

North Carolina Archaeological Society

Board of Directors Meeting

31 July 2022

ZOOM

1:00 p.m.

Petersen called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m.

Attendance: Carnes-McNaughton, Cranford, Petersen, Mohler, Hill, Eastman, Schmitz, Watkins-Kenney. *Guests:* Davis, Beaman. *Absent:* Purvis, Nicholson. *Proxies:* Fitts to Cranford. McReynolds arrived via phone from airport.

Continued Business:

Minutes from the 15 May 2022 BOD meeting were discussed noting minor corrections. Cranford made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Eastman and approved by the BOD. LCM will send them to the webpage manager for inclusion.

Unable to attend the Zoom meeting, Fitts submitted her quarterly treasurer's report to the BOD ahead of time. Noting the steady drop in attendance the BOD's comments centered on recruitment of new members. All agreed that the student membership could be increased with some aggressive recruiting. And while Life Members continue on the rise, it may not be a bad thing at this time because it shows a certain level of commitment. Petersen stated that the upcoming fall meeting at Town Creek should draw more new members. Davis noted that for this single quarter, 45 paid members showed the lowest ever so far since he has been tracking. He asked again if reminders had been sent out digitally to the membership. Mohler agreed he would send out a blast next week. Davis said reminders should go out quarterly by way of the membership list, newsletter reminders or Facebook postings. Mohler and Fitts will need to do this and recruit help too. As discussion concluded Hill made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, seconded by Eastman and approved by the BOD. Cranford noted that Fitts (by proxy) opposed for reasons unknown.

Cranford moved on to the editor's report. He stated that the specially compiled volume by LCM and Beaman is on track with eight promised articles, an intro and an overview summary piece. LCM stated that drafts are due to them (she and Tom) by August 15, with LCM and Beaman providing the first round of edits and returning those to the authors for revisions due in before October deadline.

Mohler said the newsletter is looking good, with featured articles on Gillis Mill research (by Jorgenson et al.) and a few other special items. He also wishes to do the digital spotlight on NCDOT's lunch and learn series (historical markers), OSA's Archaeology Month activities, and showcase the link to Ancient Carolinians interactive web site. Announcements will include the upcoming SEAC in Little Rock, Arkansas in November, the historic cemeteries symposium at Clemson University, and a save the date for the fall Town Creek event. He also wanted to include a short piece on safety issues related to fieldwork in the summer heat. Daniel and Moore, co-chairs of the WG Endowment, will also submit an RFP for potential grant awards to distribute. Someone mentioned Lea Abbott and Langley's previous article on health and safety, in the NCAS journal (1995). Mohler will check it out. Petersen said the ballot for 2022 elections must also be included as an insert in the summer newsletter, so the slate of candidates needs to be approved today.

Beaman gave his stock report next. He stated it was a slow quarter mainly because there had not been an event recently at which to sell the merchandise. He is hoping the fall event at Town Creek will be a big sale opportunity and plans to stock up with new t-shirts. He reported that he met with the Bread and Butter t-shirt vendors on June 5 and turned in the final design (new cspp typology based on Daniel's new book). They are ready to move on it. The color will be dark gold, and the first (of a series) will feature Paleo to Archaic period points. The front of every shirt will also have the NCAS logo to increase exposure. He hopes they will be ready in a couple of weeks. As previously agreed upon by the BOD, the remaining stock of Coe-typology shirts will be sold for \$10 each. This will be advertised on NCAS webpage and Facebook page too.

Committee Reports:

Schmitz gave a communication committee report. The committee met (Zoom) as a group on Friday and did a round-robin update and what folks were currently working on. Schmitz said she made an appointment with the former NCAS president who set up the webpage, Nisch, to ask for help on how to update it. That meeting has not yet happened. Numerous updates are needed to the webpage, among them the current BOD listing, current events, publications and references. Hill said the webpage design is not very user-friendly. Schmitz asked for the access users name and password, LCM said what she sent them (Mohler and Schmitz) is what she was given. After some discussion about the webpage woes, we moved on to a discussion about the newsletter and journal updates. The Town Creek meeting and dig will be the featured event of the fall. In August is the historic cemeteries symposium (Clemson) and September will focus on "the archaeology of education" (read: old school house sites). Davis agreed to write up his former duties while working at the RLA and leave them for the new hire so they understand what their commitments will be the NCAS organization.

