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PAK Business

Annual Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

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The meeting was called to order by Brad Logan at 1:09 PM. Present were President Brad Logan, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Tim Weston, at-large Board Members Bill Chada and Margaret Wood, and other members and guests. A quorum was present.

Brad welcomed the membership and passed around a copy of the membership list for sign-in and address/phone number/e-mail address corrections.

Officer's Reports

The first item of regular business was the Secretary's Report. Donna reported that the minutes of the September 23, 2005 meeting were in the last Newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Don Blakeslee moved acceptance of the minutes. Lauren Ritterbush seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1:11 pm. Donna also noted that she had recently used separate mailings for meeting announcements and that she would probably continue to do that. Finally, she read a letter PAK had received from a teacher in Cedar Vale thanking us for the Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM) poster and information

and telling us how helpful it is to her with her science classes.

Next was the Treasurer's report. Tim passed it out copies of his written report and then discussed its contents. The overall balance as of February 15 was \$3,749.70, of which \$1,995.19 was in the general fund and \$1,754.51 was in the KAM fund. After presenting the report, he asked for questions. There were none. He then mentioned that there had been some discussion of getting a bookkeeping program to replace the complex spreadsheet the organization has been using. Lauren Ritterbush moved to accept the Treasurer's report. Virginia Wulfkuhle seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1:19 pm.

Committee Reports

The first committee report was from the Action Committee. Committee chair Mark Latham indicated that he knew of nothing for action at this time.

For the Media Committee, Donna first discussed the Newsletter. As she had indicated in an editorial note in Newsletter #16, she is changing the schedule to about October and March. She believed this is more realistic for several reasons, including it gets minutes distributed in a more timely manner, can disseminate KAM information in a more timely manner, and eliminates the need to do a newsletter in August when she often is still in the field. This changed schedule for the Newsletter unlinks it from being the way the membership is officially notified of meetings, and is the reason she

has been using separate mailings for meeting notices. She indicated that in addition to convenience, a separate mailing for the meeting does highlight it rather than bury it with other news. She also noted that she would be starting to produce the Newsletter with PageMaker and that doing so should eliminate the annoying glitches that Word throws in, sometimes unannounced. Turning to *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, Donna noted that she had three articles and knew of some more coming. She said she was not really dealing with it yet, but asked for material to keep coming. She noted that she will also be producing this with PageMaker and thought it should eliminate some of the glitches that creep into the journal as well as the newsletter.

Continuing with the Media Committee report, Janice McLean reported on the Web site. she said that it is a mess because her laptop where it was kept was stolen, and that its been a real problem redoing all this right now. She said she is trying to reconstruct the KAM stuff and is hoping to have it by April 1. She said otherwise it would be a while because the new program she is using has a steep learning curve. She also noted that she has scaled back the size of the site so that it will cost a little less.

The KAM and Education Committee reports were combined and Virginia Wulfkuhle presented the joint report. She started by noting that this year we have a lesser reserve of posters, because we mailed more. She also noted that the brochure was done by Chris Garst, Bob Hoard, and herself, and was funded by historical society. Many people around the agency had helped fold the copies of the brochure. The KAA, as is their normal procedure, stuffed the envelopes for the mailing, and Anita Frank prepared the mailing list. We mailed 5500 posters. Lessons for website are being developed by Rose Marie Wallen. For the Calendar of Events, she has only one item and asked for more.

Continuing, she reported that the KAM committee met February 13 to discuss how KAM would be conducted in future years. She noted that

we need to raise at least \$4000 this year to cover just what we have been doing. The committee is the Secretary (Donna), Treasurer (Tim), Finance Committee chair (Marsha King), and Education Committee chair (Virginia), and a few other individuals. Summarizing the consensus from that meeting, she indicated that the committee feels that we need to change way we do this, in terms of both how we raise money and the level of effort we expend. She noted that we all feel we need more participation and more help. She then talked about how the committee conceives of this at the present time. The committee would function to select themes, determine the audience(s) we are trying to reach, and recommend what products we would like to have. The committee then would distribute duties. One series would be photography, graphic design, poster bids, etc. the committee would hope an institution would take on for a year or two. She has looked at what other states are doing and gave some examples. She noted that the committee believes that to address financial concerns, we need get a grant and need someone who can write the application for it. Mary Adair has agreed to contact the KU grants office for some help in identifying target granting agencies. Of course, requests for donations will continue. The Education Committee will continue to function and wants to try to find a curriculum writer. This job could be on a volunteer basis or it could be grant supported. PAK can still do the envelopes and postage, and we hope KAA will continue to help stuff envelopes. The PAK President would still write the thank-you letters and head up the Governor's proclamation request. A Speaker's bureau, as we have discussed, is something to do down the line. That then is the KAM committee proposal. She asked for questions and discussion. A lively discussion of options and things to do followed, addressing the question of what does the membership want to do? It was suggested that this be further discussed on PAK-L. One suggestion made during the meeting is to build on things and not start anew every year. More ideas were thrown out and it was eventually decided to continue the discussion on PAK-L. Virginia indicated she would like to set target time for the discussion and suggested having the discussion end

