

# NORTH CAROLINA ARCHAEOLOGICAL COUNCIL SPRING 2009 MEETING

*Hanes Art Center, UNC-Chapel Hill  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina  
14 March 2009*

Linda Stine, NCAC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m. and welcomed all members present. Executive Committee members present: Linda Stine (Chair), Brett Riggs (Vice-Chair), Randy Daniel (Exec. Committee), Paul Webb (Exec. Committee), Tom Beaman (Editor), Charles Heath (Secretary-Treasurer).

- 1. Welcome/Old Business:** Linda Stine welcomed all attendees.
- 2. Minutes:** In the interest of time and in lieu of reading minutes from the March 2008 Business Meeting, Linda suggested that the 2008 minutes be posted on-line on the new NCAC web-site. On a motion by Linda Stine, all members present approved the recommendation.
- 3. Treasurer's Report:** Charles Heath presented the 2008/2009 Treasurer's Report, covering Council income/expenses for the March 2008-to-March 2009 period. In addition to annual operating expenses (annual meeting refreshments, printing, postage, publications shipping, misc. supplies) in 2008, the Council supported the Southeastern Archaeological Conference (\$500) and the Coastal Plain Symposium at East Carolina University (\$250). Total funds on-hand as of March 13, 2008, \$5,434.81. Treasurer's Report copies made available at the meeting. On a motion by Linda Stine, all members present approved the report.
- 4. Radiocarbon Database:** Randy Daniel discussed progress on developing and updating the statewide radiocarbon database, as well as data reporting and presentation format issues. Randy Daniel, Jane Eastman and Paul Webb are coordinating this independent effort, which is co-sponsored by the NCAC. Discussion on related issues and comments by several members. Steve Davis suggested offering the database on-line in a .pdf format, rather than a live interactive database, with Randy serving as data gatekeeper. As new data are added, then the static .pdf version will be updated and posted on-line. Randy will make available, once developed, a template form for members interested in submitting dates for integration into the database. OSL and other types of dates (e.g., TL) will be compiled in separate databases due to different reporting requirements. **Randy is soliciting input from members interested in the project.**
- 5. Editor's Report:** Tom Beaman (Editor) noted that some progress has been made in digitizing and posting old Council publications on-line. The new web-site is in-progress, but up and running: <http://rla.unc.edu/ncac/>. Steve Davis indicated that the RLA is in the process of obtaining a better scanner and that the Council publications digitization project will proceed when the new equipment is in order.  
  
In January 2008, the Executive Committee approved sponsorship of a historic cemetery survey (Spratt Cemetery – Charlotte, NC) project report as a Council sponsored publication. This publication project is underway. Tom expects it will be completed in the summer of 2009 and made available in .pdf format on a CD.
- 6. Council Mission Committee:** A Council Mission Committee (Paul Webb, Joe Herbert, Kay Simpson) was formed after the spring 2008 meeting. Committee members have been corresponding on the issues discussed at the last Business Meeting (what other state based professional organizations are doing, what seems to work, what does not, relationships with avocational groups, relationships with SHPOs, etc). The committee will develop recommendations and present their findings to the Executive Committee sometime later in 2009. Discussion on related issues and comments by several members. Brett Riggs discussed the UNC Project Archaeology program, its activities, including the web-sites, <http://www.projectarchaeology.org/> and [http://rla.unc.edu/Service/PA\\_home.html](http://rla.unc.edu/Service/PA_home.html), and recommended that the Council support the project in some manner. Brett and Lind Carnes-McNaughton discussed the

upcoming (October 2009) Archaeology Days event at UNC-Chapel Hill, which will include guest speakers and workshops for primary and secondary school teachers. More information will follow after a planning meeting in April. The Executive Committee will discuss how the Council might support this event financially or otherwise. On a motion by Linda Stine, all members present approved Council support of Archaeology Days 2009.

Discussions on other outreach activities, meetings, etc.: Jeff Irwin suggested that the Council partner with the NCAS for the spring 2009 meeting at the Museum of the Albemarle in Elizabeth City. Noted that states with active professional organizations usually maintain such professional/avocational partnerships (note: NCAS/NCAC held joint meetings through the fall of 2005). Randy Daniel considers maintaining a separate professional meeting, with research presentations, etc. as an important element of the suite of Council functions.

Linda Stine noted that the upcoming Mountains Symposium (Boone, NC) in October, 2009 presents an opportunity for NCAC support. Tom Beaman discussed venue and provided overview of event. Linda noted that Tom Whyte has requested a donation of \$250 from the Council to support the Mountains Symposium. The Council provided \$250 to support the Coastal Plain symposium in October, 2008. On a motion by Linda Stine, all members present approved Council support (\$250) of the Mountain Symposium (note: payment dispersed 18MAR09).

