

**North Carolina Archaeological Society
Board of Directors Meeting
February 8, 2004, 1:00 p.m.
Research Laboratories of Archaeology, Chapel Hill, NC**

Note: Minutes for the beginning of this meeting were “recreated” from hand notes after computer malfunctioned.

Attendance: Bill Conen, Tom Beaman, Bill Covington, Ruth Wetmore, Steve Davis, Linda Stine, Archie Smith, Terri Russ, and Linda Carnes-McNaughton. Vin Steponaitis attended as guest.

Tom called the meeting to order at 1:15 and the attending board members reviewed the minutes of October 4, 2003 meeting at Town Creek. Two corrections were noted and then a vote for approval was made by Bill Conen and seconded by Terri Russ. The motion carried.

Old Business:

Bill Conen then distributed his financial summary for board review. After a brief discussion, the board voted to approve the treasurer’s report.

Steve presented the editor’s report and preparations for Volume 53 are well under way. There was a discussion about the previous volume and out-dated information regarding the list of current officers. Steve noted he had since updated his files to reflect 2004 officers and affiliations. Corrections were also needed on the previous newsletter to reflect officers elected in October 2003. He reported that the costs for printing by UNC printing were going up and he may “shop” outside the Chapel Hill area for a competitive/lower cost for printing the next volume. Then he presented a digital tour of the new web page and updates to it for the new and old board members. The improvements from our previous web page were noted and everyone thanked Steve for his outstanding efforts to get the NCAS page in such fine format.

LCM then read a statement from Randy Daniel, co-chair of the EAC, to explain that there was no annual award given this year and that the committee had only received one proposal. The EAC will review in RFP format and distribution of information about the EAC and hope to gather more suitable applicants for next year’s award cycle.

Vin then presented a brief history of the Hardaway Collection and its current curation status. Several new board members had asked if it was completed and if the NCAS could further assist in the protection of this valuable collection. Vin is proceeding diligently and plans to ask the ALCOA Corp for a tax-deductible donation this next annual cycle.

As John Mintz was not in attendance there was no information on sales from the SEAC book room table to report. LCM or Tom will ask Dee to total the sales from her calculations and report back to the board and treasurer.

New Business:

Tom initiated a discussion to select a venue and host for the Spring meeting. Bill Covington mentioned that he would like to organize a meeting sometime in the future to be hosted at Weymouth Woods in Southern Pines. Fort Bragg's CRP could co-host with Moore County Historical Association. Linda Stine expressed interest in hosting the Spring meeting at the Guilford Courthouse National Military Park in Greensboro, but would have to check with various local parks people and her field school schedule before committing to it fully. Everyone agreed this was a good idea and encouraged her to pursue this venue. A suggested date was May 22, 2004. She will check on this date and discuss the details with Dee for inclusion in the next upcoming newsletter.

Terri Russ also mentioned that a backup plan could be to host the Spring meeting at ECU and ask Randy Daniel to let volunteers and NCAS members assist in the Barber Creek excavation scheduled for this same time period.

Bill Covington presented information about a previous survey done on NCAS membership demographics and interests done in 1996. The board examined the handout and several questions were asked about low student participation (only 15-17), membership involvement, and how to get folks "connected" to other opportunities throughout the state.

He suggested using our existing brochures more effectively by distributing them to local libraries and other museums. He also suggested creating an "affiliated member" level for local amateur collectors or hobbyists. Archie pointed out that in Alabama, the Stones and Bones (newsletter for the state society) helped to raise money for the Stanfield Worley Rockshelter and that our state membership could get involved in such a project. Bill volunteered to head up a program to distribute the existing brochure to state libraries, county by county. He asked where they were stored and how many we had. LCM suggested he get in touch with Dee to find out these answers.

Tom asked the board if we wanted to consider just one meeting a year for the society. There was no consensus on this suggestion. A question was raised about Archaeology Month (October) and how it was created and could we do it again. LCM provided a brief history of Archaeology Month and its association with the Office of State Archaeology. The last official declaration of Archaeology Month occurred in 2002.

Tom asked Dee to print out a list of membership addresses and send to Bill Covington for survey. He plans to re-develop a membership map.

LCM then presented information about the Douglas Rights Award which was created and approved by the NCAS board in February 1993. It is an award given to amateur archaeologist who demonstrates significant contributions to NC archaeology. It was never awarded, however, and she suggested that the current board review this and re-institute its application. She further stated that the board (in Feb. 03) instructed the president to set up an Ad Hoc Committee called the Grants and Awards committee for

such a purpose. Steve mentioned a backlog of folks he could think of that would be deserving of such an award. Tom will appoint this committee.

A brief review of the proposed award form concluded that “if we haven’t used it in 10 years why use it now.” Tom moved to disregard the 1993 form-based portion of the awards process until a future time when the board could revisit this issue. Conen seconded this motion and all approved.

LCM then presented an award request to the NCAS board for support of the upcoming Santa Elena Kiln Exhibit to be curated at the North Carolina Pottery Center in the Fall. The award would be used to supplement the cost of educational materials to be created for the exhibit. Steve moved to support the \$100 award to the NCPC for the SE exhibit. Tom seconded and the board approved. LCM will contact Dee to send the award to the NCPC.

Next followed a general discussion about the quality and format of our current newsletter. All agreed it needed a facelift and new content. Examples of other states societies’ newsletters were passed out to the board for review and comparison. Steve showed the board earlier newsletters from the 1990s when he was editor (after the two organizations merged) and everyone agreed the content was more on target for what we needed. Covington suggested a new article to add to the newsletter which would feature a biography of archaeologists in the state. He will pursue this and make selections for each upcoming issue.

Steve suggested that John Mintz, the NCAC editor, could join tasks with Dee to help combine information to the two groups (e.g. field school opportunities, announcements, etc.). It was pointed out that most NCAC members are also NCAS members. Emailing the newsletters is also an option to pursue in the future. Tom agreed to talk to Dee about the newsletter and encouraged everyone to submit items for the next issue.

There was a brief discussion about the state chapters and which ones are still “active.” Ruth agreed to talk to Tom Whyte about the Appalachian Chapter and get them to send in news items. Others to get information from are the Gaston County group (Alan May) and the Warren Wilson group (from David Moore).

As there was no further business to discuss, Ruth motioned to adjourn at 4:20 p.m., and Linda Stine seconded.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Linda F. Carnes-McNaughton
Secretary, NCAS