

NCAC Spring Meeting Minutes April 12, 2014

Business Agenda Items:

A. Secretary/Treasurer Report

1. Current Budget:

As of the date of the meeting the Council had balances of \$1589.90 in checking and \$4,699.75 in savings.

2. Membership/Dues:

There is not an official list of members, with the most recent listed posted on the website dating to 2005. The list of members from whom dues are to be collected stands at 92 with a list of 84 members on the Google Group. Dues have been paid by 26 members for 2014.

3. On-line voting:

We discussed the pros and cons of conducting on-line voting and if we should pay for the service. The consensus of the members attending is that ballots should be e-mailed to members, filled out and returned to the Secretary for tallying.

4. Boxes of old technical reports:

There are several boxes of old NCAC publications, all of which are now available for download on the NCAC website. Several options were discussed as to dispense with old publications. The members in attendance decided that three sets of each remaining publication should be kept. Carl Steen will be contacted to determine if he would like to have several copies of his Somerset Plantation Report. The remainder of those reports will be donated to Somerset Plantation. Collections will also be offered to any university/college that would like them for their department libraries. Obsolete publications, such as bibliographic addendums, will be recycled if no one can be found who will take them.

Publications:

Somerset Plantation

Tuscarora Subsistence Practices in the Late Woodland Period

Archaeological Investigations in the Yadkin River Valley 1984-1987

Test Excavations at the Wachesaw Landing Site, Georgetown County, SC

Guide to Research Papers: Addendums I, II, and III

B. Minutes from the January Executive Committee Meeting at the RLA

For the sake of time, the minutes were not read, but will be made available on the NCAC website.

C. Elections

Terri Russ was up for election to replace Randy Daniel on the Executive Committee

-Terri was elected unanimously by all members present

D. Voting on New Member Applications

Theresa M. Shebalin and Jonathon Schleier were recommended for membership by the New Member Committee. A motion to vote on the new members was made and seconded. Both candidates were accepted by unanimous vote by members in attendance.

E. General Discussion

1. Fall Meeting 2014 Plans:

After some brief discussion, tentative plans have been made to hold the Fall NCAC Meeting in conjunction with the NC Archaeological Society meeting to be held on October 18th at Fort Caswell and Brunswick Town. The possibility of having a guest speaker on the Friday night prior to the NCAC meeting Saturday was raised. An agenda has not been set for the Society meeting and communication and coordination with the Society and NCAC will be maintained.

2. New Members and Membership List

The Secretary will compile an official list using the dues spreadsheet and Google Groups list. Updated contact information will be solicited from all members to ensure the list is current. All members should encourage their colleagues who qualify for membership to apply to the NCAC.

3. NCAC Website:

The topic of updating the website was briefly discussed. The possibility of a chronometric database being hosted on the website was raised. Although updating the site with current information (membership lists; meeting minutes) will be done, no substantial changes are being made at this time.

4. Issuing of White Papers Approved by the Council

Susan Bamaan recommended that the Council formulate a series of papers concerning archaeological investigations in North Carolina. These papers would be non-binding documents, approved by the Council, to advise the SHPO and CRM archaeologists and their clients on appropriate investigation techniques given particular environmental conditions or on policy concerns. Two immediate topics were brought up: Deep Testing and Burial Laws.

a. Susan is spearheading a committee to produce a paper on deep testing. She has already compiled a list of reports concerning deep testing from North Carolina, and has conducted some research on how other states advocate (or don't) for deep testing. Anyone who wishes to be on the committee, please contact Susan Bamaan.

b. It was noted that there should be a greater awareness of laws and regulations to protect marked and unmarked burials. A warning poster, possibly posted in all county deed offices, should be developed to increase the awareness and protection of marked and unmarked burials. Volunteers wishing to form or serve on this committee please contact Joe Herbert or Michael O'Neal.

5. Contributing to The Digital Archaeological Record (tDAR)

Dr. Vin Steponaitis encouraged NCAC to make use of and contribute reports to tDAR. To support tDAR's efforts, he is forming a committee to review the possibility of getting contract publications (among other types) submitted to tDAR. Those in CRM are strongly urged to volunteer their time and input on the committee. Archaeologists from state (SHPO, NCDOT) and federal (USFS) agencies may also be invited to share their input on the effort.