**7. NCAS Spring 2009 Meeting:** Jeff Irwin announced the upcoming NCAS meeting (May, 2009) and provided an overview of the events.

**8. Constitution Review:** Linda Stine noted that several discussions have taken place regarding discrepancies between two versions of the Constitution, dated spring, 2003. Steve Davis indicated that the most current electronic version is posted on the Council web-site. Steve Davis and Charles Heath will sort out the discrepancies and report to the Executive Committee.

**9. Membership Committee:** Linda Stine reported that two applicants are waiting for approval votes by the membership. Since no Membership Committee members were in attendance to report on reviews of the application packets, the votes were postponed until the next Business Meeting.

**10. Council Archives Committee:** Committee formed after the spring 2008 meeting. Shane Petersen provided an update on efforts to consolidate and organize Council archives, which are scattered among several past Chairs and Secretary-Treasurers. Shane checked on archiving the documents at the Office of State Archaeology, but the agency has no additional storage space. He will ask the State Archives about accepting the documents. Shane indicates that the Council archives can be stored, at least on a short-term basis, at the NC-DOT facility. He suggests creating a NCAC Archivist position as a component of the Executive Committee, noting that the Secretary-Treasurer is already responsible for numerous other activities. Matt Jorgenson offers the use of a high-speed scanner at the URS Corp facility for the purposes of digitizing documents. Joe Herbert suggested that Shane directly contact all past Chairs and Sec-Treas. to request any archives that they might have at-hand. **Council members with original Executive Committee/business records are asked to transfer the materials to Shane Petersen for preliminary sorting and storage at the NC-DOT facility. Members interested in serving on this committee should contact Shane Petersen.**

**11. Nominations Committee:** Shane Petersen reported on solicitation efforts to garner a slate of candidates for Executive Committee positions expiring in October, 2009. Elections will be held electronically in August/September, 2009. Few solicited volunteers have stepped forward at this time. Shane noted that the current Chair, Vice-Chair, Editor, Secretary-Treasurer and one At-Large Member terms are simultaneously expiring in October. If no current office holders return, then there will be a significant loss of institutional knowledge if replacements have not held Executive Committee positions in the past. Shane suggests amending the Constitution to mandate staggered terms, especially for the Chair and Vice-Chair positions. Linda Carnes-McNaughton indicated that the NCAS Constitution was amended to create staggered positions, which improved continuity. **Members interested in serving on**

**the Executive Committee are encouraged to contact Shane Petersen, Lance Green or Heather Olson.**

**12. New Business/Other Business:** Tom Beaman discussed Stanley South's Brunswick Town archaeology book, currently under contract for publication through the NC Office of Archives and History. The 400-odd page manuscript is in the final editing phase, but due to the state budget crisis, publication will be delayed 5–7 years. Tom says that a grant of \$5,000 to the Office of Archives and History's Historical Publications Section will move the manuscript ahead of many others in waiting. Tom and John Mintz are soliciting donations from the NCAS, the NCAC, Friends of Brunswick Town and other entities interested in supporting the project. The monies are needed by mid-June, 2009. Discussion over the issue ensued. Charlie Ewen asked what would happen to the donated funds if the Publications Branch is closed, a potential outcome given the state budget situation, or if the \$5k goal is not met. Steve Davis suggested that the Council make a pledge, but not disburse funds until collective pledges for \$5k are received. Linda Carnes-McNaughton indicates that the NCAS has offered to collect and hold all project donated funds until the \$5k are accrued. Discussion of possible grant/alternative funding sources. Steve Davis suggests checking with the NC Humanities Council for a direct grant for \$5k or matching funds. Paul Webb asked if donors will be reimbursed by Archives and History from publication sales proceeds. Linda Stine closed the discussion and asks interested members to contact Tom Beaman with suggestions on funding sources.

Several summer, 2009 archaeology field school/excavation project announcements:

- UNC-G field school at Guilford Courthouse NMP. Contact Linda Stine for more information.
- UNC-CH field school at Catawba Land. Contact Steve Davis for more information.
- Peace College/Office of State Archaeology field school at Brunswick Town (Confederate Fort/Barracks). Contact Tom Beaman or John Mintz for more information.
- TRC Environmental Corporation data recovery project (Late Woodland/Mississippian site) in Macon County—public archaeology day, third week of April, or by appointment. Contact Paul Webb for more information.
- TRC Environmental Corporation data recovery project (Paleoindian site) at Fort Bragg—public archaeology day, spring, 2009. Contact Paul Webb for more information.

Open invitations extended to all Council members to visit and/or participate in excavations at these sites.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45.