

**North Carolina Archaeological Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 1, 2006, 1:00 pm  
Office of State Archaeology, Raleigh, NC**

Attendance: Archie Smith, Linda Carnes-McNaughton, Steve Davis, Bill Conen, Paul Mohler, Matt Jorgenson, Dee Nelms, Terri Russ, and Tom Beaman as guest. Tom Oakes could not come because of storm damage to his property. Jeff Irwin and Brian Overton also were absent.

The meeting called to order by President-elect Terri Russ at 1:00 p.m.

**Old Business:**

After a review of the BOD minutes from May 28, 2006 meeting, two minor changes were noted for correction. Davis' move to accept the minutes was seconded by Jorgenson, and the BOD voted to accept them. LCM will amend the minutes and send to Davis for inclusion on the webpage and archives.

Russ recognized treasurer Conen who presented his hand-written report (computer malfunction). Some discussion followed a review of the document. New inventory has been ordered by Nelms in preparation for upcoming events which totaled about \$900. This cost will be recouped by sales at the state fair and fall meeting events as well as the Archaeology Days event in November. Davis asked about the "inserts" cost and was reminded this was associated with Volume 15 and the newsletter. Nelms also mentioned that including photos in the newsletters also drives up the print cost.

It was noted that membership has once again dropped: to 27 less than was noted at the May meeting, averaging out to 361 at present. Russ commented that we should be able to increase membership through event exposure this fall but asked that reminders be sent again to overdue members. Nelms pointed out that storage space for NCAS inventory and stock is being reduced at OSA as they downsize in preparation for a move. Smith suggested that back issues of *SIS* could be stored at the Town Creek site if needed. Back issues of *NCA* generally go for \$5.00 each. Davis reported that the RLA has about 50 copies as a surplus. Russ recommended that we offer back issue of *SIS* publications, in a new tote bag, as a signup incentive for new membership. Beaman and Nelms suggested that we offer a tote bag, t-shirt, and back issues for \$25. It was recommended that we try this approach at the Archaeology Days events where we will have a booth and supplies on hand. Beaman suggested we do it for the fall meeting at Town Creek as well. Jorgenson moved to accept the treasurer's report, and after a second from Mohler, the report was accepted by all. Conen will submit a computer printout for the archives when available.

Davis next presented his editor's report. He reported that he has three articles in hand and two book reviews for the upcoming issue which will be mailed out in December along with the newsletter. This issue will feature articles on Catawba Indian coalescence,

early nineteenth-century Catawba pottery, and a reprint of M.R. Harrington's 1908 study of Catawba pottery. The average size will be about 100 pages.

Nelms mentioned that the newsletter was waiting on the final agenda for the fall meeting but should go out by Friday. There will be no biographical segment in this issue.

There was no report from the EAC this round, but Daniel sent an RFP for the newsletter. LCM relayed her correspondence with Daniel re: the past cycle's selection process and subsequent return of the funding (as referenced in previous minutes). Daniel sent his apologies for not informing the BOD of the candidate selection and promised to maintain better communication in the future.

Davis also mentioned he received a call from Whitey Graham, past president, to inquire about the protective status of the Blue Banks property. Davis replied to Graham about the on-going EAC and annual grant cycle. (Graham was instrumental in getting the Blue Banks property sold and setting up the endowment fund).

LCM then reported on the response from the CoAS re: our "apparent arrears" and received a complete apology from the SAA president for their mistake in records. They assured us we were members in good standing. It was suggested that the NCAS submit a news article to the CoAS to include in their newsletter. Davis agreed to write an article on the fall Town Creek dig and LCM agreed to do a write up on the up-coming Archaeology Days event.

Russ, on behalf of the Nomination Committee, presented a list of new candidates for the two board positions. Four candidates have been nominated: Clay Swindell, Scott Seibel, Tara Potts, and Kate Pattison. It was noted that no avocational archaeologists were among the nominations. The slate was accepted by a motion from Conen, seconded by Davis and board approval. LCM suggested that we actively seek Tommy Stine to run for president-elect during the next election cycle, and try to pursue more avocational members to serve as officers.

