

NCAS BOD MEETING

15 May 2022

1:00 P.M.

ZOOM

*Attendance: LCM, Nisch, Cranford, Schmitz, SWK, McReynolds. Proxies for Mohler and Fitts.
Guests: Davis, Beaman, Petersen*

Absent: Fitts, Mohler, Eastman, Hill, Purvis, and Henderson.

[Quorum: LCM, Cranford, Nisch, Schmitz, McReynolds, SWK and two proxies from Fitts and Mohler, N=8]

Nisch called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Several folks were late due to connectivity issues on the ZOOM call set up by Steve Davis at 12:45 using the RLA account. The BOD thanked Davis for setting up the zoom meeting link.

Continued Business:

First order of business was to review the BOD minutes of 30 January 2022 meeting previously sent to the board by the secretary. Cranford and Mohler sent edits forward. Cranford made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Nisch, then approved by the BOD. LCM will make the three corrections and send the final minutes to the NCAS webpage admin for posting.

Fitts sent her treasurer's report to the BOD ahead of the meeting. It was noted that the mailing for the last journal was expensive, coming in at about \$3.00 per copy, pointed out by Davis. He also stated the mailout included the hardcopy newsletters. He said we are stuck with higher rates for the time being. McReynolds asked if we should consider a total digital journal for the future. Davis commented that the journal is digitally available after the first two years of publication (per BOD approval a few years ago). He further explained that the newsletter is primarily digital to those who request it but we still mail out hardcopies as a choice to other members. McReynolds said we may choose to save money by having both as digital options from the start, if it gets to that point. Davis agreed that was a good option and it would be available with a URL code to members. However, he agreed we are not at that point yet, but as mailing costs increase, we could move in that direction. Cranford said we should investigate this option soon as a tandem distribution of hardcopy. Cranford will include a question how best to link into the journal, IOW, would each journal be a separate link? He could see that some folks might take advantage of a single link for obtaining access to multiple issues. Cranford made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by McReynolds and then approved by the BOD.

Cranford read Mohler's newsletter report (also previously sent to the BOD prior to the meeting). Highlights of this note include: articles slated for the next newsletter from AECOM, one from

New South, and possibly one from OSA; updates on the Digital Spotlight of the 1950 US Census; announcements for upcoming meetings/conferences; the game and mystery id inserts; possibly a paragraph or two about fieldschools; the merchandise plug, and a new initiative called a synthesis project (to be discussed further).

Cranford then presented his editor's report. He mentioned the special issue on pipes and tobacco research to be edited by LCM and Beaman, created from the recent the SEAC symposium of the same topic. So far, the guest editors/compiler have eight articles and an intro for the volume. The drafts are due by August to the guest editors in order to complete second level edits by October to give to Cranford for final submittals.

Beaman then presented his stock report. He sold 10 pieces to date from webpage site sales and has 177 pieces on hand. He stated that he is out of a few sizes but it is not critical at this point; he is still able to meet demand. He asked about upcoming events through the summer and fall for which new stock would be needed. He plans to try to sell NCAS stock at the Berry Site Open House, the SECHSA in August and maybe Town Creek Fall Field Day if it happens. One new item he would like to get BOD approval for is the updated NC projectile point chronology as published in Daniel's new book. He thinks it is time we close out the earlier t-shirts featuring the now-outdated Coe typology and move with the new typology. The new typology is too large for one t-shirt, so he recommends that it be split out into two or three separate designs (Paleo, Archaic, and then Woodland, per period). He wants to keep the NCAS logo on the sleeve. Some discussion ensued about the cost and that we should make these new shirts special and sell them for \$20. Beaman met with Daniel and UAPress to gain copyright permission to use the images. Beaman asked for feedback from the BOD and we should sell down the old design as a close-out. Cranford suggested we bring on one new design per year and spread it out over a three-year period to make them collectable and exclusive. SWK asked about getting a zip up hoodie in one design. Beaman commented that the Coe typology points were printed so small as to be unidentifiable and he would like to do the new shirts in better definition. McReynolds mentioned that one shirt is more sustainable than three shirts and preferred to do one full image shirt. She stated this long shirt would also reflect the longevity of the history. The BOD engaged in general discussions about one vs. three cspp shirts. Discussion then moved on to color selection; Beaman would like to pursue a dark gold or tobacco color to match the book jacket, or do several colors, one per year. SWK asked if we should be promoting the Daniel's book, or perhaps frame the shirt as an acknowledgement but not endorsement? LCM asked to see a mockup and then vote on the final design before the fall. She stated we could do this by email to meet the sales events for the fall.

Committee Reports:

Nisch as chair of the membership committee stated she had nothing to report because nothing had happened to recruit new members. She asked to be replaced as head of this committee.

Other members of the membership committee are now Eastman and McReynolds. No new chair was chosen at this time.

