electronic elections will be held before the end of the year.

**11. Constitutional Amendments:** Joe Herbert discussed a correction to the constitution regarding the election of Exec. Comm. At-Large members (Article VII, Section B). Existing: "At large Members of the Executive Committee, three (3) years. At large members of the Executive Committee will serve staggered terms with one member being elected every third year." After some discussion, and following Steve Davis' suggestion, all present voted to change the wording to: "At large Members of the Executive Committee, three (3) years. At large members of the Executive Committee will serve staggered terms with one member being elected every year."

**12. New Business/Other Business:** Joe Herbert discussed the printing of NCAC logo t-shirts and a price quote from HARPERARTS in Carrboro, NC. The shop will print and sell t-shirts at a cost of \$8.25 per shirt in several sizes (S-M-L-XL-XXL) and color options (to be determined). Each shirt will be printed with "NCAC" in the front breast pocket area and include the Council logo "Screaming Seahorses of Death" (?) on the back. Joe and Brett will work-up an order form and distribute to the membership via e-mail before the end of the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00.