LCM presented an update on activities thus far planned for Archaeology Days (November 18 & 19). She explained the list provided by Brenda Moore from the RLA and subsequent discussions with Dan Cassidy (NCAC president). Mohler read a report from Overton re: his correspondence with members of the NC Museum of Natural Science and logistics. There was following discussion re: set up, staffing, location and sales of NCAS materials. LCM will attend another planning meeting on October 12 to update the NCAS BOD. Overton is scheduling staffing of the NCAS booth and it was suggested that each board member do a shift at the booth, which will be outdoors in the plaza area. The NCAS banner will also be displayed on the booth.

Nelms reported on the status of staffing the state fair booth and what slots still remain open. Jorgenson, Beaman and Overton have agreed to be the backup call people for absent volunteers. Jorgenson reiterated the suggestion to have agencies allow their

employees to serve 8 hour shifts in lieu of a work day. Nelms will continue to update the schedule and purchase the passes.

Beaman then updated the BOD on the sponsorship for the booth. Oakes and Beaman sent a letter to Fort Dobbs asking them to be this year's sponsor for the booth, and by doing so to reimburse the NCAS for the rental cost (\$840). Beaman said that Beth Hill, site manager, was meeting with her support group and would send word soon. He is 99% sure they will do it. The focus will be on recent analysis of Fort Dobbs materials in honor of the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the site. A summary report has been prepared by Dr. Larry Babits and a small exhibit was done for the site recently. Beaman suggested we ask to use the same artifacts and texts and work with Martha Battle of Historic Sites to set this up. LCM asked Beaman to help prepare a short information sheet to include with the volunteers' passes. Beaman agreed to do the set up and break down of the exhibit and work with Battle on artifact access. A back up exhibit plan was discussed should this all fall through and the BOD agreed to do a Town Creek or Education theme should this happen.

Mohler presented a summary sheet on the results of last year's Archaeology Month. The spreadsheet provided a quick review of successes and key events. He asked should we do it again? He regretted that only 18% of the participants responded to his query for feedback. The BOD agreed that we should do it again and to start soon planning for the 2007 Archaeology Month using this spreadsheet information to target types of events that worked best and venues. No further discussion was offered for planning committees at this time.

Davis and Smith then gave an update on the fall meeting planned for Town Creek on Oct. 6-8<sup>th</sup>. There will be three days of digging on site, which will be open to the public and NCAS membership for participation. He explained that the areas/units to be explored and "reopened" will be located in the southern area of the stockaded site. These units will be excavated, then mapped and photographed in order to replace old or unusable images taken during the original work. His team, along with the site manager, will reestablish the grid and lay out two to five units for excavation. Completion will depend on the number of volunteers who work for the three days. The units will be later backfilled by prison labor. The excavation event will be used to enhance existing data, while producing minimum artifacts, which will be processed at the RLA. The second phase of the project will involve geophysical studies conducted by a team from the University of Tennessee. Two blocks will be examined, using resistivity and a fluxgate gradiometer, to delineate archaeological features. Following Saturday's NCAS business meeting and elections, two short presentations will be given by Davis (overview of the Town Creek photomosaic) and Schroedl (on use of remote sensing techniques). After the catered lunch, work will resume on the site, picking up from Friday's work. Russ suggested that we use large screens to allow more children or less experienced folks to sort artifacts. The Friends of Town Creek agreed to help offset the \$250 honorarium offered by the NCAS to cover the costs for the UT team. The NCAS will cover complimentary lunches for the presenters and TC staff. Accommodations information

and logistics will be sent in the next newsletter. Davis, Smith, Nelms and LCM will finalize the agenda.

In Overton's absence there was nothing to report on the postcard template for email options. Russ recommended that we focus on the newsletter or dues renewal postcards as a means to ask if folks want to receive the newsletter via email or hard copy. It was suggested that Overton have a postcard "mock up" for the BOD to review at the October meeting and try to get it sent out by December.

Smith was given the floor to announce that the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of excavations at Town Creek will be in April 2007 and a big celebration is being planned. Federal agencies also will participate, given the site's status as a National Historic Landmark. Smith would like the NCAS to be a prominent partner in this celebration.

As there was no further business to discuss, Jorgenson motioned for adjournment at 2:40 pm, seconded by Smith.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Linda F. Carnes-McNaughton  
NCAS Secretary