

**North Carolina Archaeological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
Review of Blue Banks Options
January 26, 2002, 2:00 p.m.
Office of State Archaeology, Raleigh, NC**

Attendance: Tom Beaman, Steve Davis, Dee Nelms, Ken Suggs, John Hildebrand, Bill Conen, and Linda Carnes-McNaughton. Linda Hall and Jane Eastman were unable to attend due to illness.

Ken called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. and introduced new board members to the group: John Hildebrand and Tom Beaman.

Old Business:

There was a review of the October 6, 2001 board meeting minutes. With no corrections or comments, Dee motioned to accept the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Steve and carried.

Bill then presented the treasurer's report. Several items were noted, e.g. an increase in \$4,006 from the last report of 12/31/00, a \$1462.28 increase in the Endowment Fund including a \$500 donation by G. Herring. Interest earned on the Endowment account is currently \$942.56. It was pointed out that "cash available" refers to the non-endowment fund. Bill pointed out that the cost of printing the journal is less than expected and put us in good standing (\$1228.87 and with postage was \$1399.33). Steve stated the difference was a change in paper size. Ken asked what was the expense of recent meeting at Town Creek. Bill noted that the NCAS covered the cost of lunch for the staff that hosted the meeting. The honorarium for each speaker was paid by the Town Creek support group (The Friends of Town Creek) and was not cost to the NCAS. On average a meeting cost runs about \$500, and the NCAS splits the cost for the Friday night reception with the NCAC. Bill reminded the board that the \$500 limit per meeting had been agreed upon by the board in the recent past. There was some general discussion about previous meeting following which Tom motioned to accept the treasurer's report. John seconded and the motion carried.

Steve presented the editor's report. He stated the upcoming issue will be out by the end of the year and is already seeking material for the next issue. The question was asked have we sold many archive cds. Steve would like to make the archives cd available on the web page instead of burning it onto cds and selling it. He is still willing to produce an archive cd if requested, but having on the web would make it much more accessible. By the spring he would like to digitize the out-of-print issues of past SIS/NCAJ and put them on the web as well. This will be done through the web browser. John asked about the cost of this process and Steve responded there is none. LCM asked about the copyright issue of any material before it goes on to web. Steve stated we (the NCAS) have never had a copyright. Steve doesn't see it as a problem. The board agreed to allow Steve to

explore this option and report back on any costs. A motion was made by Bill to allow Steve to put all OOP issues on the web. Tom seconded the motion and all approved.

There was some general discussion about how the archives on internet can help create a better understanding of the NCAS and its past history. Ken suggested it would be great to include photographs and documentation from past state fair booth exhibits on the web as well. He would like to see a special archive created to include just this topic. If photographs exist then they will need to be scanned to be included. He sees this as a way to document what our past exhibits have been.

LCM then reported on behalf of the EAC and read a memo from Vin and David Moore, co-chairs of the Advisory Committee (attached to minutes). From a slate of 5 applicants, Tony Boudreaux (from the RLA-UNC) was selected as the first recipient of the EAC \$1000 grant. His research topic is titled, *Developing an Architectural and Social History: Dating Nonmound Contexts at Town Creek*. Steve mentioned that the RLA-UNC is also augmenting research by Chris Rodning. There was a good discussion about the advantage of sponsoring research and having a good slate of applicants.

New Business:

Dee asked the board about the possibility of the NCAS doing the state fair booth this year rather than trying to actively seek a corporate or other agency sponsor. John Mintz, with the OSA has stepped forward and agreed to do an exhibit on projectile point typologies. The board agreed to consider this offer and a decision would need to be made by June, if another sponsor should come forward. Dee mentioned that the bill (for the booth) would arrive in March and need to be paid. Tom motioned to have the NCAS accept the cost and sponsorship for the state fair booth this year. LCM amended the motion to include a joint sponsorship with NCAS and OSA. John Hildebrand seconded and all approved the motion.

Ken mentioned that the board needed to revisit Tom Beaman's offer to host a meeting in Wilson. Tom once again presented his proposal to host the Spring NCAS in Wilson and offered a slate of presenters and topics. He mentioned that the OSA is currently the report on the Wilson by-pass project and hopes that Heather Millis (with TRC-Garrow) will present this study. Randy Daniel has been asked to be the other speaker. Tom will explore the reception venues and other outdoor activity areas. He mentioned Barton College as a possibility for the meetings and Imagination Station as an added attraction for families. In addition, there are good restaurants in the area and Wilson is centrally located for the eastern region. Another possible speaker may focus on recent preservation efforts in town. Tom will check back with the executive board in two weeks to finalize the venue, speakers, and other local arrangements. If it doesn't work out, then the board will consider other locations for the spring meeting. A date of May 18 was suggested.

LCM mentioned Jane Eastman's interest in trying to host another bus tour sometime soon. One option was to have a joint meeting with the South Carolina Archaeological

Society, perhaps in the fall of 2002. LCM will contact the SCAS folks for information about their fall meeting, date and location.

Next there was general discussion about the most recent elections. Bill Moxley had been invited to attend this board meeting but was unable to make it. It was agreed by the board that a reevaluation of our current election procedures needed to be conducted. Steve asked about obtaining all email addresses for our members, current and renewing. This could be done through the dues/membership renewal forms. This would allow greater communication, which seems to be one problem in getting the word out on elections. LCM pointed out that only 27 people out of a membership of 388 voted in the last election. Bill mentioned our membership up from 388 to 407. LCM asked the president to appoint a committee to evaluate the elections procedures and report back to the board for ways to improve this process. The board agreed a new elections committee needed to be appointed, with a new chair, although Dee agreed to stay on as a member. The committee should consult with past presidents and ask for their input. The slate of candidates needs to be larger than a one-to-one for vacant positions (officers or board members). One way to advertise for the vacant positions would be through newsletters. Tom suggested we put a note in the February newsletter that two board positions are becoming open and that anyone interested should contact a board member or the new election committee chair. The president will identify a new chair that will then create a new elections committee (including one board member--yet to be named) chair. John pointed out that more members would lead to more activities.

The president suggested the board begin to solicit new ideas for a 2002 poster. He recommended that the NCAS reissue the projectile point typology poster in color using images of real artifacts rather than line drawings. LCM mentioned the CFAR organization have already reissued another point chart that sells for \$5.00 and we would be duplicating that theme. The question was asked about whether or not funds already exist to do a poster and LCM responded the money would have to be raised for the poster project. Tom suggested that maybe the new fair exhibit of projectile points would make a nice poster and could be given away or sold at the fair. John mentioned that our logo needs to be on any poster to identify the project to us. Steve suggested we advertise in the next newsletter for poster ideas from the membership at large and see what comes up

There was no further information about the cemetery handout. OSA may have more information about the distribution of this handbill if it is available.

A motion to adjourn was introduced by Tom and seconded by Dee. Upon approval and no further discussion, the meeting concluded at 3:45 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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