

**North Carolina Archaeological Society  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 3, 2007, 1:00 pm  
Office of State Archaeology, Raleigh, NC**

Attendance: Linda Carnes-McNaughton, Dee Nelms, Tom Oakes, Jeff Irwin, Matt Jorgenson, Scott Seibel, and Bill Conen. Steve Davis, Brian Overton, Paul Mohler, and Terri Russ were absent.

President Oakes called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary distributed agendas. Treasurer distributed corrected financial reports from last quarter. LCM will scan and send to Davis for archives and webpage inclusion.

**Old Business:**

After a review of the February 4, 2007 minutes, a motion was made by Oakes, seconded by Seibel to accept the minutes. After a vote, the minutes were accepted.

The Treasurer then distributed the current financial report for board review. He reported that he had made the recommended Money Market transfers as approved in at the previous BOD meeting in February. LCM provided information re: the National Register grant fund and who the designated recipients would be based on completion of the Neoherooka and Tuckasegee NR forms (Heath and Eastman, respectively). Irwin asked if the sales and cost/profit figures for inventory (t-shirts, hats, totes, etc) should be held separately for tax purposes. Nelms suggested that any remaining SIS issues should not be sold, but given away as membership incentives. Jorgenson motioned to accept this suggestion and Seibel seconded it. The board voted to approve this recommendation to distribute back issues and clear old inventory.

There was no Editor's report.

LCM presented an update on behalf of the EAC as received from Randy Daniel, the co-chair. There were three applicants this round and the grant was awarded to Steve Compton whose proposal was to stabilize and reinventory the archaeological materials from the Mt. Shepherd Pottery Kiln site (excavated in 1974 and 1975). LCM was asked to serve as an advisor for implementation of this grant and she agreed to do so.

CoAS newsletters have been scanned and now appear on the NCAS webpage for the membership. No NCAS representative was able to attend the past SAA meeting to update our posting on this national organization. Our annual membership has been renewed.

**New Business:**

LCM then provided an update on the rededication ceremony held at Town Creek Indian Mound site which took place on May 20, 2007. The program included talks by Dr. Bennie Keel, Dr. Vin Steponaitis, Dr. Stanley South, and Mr. Keith Hardison, along with Mr. Archie Smith, the site manager. The event also celebrated 70 years of archaeology done at the site, which began in 1937. A new National Historic Landmark marker was unveiled to mark the occasion and the site's status.

Irwin presented a brief outline of his proposal for the NCAS membership to develop a stewardship program for endangered or threatened archaeological sites. He models this proposal after a similar one in Texas which is also administered by their archaeological society and a state agency. Irwin suggested that the NCAC be the ones to serve as overseers and not the NCAS. Seibel asked why not a partnership arrangement with NCAS and NCAC members be proposed. Irwin pointed out that the sponsors or mentors need to be experienced amateurs, who are serious about their work and site preservation. Irwin mentioned the Texas program started in the 1980s with 10 designated stewards and it has now grown to over 115. These trained individuals report threatened sites to the state archaeologist and work with them to initiate public outreach programs to work on the sites. He sees the Office of State Archaeology or the NCAC as the possible overseers of this program and that they should be professionally trained. There was general discussion about the NCAC and OSA's dormant situation and if either group would be willing to oversee this program if it were established. Jorgenson asked why only amateurs would serve as stewards. Irwin replied it should be set up by regions with the professionals within each region providing guidance and mentorship to train the site stewards. Each region could then form chapters of the NCAS to solicit the help of new stewards for site preservation efforts.

This discussion then generated more suggestions for public outreach events and that the NCAS needs to find two or the three defining events or components that the amateurs in our organization will be interested in and pursue those; these are in addition to the journal, the annual meeting, and the chapter formations. We need more opportunities to join together and exchange interests. Oakes agreed the chapter formations could be key to growing the NCAS. Oakes and Swindell wish to establish a local chapter in the NE region of the state, and tap into some activities hosted by nearby the Virginia archaeological society. It was noted that, at present, there are no active chapters in North Carolina. Jorgenson also mentioned the activities of the Georgia archaeological society and how they distribute information to generate more membership.

Irwin agreed that chapters provide incentive and a committee should be set up to explore ways to get this accomplished. Seibel then segued into the topic of how to grow the NCAS and invigorate membership. He cited that collectors have a negative image of the NCAS and that we need to turn this around. The BOD agreed that we need to create a way to empower the collectors, not from the top-down but from the bottom-up.

Oakes suggested we present this topic to the membership at the fall meeting for their input and suggestions. He asked for volunteers to create a chapter start-up kit and maybe have it ready to hand out at the fall meeting. Nelms asked who the volunteers should

contact if they are interested in setting up a chapter. LCM replied that chapter guidelines are posted on the NCAS webpage, but could use revision. Irwin and Seibel, as a committee, agreed to research the operations and successes of chapters in other states to develop ideas for fostering chapter development in North Carolina.