Schmitz reported for the communications committee for which she was recently named chair. Other members are Mohler, Henderson, Petersen and Cranford. Schmitz hosted a zoom meeting in which two initiatives were discussed: the facebook management and monthly topics (to be continued), and the production of a “synthesis project” as mentioned in Mohler’s newsletter report. Petersen stated that the next three months are covered with topics being petroglyphs (June), Archaeology at Historic Sites (July) and remote sensing (for August) postings. Petersen said he is monitoring the facebook posted in an effort to recruit new NCAS membership and will continue to do so. LCM said it is a good idea to keep the content balanced and on an even keel, while we search for partnership opportunities with sites and events. Schmitz needs to be added as an admin for the facebook page. Schmitz read a portion of Mohler’s report re: the proposed synthesis project as presented by Jim Daniel (a former BOD member). Apparently, Daniel’s idea was to move ahead with a synthesis project to follow the 1983 book by Mathis on North Carolina Archaeology, with new discoveries and laid out as chapters or compiled articles. Using the 1983 book as a model, new theories and new discoveries should be included. He said it could be a series of short articles perhaps by categories. The idea would be to include all authors, new and retired. The BOD agreed it could be beneficial to a broad audience. Davis then reminded the BOD that there was such a book already done called *Time Before History* (by Ward and Davis, 1999 UNC Press) and the more recent, *Ancient Carolinians* webpage and interactive link which contains updated materials similar to this concept being proposed. He stated these two resources are already out there and need to be more fully explored. They offer teachers materials on North Carolina archaeology and regional discoveries. If anything, the NCAS should be helping to market these existing syntheses. McReynolds suggested we add these links to our newsletter as well as the webpage site asap. The BOD agreed these could be beneficial to a broad audience if that was what was being suggested by Daniel’s synthesis project. Schmitz thanked Cranford for his input and said we did not need to spend our time in duplicating efforts of work already out there.

New Business:

Petersen reviewed previous BOD discussions re: the land acknowledgment statement and where we are at this time. He still considers it an important statement that needs to be addressed and finalized by the BOD soon. He would like the BOD to be thinking about how to state this and what would be its purpose. He offered a draft paragraph for the BOD to review (first time viewing by the BOD) and see if he is headed in the right direction. He offered a purpose and paragraph for the BOD to review. The BOD agreed we need to seek greater diversity in our membership and BOD composition and include people of all ethnicities and genders. LCM mentioned that two years ago we revised our NCAS Mission Statement to address this need for greater diversity and

inclusivity and that was now published on our webpage and in our new brochure. Davis said he preferred to not be on this LA committee but will help in other ways. Bell, Petersen and LCM will assist in the statement preparation for the BOD to review. The BOD agreed this is an important topic and we should proceed thoughtfully, that it is all about relationships past and moving forward. SWK said the statement has some good points to it but asked shouldn't it also include African and Asian Americans as well? Why not include ALL communities? Petersen will offer a revised draft for the BOD to review at the next meeting and we will proceed from there. He said archaeology is at the core of the discipline and is our best way to provide historical bearings for all cultures on this land. Archaeology allows us to deal with the underrepresented, of any types.

Cranford presented a tentative proposal for the TCIM Fall Field Day. But he and Fitts will begin with a list of questions to take to the newly formed Commission of Indian Affairs to include then in the planning process. No dates have been suggested. The NCDNCR has a big push to work with indigenous groups on any excavation projects at the site and going forward that will be required. They hope to know more by the next BOD meeting. McReynolds asked how to help.

Nisch announced her resignation from the BOD and will step down as president following this BOD meeting. She is moving to another state to begin graduate school studies. LCM made a motion to the BOD to bring Petersen back onto the board as interim president to complete Nisch's term (ending October 2023), if McReynolds (the new VP) agrees. McReynolds agreed 100% and was glad to have the option to get her feet under her once again before moving into the president's duties. Fitts seconded LCM's motion and the BOD approved it.

The final order of business was to discuss Davis's retirement (after 40 years) from the RLA-UNC and how that might affect the RLA's partnership with the NCAS. He stated his last day is June 30 and he will have to take a six-month hiatus from the RLA as required by state law. He spoke to the UNC HR office and outlined his involvement with the NCAS. He does not see this as a direct stoppage but a transition period. He also prepared a statement to whomever will replace him, exactly what his commitment was to the society and the RLA's moral obligation to partnering (re: the newsletter, the journal and mailings, plus some webpage admin help). He is optimistic that the replacement will be supportive. By the fall, a new person will be there and ready to help with the NCAS. LCM offered to volunteer with mailouts when needed. The BOD thanked Davis for his years of service to the RLA and the NCAS, the latter of which he remains a consulting member.

A motion to adjourn came at 3:00 p.m.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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