Petersen presented an overview of the membership committee and its primary duties, first of which is the election of new officers slated for the fall meeting. LCM reminded the BOD that not only will two at-large members be elected but Cranford and Mohler are also up for re-election in their executive office positions, editor and associate editor, respectively. There was some discussion about the slate of candidates for the two at-large BOD members: Chris Southerly, Kelly Durden, Brian Overton and Emily Sussman. All bios have been received and reviewed for preparation of the ballot. LCM asked if all the candidates were current members. Hill replied Durden is not yet, but is working on his paperwork. After further discussion by the BOD members who knew the candidates, Petersen called for a vote to approve the slate, seconded by Cranford and approved by the BOD. The 2022 election slate is set.

Petersen reminded the BOD that everyone needs to help with recruitment and not make it solely the job of the membership committee. He recommended that happen at the upcoming fall meeting. Hill agreed to help organize the volunteers and ask them to recruit for new members too. SWK asked about the 60 missing members, and if they are paid up, and if they still receive the newsletter though they are not

paid up? Mohler said unpaid members (who have lapsed) should not be receiving anything. Mohler said an email follow up to lapsed members would be a good idea, to nudge them to rejoin. McReynolds (joined us at 1:50 via cell phone at the airport), she stated that she will work with Shane to split out the list of members and send out reminders. She stated that could be done soon.

Petersen turned the next part of the meeting over to Cranford to discuss events, in particular the Town Creek “dig” event and fall meeting. Cranford reminded the BOD that a formal proposal for this event had been submitted to the BOD a year ago, but was put on hold because of Covid restrictions. The date is now set for a weeklong active excavation in early October (10th-15th), to conclude with the Fall NCAS Day on Saturday, October 15, 2022. Fitts and Cranford will lead the excavations, assisted by Hill who is organizing the volunteers, and the TCIM staff who will also be on hand to do tours and demonstrations on Saturday. Cranford and Fitts also plan to reach out to the NCCIA and the newly formed NC Indian Heritage Commission for their cooperation and endorsement. The “dig” location on site is near the north end of the palisade, which was tested in 2014 using a newly purchased gradiometer. Several subsurface magnetic anomalies were noted at that time. Plans are to open up the weeklong excavation for NCAS members, volunteers and anyone who wishes to participate. Hill hopes that he can recruit Boy Scouts to come and get them to join as student members. Someone noted that the NCAC might also be interested in joining us and participating. Petersen will reach out to them to inquire.

There was some discussion as to whether a special speaker would be invited to talk at the fall event (e.g. Tony Boudreaux). LCM asked how lunch would be handled, via a ticket sale, picnic, or sponsorship. Cranford replied that the Friends of Town Creek Indian Mound would like to be involved and may sponsor lunch for the day. He will check on that. More discussion involved other activities to be offered during the day for those who did not wish to dig. Cranford said the site staff might be able to do demonstrations in the Learning Center or out on the yard (e.g., atlatl throwing, chucky stone toss, weaving, or cooking demos). Hill is going to look into accommodations for the crew for the week (local hotels, camp grounds, etc). Mohler stated the newsletter will go out with a Save the Date notice and meeting details can be added to social media sites once they are determined. The meeting

proposal, as modified, was approved by the BOD following a motion by Cranford, seconded by Hill.

Petersen moved on to open a discussion about the proposed Land Acknowledgement Statement. He asked the BOD what they would like to do. He wants everyone to give it open thought and bring ideas to the next meeting. He would like to have a working draft of this statement ready to be approved soon. He also agreed to query the NCAC if they have such an initiative to propose, and maybe they could be created in tandem or jointly. SWK asked if this topic could be on the agenda for discussion at the TC Event or as a separate seminar. Cranford said they would also propose this discussion to the Indians who may come work at the site for the week, to gather input from that group. Petersen said he wants everyone to participate in the creation of this acknowledgement. Mohler also suggested that a blurb in the newsletter to solicit information might work and reach membership more effectively.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elections were previously covered in the membership discussion and the slate approved.

Beaman reminded folks about the upcoming (following weekend) SECHSA to be held in Columbia, SC, should others be interested in attending. The reception will be held at the Hunter-Gatherer Brewery. Beaman and LCM are on the program.

LCM asked for a draft of the ballot before it goes out in the newsletter; Mohler agreed to send her one to confirm term limits of positions, names and bios.

LCM asked if we need to reorder more brochures? She ordered 500 in 2019 and now has only about 50-60 remaining. The BOD may wish to reconsider the Life Membership offer on the brochure, or go up in cost for that category.

As there was no further discussion, a motion to adjourn was made by Eastman at 2:30 p.m., seconded by Mohler. Once again, Fitts (by proxy) declined for reasons unknown.

These minutes respectfully submitted by,

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NCAS BOD Executive Secretary