

**North Carolina Archaeological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
August 24, 2003, 1:00 p.m.
Office of State Archaeology, Raleigh, NC**

Attendance: Dee Nelms, Bill Conen, John Hildebrand, Linda Stine, Ken Suggs, Linda Carnes-McNaughton, Terri Russ, Shane Petersen, Tom Beaman, and John Mintz. Jane Eastman attended via conference call from western NC.

Ken called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

The January 26 minutes were reviewed and corrections noted by the secretary (thanks to Linda Stine). A motion was made to approve the minutes by John H., seconded by Terri and subsequently carried.

Linda Stine reported on the Morganton meeting in which only 5 board members were in attendance. As no quorum was present, no business was conducted. (Beaman and Mintz arrived late to confirm meeting outcome).

Old Business:

Ken called for the treasurers' report given by Bill Conen. The board reviewed the most recent report and some discussion was devoted to items on the financial statement. It was noted that Fort Bragg's contractor has already reimbursed the NCAS for the fair booth fee. The cost of a new Plexiglas cover for the exhibit case was pointed out along with the one-time donation to the SEAC to sponsor a reception. Bill also pointed out the cost-out item for payment to the new EAC recipient. Cost for the treasurer's bond fee was noted. The treasurer also requested that we remove the president's name from the bank signature card because the person in this position changes every two years. After discussion with the board, it was acknowledged that this change did not require a motion, as no motion was made to put it in place 5 years ago, but was set up by a previous president. The secretary will prepare a letter to the bank to remove Mickie Vacca's name from the signature card. The new cards will only require the treasurer's and secretary's signatures for activation.

It was noted that membership appeared to be down from the previous cycle, but Dee pointed out that renewal cards had just been mailed out and that the Fall usually experienced an increase in renewed and new members. The board will monitor this fluctuation in membership count. John Mintz moved to accept the treasurer's report, and after a second from Beaman, the motion carried.

In the absence of the editor (Steve Davis), the secretary recited his note from last March re: the schedule for manuscripts and publication. Linda Stine has submitted a manuscript.

New Business:

The president called on a report for the Endowment Advisory Committee. LCM reported on an earlier memo received by Vin Steponaitis (in March) asking that he be removed as co-chair of the EAC. He wishes to remain on the EAC, but suggested Randy Daniel as his replacement to co-chair along with David Moore. The board agreed this change could have a positive affect to recruit applicants beyond UNC-CH program. Terri motioned that we accept Vin's recommendation to replace Randy as co-chair. Linda Stine seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. LCM will contact Randy to ask him to serve and to contact Vin with the results of the board's ruling.

LCM then presented the plans for the Fall meeting to be hosted at Town Creek Indian Mound State Historic Site, on October 4 (motion made by Beaman, seconded by Conen and carried). The standard \$500 support fund has been set aside for the meeting but Archie also ask if the NCAS is willing to pay for the lunches of his staff who will work that day. Tom motioned to have the NCAS pay for the TC staff lunches and those of the speakers/presenters. Mintz seconded this motion and it passed unopposed. Tony Boudreaux will present a paper on his research at TC (as recipient of the first EAC grant) that will be followed by a GPR demonstration by Dr. Kent Schneider with the USFS. There was general discussion re: the time allotted for the Board of Directors meeting and then the General Business meeting. Dee will work with Archie to finalize the schedule. Tom asked if the information gathered through the GPR would become public record and LCM responded that this was only a demonstration and not a systematic data recovery task.

There was some discussion about the allotted \$500 per meeting sponsorship by the NCAS. LCM pointed out that the \$500 limit had been previously been set by the board in 1994 but that often it higher if out-of-town/state speakers were involved. After some discussion Shane motioned to allow the meeting cost to include a range of \$500 up to \$750 and not to exceed this top limit without prior board approval. Beaman seconded the motion and all approved to carry it.

Regarding upcoming elections for new president-elect, two board positions and incumbent officers, Dee mentioned that the final ballot was in preparation from the Nominating Committee and will go out in the next newsletter as a separate sheet. The Nominating Committee submitted a slate of candidates for board members (5 total) and no one as yet for president-elect. Beaman will rotate into the president slot as Ken rotates off. Jane Eastman agreed to run for president if no one else stepped forward but rescinded her offer after consideration that the president has almost always been a non-career archaeologist. Ken Robinson (in his letter) stated his concerns for the lack of non-career archaeologists willing to serve as officers. He strongly suggested that we need more leadership to gain more members and garner relationships with non-professionals. It was suggested that the Nominating Committee contact previous board members or past presidents to see if they would serve again. Terri will relay to Ken the board's discussions and then get the final slate of candidates to Dee for inclusion in the newsletter by the end of next week. Linda Stine suggested that if we partner with the CFAR group we could then have twice the number of candidates to serve on the NCAS.

Stine then reported on a current event she had heard about which involved the excavation of a Civil War period burial in a churchyard, the purpose of which was to loot metal buttons. She asked if the NCAS could act on this. There was general discussion that the NCAS was not a regulatory agency but promoted the preservation of archaeological resources. It was suggested that she, as an individual and professional archaeologist, send a letter to the local sheriff's office, and/or the newspapers editorial section, in protest and condemnation of the reported incident.

Dee and LCM reported on progress of the state fair exhibit to be sponsored by Fort Bragg's CRP this year. Dee is organizing the schedule of volunteers. LCM described the contents of the new exhibit and what will be featured. Free posters and brochures will be on hand for distribution. An information sheet will go out with the passes to the volunteers ahead of time. Fair dates are October 17 to 25.

LCM then brought up the discussion about the upcoming Southeastern Archaeological Conference to be held in Charlotte in November. NCAS donated \$500 to help sponsor a special reception. The newsletter will include additional information re: admission costs to NCAS members, the free event at the Schiele Museum on Saturday and a call for volunteers to staff the conference in lieu of registration fee. Mintz asked if the NCAS should have a table there. John and Tom are willing to help host a table at SEAC. John asked if the NCAS contributes to the student prize and LCM answered yes, we do. Tom will contact Janet Levy to ask about a NCAS table in the book room.

Ken Suggs mentioned an announcement he'd seen in the local papers re: a private point collection to be on display at the Sanford Library on September 6th and 7th. He encouraged board members and other NCAS members to come and share in the information exchange.

As there was no further business to discuss, Tom motioned to adjourn at 2:30. John Mintz seconded and the meeting closed.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Linda F. Carnes-McNaughton, RPA
Secretary, NCAS