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PAK Business

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Minutes of the Fall Meeting
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President Virginia Wulfkuhle called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM. Present were President Virginia Wulfkuhle, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Tim Weston, at-large Board members Bill Chada and Margaret Wood, and about 15 other members and guess. A quorum was present.

President Wulfkuhle first welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then introduced Amy Espinoza-Ar from The Archaeological Conservancy. Amy then gave a half-hour or so slide presentation about The Archaeological Conservancy. She answered members' questions about the conservancy and had brochures and other information available for people to take. The meeting thanked her for her presentation

Next was an introduction of Patrick Zollner. Patrick is the new Cultural Resources Division director at the Kansas State Historical Society, a.k.a., "Captain Preservation." Patrick

commented on the state's preservation plan and invited any questions. He also noted that the preservation plan also is in the August/September issue of *Kansas Preservation*. He had copies of both *KP* and the preservation plan. He briefly mentioned the goals of this plan.

Officers' Reports

The first officer's report was the President's report. Virginia noted that PAK now is 10 years old and that this is her first meeting as president. She then read purposes of this organization from By-laws as a reminder to all of us. She then took the opportunity to thank Brad Logan for serving as President for three years.

Next was the Secretary's report. Donna reported that the minutes of the February meeting were published in Newsletter #17. There being no additions or corrections, the minutes were approved at 1:41 PM. Donna also noted that summaries of Board meetings were, as per the By-laws, published in the newsletter. She also reported that the meeting announcement was distributed by separate mailing in a timely fashion, that we periodically receive solicitations for credit cards, and that no other correspondence had been received since the last meeting. She also noted that addresses are not always being updated. We received 4 or 5 or so pieces back from the most recent mailing. This was an all-time high.

Tim Weston then presented the Treasurer's report. He passed out written copies and reviewed its contents and what the various items mean. He also reported that the Board had approved putting money in a CD. Finally, he brought up the matter of a Life Membership category that the Board had discussed earlier in the day. He asked what people think of having such a membership class that would cost in range of \$500. On a show of hands, it appears that very few people are interested.

Committee Reports

Turning to committee reports, Virginia said that she had contacted committees and asked for a report. She said she does not expect to have any inactive committees—all committees will be active and if they do not have a project, then they should choose one and carry it out. She added that there is much to do. The first standing committee is the Action Committee. Mark Latham is the chair of that committee. Virginia has talked to Mark about what committee will do, but Mark was not at the meeting and there was no further discussion. The Curation Committee is a subcommittee of the Action Committee. It is chaired by Mary Adair, who also was not at the meeting. The committee, however, will be active and has some things to do. The Standards for Community Colleges Committee was mentioned next. Both members of the committee (Lauren Ritterbush, Margaret Wood) are involved with the core outcomes movement at their universities, so the PAK committee is redundant, and this committee is dissolved. Virginia also said that she has dissolved the committees on the antiquities act and unmarked burials. Her reason is that Bob Hoard says there is no reason to have them and they can be reconstituted if needed. Virginia then noted that it frees up members to be on other communities.

The next standing committee is the Education Committee. Chris Garst will replace

Virginia as chair of that committee. HC Smith also is on the committee. Chris asked for more members. She said the focus will now be different than in past years since we are not doing a poster but instead are working on brochure for a specific adult audience. Don Blakeslee volunteered to join committee since he is working on a web page on Kansas artifacts. He noted that this is its in a test phase. It addresses adults and he talked a little bit about its structure and passed out an outline. He asked for comments and feedback at any time.

The next report was from the Finance Committee. Marsha King is the committee chair, and Tim Weston also is on committee. Marsha said that once again she will be trying to raise money for Kansas Archaeology Month.

For the Media Committee, Donna discussed the newsletters and the status of *Current Archaeology in Kansas (CAK)*. She said the next newsletter was roughed out and would be released in about a month. *CAK* also is in progress. She noted that it is small and that she is disappointed about that. Brent Weeks then reported on the website and the recommendations he has made (in writing) to the Board. He said that he has a better deal for changing our host and that the Board authorized him to do that. Further, the Board is proposing that we will take on a two-year endeavor to revamp the website. The Board is asking people to look at websites that we like and make suggestions as to what we would like for this website. Margaret Wood has agreed to be the point person for collating these suggestions. She will summarize them and Board will go over them and will try to find a person to do the revamp. Members' assignments are to find examples of what they like and send them to Margaret by January 1, 2007.

The Kansas Archaeology Month Committee noted that it needs to meet very soon, but we can start doing things before that. The plan is a brochure aimed at planners and others

whose actions may affect the archaeological record. Tim Weston summarized what he has done for an information page on Sec. 106 that will be posted on the KSHS website. The outline of this was passed out. This is aimed at people who have no idea what this law is about. The hope is to use it as starting point of a brochure for developers and others who know nothing about Sec. 106. If members have comments regarding this, send them to Tim so that he can include them in the website posting. But we also are looking toward the KAM brochure. For that, send comments to Virginia. We also will need photographs for this. Text and photographs are needed by December 1, 2006. There was a discussion of format and who to distribute it to. The plan is to print a lot so that we can use them for several years. We also need suggestions as to who might be tapped for funding. The target date for having this ready is the Kansas highway transportation conference at the beginning of April 2007. We will contact them and see if we can do table or presentation. Also for KAM is the merchandising. Shannon Ryan has agreed to help with this now. It also was commented that we have 2006 calendars. We'll sell them now for \$1 each. They have nice pictures and we've got to get rid of them.

