

**North Carolina Archaeological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 16, 1998, 1:00 p.m.
Research Laboratories of Archaeology, Chapel Hill, NC**

Attendance: Robert Graham, Steve Davis, Linda Carnes-McNaughton, Danny Bell (early departure), Ricky Langley, Charlie Ewen, Tom Beaman and Bill Moxley.

Meeting was called to order by President Graham at 1:00 p.m.

Old Business:

The minutes from the April 5 Meeting were reviewed and accepted; motion made by Tom and seconded by Steve.

The president requested an Archaeology Month update first. He called on Chris Rodning who reported web page is up in draft form and available for previewing in downstairs lab after meeting. Chris and Shane are working to mail out to all middle school teachers the information on our web page and related activities. The web page is linked to NCAS, RLA and the state web page (OSA). Cost spent so far is \$248 for the artwork. A request was made to work with Dee and Bill Conen to cover mailing costs (to 730 middle schools), approx. \$210. This was put in to a motion by Charlie and seconded by Bill Moxley. Further discussion involved the speakers' list and calendar of events. A September 1 deadline for mailing out information was agreed upon. It was noted that *Intrigue of the Past*, an instructional web page for teachers K-12, is also available and linked to the Archaeology Month page. A suggestion to send the information to the *Tarheel Junior Historian* was made.

Board returned to the minutes to review and accept minutes of May 30 Meeting. A correction was noted and made from Steve to change from "in addition to" to "including" on manuscript entries. With no further corrections, a motion was made by Charlie to accept and seconded by Bill Moxley.

At the president's request, the current minutes will include the Tar River Overview and Chronicle of June 30.

The president commented on the success of the Spring Meeting in Old Salem and mentioned thank-yous notes had been sent to all parties.

The treasurer was unable to attend. The president handed out financial report from Bill Conen. The secretary will mail out extras to members not present along with minutes. See attached. After a brief review, questions were asked about a few line items shown. The board members expressed concern over moneys extracted for "Blackbeard t-shirts" which was also shown as returned. Other concerns were expressed over a general trend towards (apparent) loss in membership and fluctuation in meeting costs. A motion was

made by Davis to allow the president to inquire as to these issues and report back to the board members. Tom seconded the motion.

General discussion then focused on setting up a budget for society expenditures. The president appointed a panel of Ricky, Charlie (who declined), Bill Moxley, and Steve to advise on the budget and make assessments as to spending. Bill will work with Dee to figure out any possible membership “slump” and get an update of membership individuals and agencies. Bill will report back to the board on his findings. One idea was to send out delinquent membership dues notices to “wayward” members.

Bill Moxley recalled a survey done in 1994 to all members and a summary of findings which returned to the discussion on a speakers’ bureau and those who volunteered to be on it. Tom agreed to ask Mark Mathis again about the list (in any form) and turn it over to the society in order to disseminate the information.

The board then returned to a discussion on the financial report and an increase in newsletter costs. A motion was made by Charlie to accept the treasurer’s report, seconded by Steve.

Next, Steve gave the editor’s report. He has in hand two and one-half papers, and two and one-half more promised, plus two book reviews for the next NC ARCHAEOLOGY, Volume 47. He reported the editing is going well and other articles are trickling in. The newsletter is being compiled and will go out soon along with our Fall Meeting announcements. No motion required.

President Graham presented an update on Blue Banks, see attached memo. Because of multiple factors (e.g. archaeological and ecological) and players, a two-prong approach was recommended to negotiate options with the NC Coastal Land Trust and the Lindbecks. There was additional discussion regarding the agency to monitor the welfare of the property and it was agreed the Office of State Archaeology would be the most likely source. Charlie motioned to allow the president to pursue these options, Steve seconded. The appraisal value of property still remains undetermined. A suggestion was made to simultaneously pursue filling out an application for site review (and possible donation) to be given to the APCWS, but other board members declined this idea. A vote was taken by board members for the motion; majority approved, Langley abstained.

New Business:

The board voted (unanimously) to change the fiscal year to match the calendar year, so that it will now reflect financial standing from Jan.1 to Dec. 31 instead of July 1 to June 30.

A report on the Fall Meeting was given by the secretary in absence of Scott Ashcraft. The meeting arrangements have been more or less finalized for Cherokee, with the Holiday Inn as host venue. Several mound and Rock Art sites have been chosen for the afternoon tour. A preliminary agenda was reviewed. There was some discussion on the

cost of coach buses for members because of restrictions on personal vehicles to sites. A five dollar fare for each bus was pass suggested with society to cover the difference, maybe two buses, with 40 people per bus. (Subsequently an eight dollar fare for non-members was agreed upon). The Society was also asked to cover the \$100 fee for the conference room, and the difference due on reception costs (added to \$150 donated by NC Archaeology Council). A motion was presented to allow the society to all requested costs for the Fall Meeting, including buses. Motion made by Charlie and seconded by Tom. The board approved with one abstention. The secretary agreed to finalize the program details and get them to Scott and Dee by next week.

Tom Beaman then reported for Ken Robinson on NC Archaeology Council news. The Council has generously contributed \$150 to the cost of Friday Night's reception for the Fall Meeting.

The president presented suggestions for a change in the election procedures. Basically, if a person who is currently serving on the nominating committee wishes to run for an office or board position, then they must first remove themselves from the nominating committee. And if a person wishes to run for a board-selected officer (editor, treasurer, or secretary), then they need to make their wishes known to the nominating committee. No motion or vote required.

A list of new candidates was presented to the board for preview from the nominating committee for Fall elections. The final vote will be taken at the meeting, but a mail ballot will be sent to all members for absentee votes to be counted.

The final discussion was devoted to up-coming events, meetings, dates, and venues as shown on the memo from the president. Ricky and Dee have been asked to co-host the Spring meeting in Raleigh and the board had previously approved this. The board moved away from another meeting at New Bern, but decided it was a good idea to keep it in the eastern part of the state. Suggestions were then made for a meeting in the Ablemarle region (Edenton perhaps), or the Wilmington area (and include the underwater contingency). Tom, Bill, and Charlie committed the Coastal Plain Chapter to serve as local host for the Spring meeting where ever it is held.

At 3:00 Bill Moxley motioned for adjourned, Steve seconded.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Linda F. Carnes-McNaughton, Ph.D.
Secretary, NCAS