

**NCAS BOD MEETING [followed by a retirement celebration for Bill Conen]
29 APRIL 2018
OSA, RALEIGH
1:30 p.m.**

Attendance: LCM, Davis, Cranford, Fitts, Daniel, Petersen, Bailey, and Smith
Absent: Costa, Schleier, Wright, Lapham, and McArdle

Smith called the meeting to order at 1:48 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes from the January 28, 2018 BOD meeting were reviewed. Daniel moved to accept the minutes, Bailey seconded, and a vote called. BOD approved the minutes.

Fitts distributed the Treasurer's report for review. New expenses were encountered to pay for merchandise (new t-shirts and hats). Journal expenses were straightforward. It was noted membership is still down by about 30 members. Davis is hoping there will be an uptick after the newsletter and reminders go out. A reminder will also be posted on the NCAS Facebook site. There was general discussion about other ways to send reminders out and Twitter was also suggested. Without further discussion Bailey moved to accept the Treasurer's report, Davis seconded, and the BOD approved it.

Davis then presented the Editor's report. He has three articles currently and one promised and is hoping for a fifth to complete the journal. He is in good shape with submissions. There was general discussion as to whether a non-member could submit an article to the journal or the newsletter. The BOD agreed they did not have to be a member, but we should encourage any author to become a member. Daniel brought up an issue with individuals who are non-members "taking over" our NCAS Facebook group. It was agreed the Facebook managers will continue to monitor the postings for appropriate content and use. The BOD also noted that Lapham is doing a good job as our new newsletter editor.

Davis gave a brief update on the NCAS webpage, saying he has updated items from the last meeting including new stock and prices and how to order.

Smith then presented a short update on our NCAS Facebook page. She is encouraged by the new entries and different people adding announcements and news. There was a posting by John Kreminski (sp?), an avocational archaeologist working on a large, multicomponent site in Currituck County. Daniel and Fitts know him and acknowledged his work, said he is consulting with other professionals about this site and how to properly work on it. It was not determined if he is a NCAS member or not.

NEW BUSINESS:

Smith was contacted by Lindsey Flood (OSA) who asked for sponsorship donations for the upcoming Archaeology Month hosted by OSA in October 2018. A big event is planned for students to present papers on their current research on one day, followed by a keynote speaker, Dr. Chris Moore, in the evening, October 12. The sponsorship would go towards an honorarium for the keynote speaker. Cranford and Fitts (OSA) also commented on plans for an all-day Public Archaeology Day to be held on Bicentennial Mall, downtown Raleigh, with tables set out for other archaeology partners to join in. The date for this event is not yet known, nor the amount of sponsorship the OSA is asking for since the

amount of the honorarium is also not known. The letter was to gauge NCAS interest and support. Daniel made a motion to accept some level of sponsorship for the event (TBD), Petersen seconded, and the BOD approved. Fitts and Cranford abstained.

Daniel presented his plans for a fall bus tour/meeting. He offered a plan to begin the tour from the QAR lab in Greenville, leaving our cars there and getting on a bus or vans to then travel to the Newbold White House for a tour, then on to Fort Branch for a tour, then return to ECU/QAR lab to get our cars. John Ernst with NBH, has offered to host us for a tour of the house and grounds. Daniel had calculated travel times and van options (15-passenger, same as last fall), and potential tour guides for the Fort Branch site (maybe Chris Southerly, with NCDNCR, who knows the site). The QAR staff would lead the lab tour. He calculated travel from the QAR lab to NWH to be 58 miles, then to Fort Branch and then back to Greenville, for a total of 168 miles and 3.25 hours of travel time. The trip would conclude back at the QAR lab by 5:00 or 5:30. Lunch could be at the NWH on the grounds. The BOD thanked Daniel and Cranford for pulling this information together for the BOD to consider. There was some discussion about the date of this since we did not wish to conflict with OSA's planned activities. Looking at early to mid-October for a possible Saturday. LCM agreed to call the QAR lab to schedule a tour once the date was determined, possibly October 20. Smith assigned a committee to continue work on this event (Daniel, Cranford and McArdle). Final decisions to be made at the July BOD meeting.

Smith also chose a Nominating Committee to move forward with finding candidates for new BOD seats and reelection of Secretary position. Wright and Schleier will rotate off the BOD in October. The Nominating Committee will be Cranford, Bailey, and Costa. They will prepare a slate of candidates to present to the BOD for approval.

Under new business, LCM asked the BOD to consider how the NCAS could get more involved with our state and federal American Indian tribes to solicit their input and partnership. The BOD agreed we should actively pursue this and figure out how to increase participation at our events, in our membership, and publications as well. LCM said she would query the SC and GA societies to ask how they do this and ways to approach it. Cranford asked if we might not wish to include the state tribes and group in our newsletter mailings. Davis recommended that we seek Indian participants for our BOD, and recalled our former BOD member, Danny Bell, who now retired may agree to serve another term.

Petersen asked if the NCAS would be interested in doing podcasts to attract younger members. He mentioned one he'd heard recently about women in archaeology. We could produce them, keeping them short and specific. He agreed to edit them and use equipment he has available. He commented NC State Parks does this and it appears to be successful. Podcasts might be a good outreach tool to increase diversity of our membership. The BOD agreed this was a good idea and asked how to move forward on it. Daniel stated we could query our membership about what they would like to know or learn about.

Discussion concluded with a suggestion from Davis that we should move to paperless production of our newsletter, providing a link to it from our webpage and Facebook outlets. It should be a future goal. The 24 institution members could still receive a hardcopy newsletter.

Petersen moved to adjourn meeting at 3:00 p.m., seconded by Fitts, and approved by BOD.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Dr. Linda F. Carnes-McNaughton, NCAS Secretary