The last committee report was from the Membership Committee. Jim Dougherty commented that the lifetime membership idea is appealing. He said he will do some research and come up with a plan. Lauren Ritterbush asked if membership numbers have changed recently. Tim said they are about the same as they have been.

Old Business

The first item of old business concerned the meeting of the Council of Councils at the SAA. Bob Blasing had represented PAK at the meeting held during the recent SAA in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He briefly reported what happened there. PAK thanked Bob for attending the

meeting.

The next item concerned the Public Service Award. Donna read the wording of the criteria for this award. It reads that the Public Service Award is "to an individual and/or organization outside the archaeological profession who has made an important contribution to preserving archaeological resources or to promoting public awareness of Kansas' archaeological heritage." Jim Dougherty then moved to accept the wording and Don Blakeslee seconded it. There was no further discussion. The motion to accept Donna's wording of the criteria was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:46 PM. It then was noted that we need nominations by February 1, 2007.

At the last meeting, we it was suggested, moved, and passed that we also adopt an avocational award. To this point, written criteria have not been developed. This needs to be done.

At this point, it was determined that Margaret Wood would have to be leaving soon, so an announcement she was to make was moved up on the agenda. Margaret discussed the Plains Conference, to be held in Topeka November 8–11, 2006. She is one of the conference co-chairs so she talked a bit about the plans for the conference. She then appealed to people to pre-register. She also described the t-shirts and mentioned the banquet.

The meeting took a short break at 2:54 PM. It resumed at 3:04 PM. Board member Margaret Wood left during the break.

New Business

The first item of New Business was the appointment of a Nominations Committee. Two offices are up for election in 2007: Secretary and the at-large Board member position currently filled by Margaret Wood. The term of office for

these will be July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2010. Randy Thies was appointed to chair the nominations committed. Someone else will be recruited to also be on the committee.

A related matter is that Donna is finishing a third term as Secretary. For this, we have ignored the By-laws that limit a person to two consecutive terms. Virginia suggested that we do not need to change By-laws but to suspend them. She said she is not speaking for Donna and whether she is willing to be nominated for another term, but was suggesting the By-laws suspension to make that feasible. Jim Dougherty moved and Jim Feagins seconded a motion to suspend the By-laws is for this coming cycle only and to affect only this one office. The question was called. The motion passed unanimously on a show of hands at 3:09 PM.

Tim Weston then gave a briefing from SHPO office. He reviewed various pipelines, and the compressor stations and so forth that go with them. He also discussed work on Fort Riley and in towns near by. He noted that there is some work at Fort Leavenworth and some small KDOT projects. He discussed the status of Sec. 106 and proposed revisions to it. There was a worrisome amendment that had been introduced in Congress. This amendment would have required action only on properties already on the National Register but that amendment died in committee.

Lauren Ritterbush asked about the highway archaeology position at KSHS. Randy Thies indicated that it still is in process.

Announcements

The next PAK meeting—the 2007 Annual Meeting—will be February 9 at Washburn University. Members need to remember the assignments made during this meeting.

Two new publications were announced.

The book *Kansas Archaeology*, edited by Bob Hoard and Will Banks is out and available in the historical society bookstore. A newer release is Donna Roper's study of the Whiteford site, or Indian Burial Pit. Anita had some of them at the meeting and they can be ordered from the Archeology Office for \$26.86 (including tax, but + postage if they need to be mailed). Donna said a few words about the book. Then, Randy Thies presented Donna with a chair that had been in the burial pit gift shop.

Virginia gave an update on Project Archaeology. It is a curriculum for Kansas for grades 3-8. She discussed what its topics are.

The KAA will have a certification seminar in February, probably on the 17th. It will be a two-day event. The KAA has an interest in having someone teach this seminar on Lithic Technology. They will pay expenses.

In other announcements, Jim Feagins said there was a symposium on Ft. Osage archaeology scheduled for the following day in the Lake Claycomo area in Blue Springs, Missouri. He also reported that the Saint Joe museum had had a reception the previous evening and that it had dealt with archaeology. The J. Mett Shippee Collection there now is a permanent exhibit.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

s/
Donna C. Roper
Secretary

2007 Annual Meeting
February 9, 2007
Washburn University, Topeka
(details to follow in January)

Board Meeting Summary September 29, 2006

The Board of Directors met prior to the General Meeting on September 29, 2006. The meeting went over much of what was brought or reported to the membership at the general meeting later in the day. Some time was spent on the treasurer's report and matters related to the treasury and membership. A particular concern was how we approve a person for membership. It was previously voted by the Board to review applications for membership but no mechanism for doing it had been devised, nor was it clear what level of qualifications were needed for regular membership. It was agreed to circulate applications by e-mail and that DOI standards would be applied in their evaluation.