by end of April. She said she will post on PAK-L and ask for ideas up to then. Finally, fund-raising merchandise was discovered.

Lauren Ritterbush reported for the Membership Committee. She said they have been sending renewal reminders, and have revised the membership form. She encouraged people to encourage people to join. As part of this, they have sent out about 30 letters to archaeologists in neighboring states and around 50 e-mails to try to get more members. Myra Giesen suggested putting on form the year for payment. Myra also wondered about the possibility of life membership. Some discussion followed.

Elections

Turning to the upcoming officer election, the Nominations Committee reported their slate of nominees. The committee consisted of Don Blakeslee and Bob Blasing and the office open this year is President. The committee nominated two candidates: David Hughes and Virginia Wulfkuhle. A call was made for nominations from floor. There were none and the nominations were closed. The election will be conducted by mail ballots that will be sent out in the near future.

The meeting took a break at 2:22 pm. It resumed at 2:37 pm.

Old Business

The first item of old business was an update on the Little River project and its funding. Donna discussed this and Tim added to the discussion. Tim also discussed the larger issue of making sure archaeology compliance is initiated up front and in a timely manner. David Hughes and Donna Roper both further discussed recent problems. Donna talked about some of the issues at Little River, and David discussed a project at El Dorado that had a similar funding problem.

The discussion of a Public service award was next. Donna discussed the proposal to create

such an award, as the Board had discussed during their morning meeting. Brad said he would entertain a motion. Jim Dougherty asked about doing more awards. Randy Thies made the motion to create the award, and Myra Giesen seconded it. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:55 pm. The motion to recommend that Janel Cook and the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons receive an award was then made by David Hughes. Mary Adair seconded the motion. There was a brief discussion. The motion was passed on a unanimous voice at 3:00 pm. Don Blakeslee then suggested that professionals occasionally reward avocationalists. Mary suggested the name Wedel award. Don then moved to establish an award for avocational archaeologists. Virginia seconded the motion. She mentioned that the KAA has its Lifetime Achievement Award and that, while this is a separate thing, she was letting us know that KAA has that. Lauren suggested not limiting it to an individual. The motion was passed on a unanimous voice vote at 3:07 pm. Further discussion on PAK-L was suggested. Virginia suggested that nominations be made in writing.

New Business

The first item of new business concerned the South Dakota confidentiality agreement. Brad gave background to this and reported PAK's endorsement of the statement of concern about this agreement. He then read an e-mail of January 9 from South Dakota giving the rest of the story of this action. Virginia mentioned Utah and the proposal to eliminate the state archaeologist position. There was considerable discussion of the implications of these actions.

Brad then asked for a briefing from the SHPO. Tim presented this briefing. He said he does not see indications from KC-COE of intent to take actions such as happened in South Dakota. He noted that there are three pipelines to be or being surveyed, and he discussed other projects currently pending. He announced that acting Cultural

Resources Director Christy Davis has left the KSHS. Bob Hoard now is acting division director and Patrick Zoellner is the deputy SHPO.

Announcements

The *Kansas Archaeology* book is now published and out.

Margaret Wood announced her Washburn University field school. It will be held at Nicodemus, Kansas. The dates are May 15 to June 2. She had some brochures about this field school.

Myra Giesen discussed some things that are happening at the federal level. A task force dealing with 36CFR79.12 is looking at deaccession regulations. The proposal is to remove portions of archaeological collections from federal ownership. She also noted that some new reporting standards for heritage assets are being applied.

In Bob Hoard's absence, Virginia had some questionnaires from the Historic Preservation Office that concerned a renewal of the preservation plan. They want input on this.

The Flint Hills conference was announced for Wichita at the end of March.

Donna noted that April 19 would be PAK's 10th birthday.

Brad discussed Kansas State University's field school.

