

January 25, 2014
NCAC Executive Committee Meeting

A. Secretary/Treasurer's Report

1. Made note of current balance of both the savings and checking

a. We did discuss the need to spend our dues payments on something, which was a concern that some of the NCAC members and exec committee members expressed. Several ideas were brought up including helping to digitize old manuscripts at the RLA and other colleges, support the NCAS, OSA, and small grants. It was agreed upon that a set amount (not yet decided on) should be maintained in the accounts for "rainy day." However, each of the exec committee members should come up with a few ideas on which to spend the money. An idea was raised that if a purpose for our dues cannot be decided upon by the next NCAC meeting in the fall, the payment of dues could be suspended until such time we find something to spend the money on that furthers the cause of the NCAC. Dues suspension would be on a year to year basis.

2. Noted that there is no official roster, but that there are 84 people on the google groups and that there are 92 listed in the spread sheet for paying dues.

3. Discussed the use of the Google group and noted that it is a useful tool, but thought that it would be even more useful if members made use of it for work related issues such as announcements for projects, fields schools, or just topical discussions. It was view as an under utilized resource for collaboration.

4. We discussed the fact that I have 7 boxes of old NCAC publications, some dating back to the early 1980s. While a few are irrelevant, such as the bibliographies from the early 1980s, several were still quite relevent. However, all are available free online for download from the NCAC website. Therefore, we thought it best that manuscripts be given away for free to those who want them. A "complete" set of what's left could be set aside to ensure that all of the universities in the NC system for there reading/study rooms. Also, they could be laid out at venues such as the NCAC or NCAS meetings and be free on a first come first serve basis.

B and C. We discussed the March meeting form 2013 "Archaeology in North Carolina", we agreed that it was a good format, but thought that more working sessions, fewer papers, would be useful.

This was the attempt for holding the meeting at Town Creek while they were conducting remote sensing but was canceled due to the rain.

D. Reconsideration of the advisory and participatory duties of the NCAC in informing and shaping policy in partnership with the OSA and NC-DOT

We decided that our mission statement should not be changed and that we should play a role in advocating for archaeological research and CRM studies in the state. Susan Baaman said she was compiling information from other states about when and where they were conducting deep testing. We also discussed the writing off of small and/or low density sites and the inadequate investigation of these types of sites. At this time, we opted to have more discussion about what specific items we would like to address before approaching OSA and the NCDOT.

E. Tom Beaman gave an update on the publishing on-line, as mentioned before, all NCAC publications are available on-line, at the RLA website or NCAC website.

F. Membership: discussion of ways to improve solicitation of new members.

Options for increasing our membership should begin with encourage our colleagues who meet the requirements, which currently includes have a Master's degree and research interest in the North Carolina, to join the Council. Secondly, we discussed possibly waiving the requirement for a Master's degree provided that the individual was currently seeking an advanced degree (i.e., Master's and Ph.D. candidates). Lastly, exceptions have been made in the past to offer membership to those who do not have advanced degrees but who practice in professional practice in NC

G. Elections and Amendments to the Constitution

1. We went over the current list of terms that will conclude at the end of 2014, including:

Chair: Joe Herbert, Vice-Chair Brett Riggs, Executive Committee Member- Paul Webb, Membership Committee: Dawn Reid, Gary Glover, Matt Jorgensen

We have an ad hoc Nomination Committee of Paul Mohler, Ken Robinson, and Bruce Idol
– we made need there services before the year is over

2. We briefly went over making revisions to the Constitution and decided that each member should review the Constitution first, and determine what, if any, changes may be necessary before proceeding with any formal action