Seibel then reported for Mohler on his research of membership demographics. A membership list and a distribution map per county were handed out for BOD review. Concentrations were noted in areas with university sponsorship and large population densities, and where there were large numbers of professionals. The map shows obvious gaps which could be targeted for expansion of chapters or hosting public events to draw in new members. Seibel gave the secretary copies for the archives. The BOD acknowledged Mohler's work and appreciated his efforts pulling this data together.

Oakes then presented an update on the Twiddy-Saunders site. Oakes distributed another funding proposal compiled by Joe Herbert to seek grant money from the local county, using the NCAS as the submitting agency. The cover letter, written and signed by Herbert, was done on NCAS letterhead and the budget proposal dated for June 1, 2007. Oakes asked the BOD to consider this proposal and asked for feedback immediately in order to submit the document to the county commissioners. LCM received copies to distribute to the absent BOD members via email. There was general discussion about an individual member using the NCAS letterhead, if the society was to be the purse-holder for such grant money. Irwin suggested that a chapter, as a sub-group of the larger organization, be the grant applicant, and not an individual. There was discussion about a review of the current by-laws and whether or not such provisions were included or needed for situations of this type, given the NCAS is a licensed non-profit organization.

Oakes then led a discussion to find out where the next fall meeting could be held. Nelms had mentioned the possibility of a meeting Raleigh to be held in tandem with a proposed lecture series, but that had been cancelled, so the offer was withdrawn. Jorgenson asked about recent past venues. Oakes also suggested hosting a meeting in Currituck County to highlight the Twiddy site work. Mention was made of the Alcoa staff's offer to host another meeting at the Hardaway Site and facility in Baden. LCM pointed out the need to decide soon in order to fully plan for success. Seibel agreed the venue should be chosen quickly. Town Creek, Currituck County, and Hardaway Site were proposed in priority order. Town Creek has already agreed to host a dig event and was working with the RLA to plan a weekend, similar to last year's event. LCM agreed to contact Archie Smith and the RLA to confirm plans and ask for a proposed date.

Jorgenson and Seibel suggested the NCAS return to two meetings a year (in the absence of the State Fair booth), with alternating topics, e.g. activities/workshop and papers or presentations. Irwin asked who plans the agenda for the meetings and LCM replied usually it is the host, and dependent upon the venue. Irwin thinks the members should decide the agenda and not the host, that that is a problem with interests. Conen said some people do not wish to listen to papers and prefer activities and workshop themes. There was a suggestion to include the NCAC as a joint sponsor, but no one knew if the new officers had been seated and who they were. LCM reminded the BOD that the NCAS can

sponsor vendors, demonstrators, and honorariums for meeting purposes. Seibel suggested we look into local corporate sponsors for our meetings wherever they are held. Irwin recommended we pick venue and then decide agenda.

In the absence of Russ, LCM mentioned that upcoming elections need to be held and a new VP-elect as well as two BOD member positions need to be filled. Nelms agreed to contact Russ and another member (Jorgenson volunteered) to serve on the nominating committee and identify prospective candidates. Mail out ballots will need to go into the August newsletter along with the fall meeting information.

Jorgenson suggested that the NCAC be responsible for organizing one meeting in the year and the NCAS be invited and then the reverse with the NCAS organizing and inviting the NCAC. This idea was met with approval by the BOD and the secretary will approach the new officers to recommend this arrangement. Conen said the ideal joint meetings could be some papers followed by activities at every meeting.

Nelms opened discussion re: the upcoming move of OSA to the basement of Archives Building. She is keeping the inventory for NCAS stock, journals, and materials and will notify the NCAS if space becomes an issue when the OSA moves into its new facility in the fall. The two exhibit cases are currently stored at the NCDOT warehouse area, under Brian Overton's care. Nelms mentioned the RLA stores the journals as well.

Irwin mentioned the Joe Moylan letters sent in 2005 to the OSA and previous NCAS president, but which were never presented to the BOD. There was no response to this disclosure or recommendation to reply to his inquiry.

Seibel discussed seeking corporate sponsors for our organization or special events. He recommended that we compile a list of museums and civic groups to partner with and promote activities within certain regions. Irwin pointed out that we should bring it back to membership and focus on who is the audience. LCM pointed out that the success of Archaeology Days was because the NCAS membership was not the single target but the public at large was invited to all activities. Seibel agreed we need to interest everyone. Irwin said we need to change the meetings, and that they don't work. He said members want to DO archaeology. Conen said that artifact studies in the newsletter would be a good addition. LCM replied to Jorgenson's question about the NCAS sponsoring "digs" and that a long-term curation facility must be identified and agreed upon before work is done. Jorgenson suggested that members should tap in to see what we're doing and not the reverse, as being informed in the newsletters. He thinks we could provide access to information through yahoo groups or a list-serve.

A review of do-outs was recited:

- Seibel and Irwin to prepare chapter start-up kits
- Jorgenson, Russ and Nelms to seek new nominations for fall elections
- LCM to inquire about Town Creek venue for fall meeting (Davis and Smith)
- LCM to mail out Herbert grant proposal to absent BOD members.

The next BOD meeting will be held on Sunday, August 5, 2007 at OSA at 1:00 pm.

Conen motioned to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Jorgenson seconded.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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