Don Blakeslee moved the meeting be adjourned. David Hughes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
s/
Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

Board Meeting Summary

The PAK Board of Directors met on the morning of February 25, 2006, prior to the afternoon's Annual Meeting. For this meeting, the Board did not have an agenda separate from that of the Annual Meeting. In general, most discussion revolved around agenda items for the general meeting. Although emphasis in the discussion of a particular agenda item may have varied between the two meetings, no items of business were discussed in the Board meeting that were not also brought to the full membership at the general meeting. As always, copies of the Board meeting minutes, and signed copies of the general meeting minutes, are on file with the Secretary.

Elections

The election of a new President, to serve for a three-year term from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2009, was conducted by mail ballot following the February 25, 2006 Annual Meeting. As reported in the minutes, the nominees were David Hughes and Virginia Wulfkuhle. A total of 31 valid and on-time ballots were received. These were counted on March 22, 2006 by Donna Roper, Lauren Ritterbush, and Brad Logan. Virginia Wulfkuhle was elected.

Virginia has sent the following statement regarding her election:

Thank you for your vote of confidence in the recent PAK election. As I wrote to my fellow candidate David Hughes, he obviously did a better job campaigning for me than I did for him, although I tried! I also told David that I appreciated the time that he had put into reasoning out some strategies for Kansas Archaeology Month and beyond. I will be referring to his messages as the board gets down to making some hard decisions. Although my term does not begin until mid-summer, the current board

and KAM Committee members graciously agreed to a transitional board meeting on May 18. We will consider all of the comments contributed to the KAM thread on PAK-L and determine some realistic priorities for the organization. If you have additional thoughts about KAM or any other PAK issues, please transmit them to me or other members of the board by May 15. Thank you for your input.

Current Archaeology in Kansas

As soon as this Newsletter goes out, I will return attention to Volume 6 of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. We have eight papers for it, which is the smallest number ever. Although I have worked on what I have, the rest of it will not go together overnight, so I do have room for last-minute submittals. I would be particularly glad to get papers from those who indicated they would give us something for this year's journal but haven't done so yet. I may be contacting some of you to twist your arm about this.

**Still time for submittals to
CAK 2006!**

Kansas Archaeology Month

Governor Sebelius Proclaims Kansas Archaeology Month



Governor Sebelius examines a copy of *Kansas Archaeology* presented to her by Bob Hoard, March 24, 2006

PAK Presents a Public Service Award



PAK President Brad Logan (left) and PAK Secretary Donna Roper (right), present the Public Service Award to Janel Cook (center) of the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons, April 13, 2006
(photo courtesy of Crystal Hoffman, Lyons Daily News)

Education Committee Report by Virginia A. Wulfkuhle

Kansas Archaeology Month was announced in the March-April issue of *Kansas Preservation*. The article discusses the theme, “Crossroads of the Continent: Early Trade in Kansas,” and credits individuals and institutions that contributed money or time and talents to the effort. Chris Garst, Bob

Hoard, and Virginia Wulfkuhle produced a brochure to accompany the poster, and the committee provided this, as well as the poster image, calendar of events, and lesson plan for the PAK web site. KAA volunteer Rose Marie Wallen of Lindsborg created the lesson plan on the theme of trade for elementary and middle school students; activities are correlated with Kansas State Department of Education curriculum standards. The lesson plan is available on the PAK website.

Remember: we have Kansas Archaeology t-shirts in most sizes and three colors: chestnut, forest green, and (new!) blue. All proceeds help support Kansas Archaeology Month. Hypotenuse hankies and 2006 calendars are also still available.



The Public Service Award plaque

Committee Seeks Input for KAM

The Kansas Archaeology Month committee and the Board of Directors will meet on May 18 to, among other things, discuss future directions for KAM. We have had a lively and thoughtful discussion on PAK-L and the committee will be reviewing the suggestions and ideas at that time. If you have any last thoughts, please either post them on PAK-L or pass them along to Virginia by about May 15.

FYI

People

Myra Giesen and her family will be leaving Kansas to take up residency in Newcastle upon Tyne in northern England. Myra's last day with the Bureau of Reclamation is May 12. She has a joint Senior Lecturer (i.e., Associate Professor) position with the School of Arts and Cultures, within their International Center of Heritage and Cultural Studies (www.ncl.ac.uk/sacs/about/icchs/), and School of Historical Studies (www.historical-studies.ncl.ac.uk) at the University of Newcastle.

Calendar of Events

November 8-11, 2006 - 64th Plains Anthropological Conference, Capital Plaza, Topeka, Kansas; conference chairs: Bob Hoard, Mary Adair, Margaret Wod; for further details, point your web browser to www.plainsanth2006.org.

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