

**North Carolina Archaeological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
October 9, 1998, 5:30 p.m.
Holiday Inn, Cherokee, NC**

Attendance: Robert Graham, Danny Bell, Wayne Boyko, Bill Conen, Ricky Langley, Michelle Vacca, Scott Ashcraft (left early), Dee Nelms (arrived late) and Linda Carnes-McNaughton.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Robert Graham. With seven in full-time and two in partially, a quorum was reached. The President adjusted the prepared agenda to accommodate those who needed to leave early or arrived late.

Secretary handed out two set of minutes: January 25, 1998 and August 16, 1998.

Old Business:

Minutes of January 25, 1998 Board Meeting were reviewed.

Minutes of August 16, 1998 Board Meeting were reviewed. Bob pointed out that the motion to accept the amendment to the by-laws for the fiscal year to match the calendar year was made by Charlie Ewen and seconded by Steve Davis. This correction was noted on the minutes.

Motion made to accept both sets of minutes made by Micki and seconded by Wayne.

President requested that the minutes be sent out to the Board prior to each meeting instead of at the meetings. Secretary agreed to do so, and holds each member responsible for bringing their own copy to the meeting.

Bob asked for the Editor's Report next. As Steve was unable to attend, Linda presented the Editor's Report: Steve has completed his final edits of Volume 47, which includes four articles and two book reviews. He predicts it will be out by the end of the month.

Next, Bob presented the Property Report and an update on the Blue Banks property. Most board members had received the printed updates sent out by Bob and these were referred to in his discussion. Basically, the Board previously voted to accept the options negotiated by CCLT and the Lindbecks. Bob reported that, at present, the land appraisal is still needed and it may take a month to get the easements "into position." He is getting the easements written and will confer with the Lindbecks for approval. Micki asked for a copy of the proposal to be made available to the board members when it comes back. Bob reported Chuck Moody, the land appraiser, is helping to write the 501-C, and that Steve Claggett has reviewed the list of easements. Bob promised updates to all board members. A motion was made to accept the Property Report by Scott and seconded by Bill.

Bill Conen provided the Treasurer's Report, see attached. Bill explained that given the change over from the past accounting cycle to the new accounting cycle will take another six months to iron out and get us caught up with the fiscal/calendar year cycle. There was general discussion regarding income/outcome, assets, expenses, and inventory. He stated in 1998 so far we made a little money and lost \$360. There was discussion regarding the Blackbeard T-Shirt costs previously discussed, and he explained that basically the Society acted only as a banker in this situation and it would not be done that way again. More on financial statement to come from Bob. Motion made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Micki and seconded by Danny.

New Business:

Bob presented the slate of new candidates for two board positions in the up-coming election. These names were compiled by Dee Nelms and members of the nominating committee: Stephanie Bandy, Jane Brown, Randy Daniel, John Davis, Linda Hall, Gerald Johnson, John Newman, Jr., and Kenneth Suggs. Dee explained there would also be nominations taken from the floor during the Business Meeting, and then all votes would be tallied. Since there had never been a mail-in ballot before and because no provisions for such appears in the by-laws, the President voiced his concern over whether we should count the mail-in ballots. There was discussion regarding the ballot, why and how it was mailed out to the members, and should we let the mailed-in votes count. It was determined that a miscommunication had occurred and the best way to resolve the issue was to put a vote to the general membership and let them decide whether or not to count the mail-ins ballots for this one election. The consensus of the board members present was to let the general membership vote on it and then later create a referendum to address this voting procedure. No motion was formally made at this time. The board agreed to return to this issue at a later date.

The President then presented his version of the financial summary for 1998, see attached. He concludes that sales from hats, t-shirts, posters and books are keeping the society operating. He concludes that the life-membership program needs to be reevaluated, along with overall membership increase, and possibly a dues increase. Bill made a motion to suspend selling or awarding life memberships until a study can be done (within 30-days) to examine this issue. Motion seconded by Ricky.

Some discussion followed as to the cost of the annual State Fair booth and should we look at other options for funding/sponsorship of the booth. Most board members agreed the State Fair booth was a valuable public exposure for the NCAS and served the Society's mission suitably. An informal committee of Dee, Micki, Danny, and Ricky will look into the possibility of other sponsors.

Dee reminded everyone of the date for the Spring Meeting in Raleigh, on May 22, 1999. She has arranged the main program to be at the state capitol building (and at no cost). A reception is planned on Friday night before the meeting to be held at the Bailey-Tucker House in downtown Raleigh. OSA and others have offered to do the catering for refreshments (at low cost).

At 6:40 p.m., Wayne moved to adjourn the meeting and join other guests at the reception.
Danny seconded.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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