A considerable amount of time also was spent discussing the new direction for Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM) and the implications for fund-raising. The website and how we want to approach revamping it also required extended discussion. The results of these discussions were presented during the general meeting.

Other items for discussion concerned what committees were doing, what other business was to be brought to the general meeting, and what announcements might be made.

2007 Annual Meeting Announcement

The 2007 Annual Meeting will be held on February 9, 2007 at Washburn University in Topeka. The specific meeting rooms have not yet been determined. In accordance with the By-laws, a formal 30-day notice of the meeting will be mailed in early January. Details will be posted on PAK-L when available and included in the formal notice.

Election Announcement

An officer election will be conducted by mail ballot following the Annual Meeting. The two positions open this year are Secretary and the at-large Board position currently held by Margaret Wood. The Nominations Committee is chaired by Randy Thies with Tod Bevitt also on the committee. The committee will present a slate of nominations at the Annual Meeting. The floor will be open for additional nominations at the meeting.

Dues Reminder

Dues for 2007 will be due on January 1. A renewal form is included at the back of this newsletter. Please send the form with your dues payment so that we can create a paper trail.

Address Reminder

If you received this newsletter, it is likely that we have your current address on file, but some do receive it electronically and forwarding addresses are active for a time, so a reminder to send any address changes to either the Treasurer or the Secretary would be helpful. We are regularly receiving as many as 4 or 5 or more pieces back from each mailing. This means both that members are not receiving what they have paid for and can expect to receive, and that the organization is wasting money sending materials to defunct addresses. So, please, include us on your address change list if you move.

Be sure to keep your address current to ensure receiving your PAK mailings! Send updates to the Treasurer or Secretary.

Membership Committee Report

Jim Dougherty

The Membership Committee is currently focusing on two research questions:

1. Is it desirable, and how would we go about, offering a lifetime membership to PAK to some yet to be determined target market, for a one-time fee of approximately \$500.00 ea.?

2. How much expansion is desirable/possible to the PAK membership rolls? CRM firms doing business in Kansas, graduate students at Kansas Universities, and other professional archeologists, currently not member of PAK, but located in Kansas, would obviously be logical candidates. Another category of potential members would be national CRM firms currently not doing business in Kansas, but that might want to in the future.

Soon, I will float some ideas on these two notions to active PAK members. I think we would all agree that some expansion in our rolls is desirable, that we would all enjoy more involvement in our organization by more people. As one of the primary ethical standard-bearers of professional archeology in Kansas, part of the PAK mission to the archeological record must be maximum effort on our part for its preservation. That we need to expand is not at issue. The degree and kind of expansion we might want is the task-at-hand.

Public Service Award

As the minutes from several meetings ago reflect, PAK has created a Public Service Award. The wording of the criteria for this award, accepted at the last meeting, are that the award is to be made "to an individual and/or organization outside the archaeological profession who has

made an important contribution to preserving archaeological resources or to promoting public awareness of Kansas' archaeological heritage."

The award does not have to be annual, but it can be. The general format will be to present it during Kansas Archaeology Month and to get local coverage of its presentation. The first award was made during Kansas Archaeology Month 2006, when the award was presented to Janel Cook and the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons, in recognition of their outstanding support of Kansas archaeology through the Little River Archaeology Project. A photograph of that presentation and of the plaque presented at that time are in Newsletter #17.

Nominations for the award must be made in writing to the Board of Directors and sent to the Secretary. For an award to be made in 2007, nominations must be received by February 1, 2007. The Board will consider the nominations and take recommendations to the membership for action at the Annual Meeting. The physical award will consist of a plaque.

Current Archaeology in Kansas

The 2006 volume of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* will be finished and distributed before 2006 is over. Although the number of papers is the smallest of any volume, we will go with it as it is.

Please, however, begin thinking about contributions for the 2007 volume. I would like to be able to finish it in the spring, as per the revised schedule I announced a year or so ago. Contributions need not be long - notes or abstracts are fine and will serve the purpose of informing members about current archaeology being done in Kansas. Information for contributors is available from the Editor.

Kansas Archaeology Month

Kansas Archaeology Month Committee Report

Virginia A. Wulfkuhle

Committee members Marsha King, Donna Roper, and Virginia Wulfkuhle met on October 11; Chris Garst, Shannon Ryan, and Tim Weston were unable to attend. The committee's primary assignment for Kansas Archaeology Month 2007 is to produce and distribute a brochure aimed at explaining the Section 106 process to those involved in land-disturbing activities in Kansas. Discussions led to the following preliminary decisions (subject to sweeping changes).

Working title: *Hassle-Free Guide to Complying with Laws Regarding Archaeological Sites*

Format: 11 x 17" with double parallel fold; full color

Content: Comments on text and suggested photographs expected from PAK members by December 1

Design: Donated services to be sought

Print run: 10,000; 7,000-8,000 to be bulk mailed in envelopes

Fund raising: The Finance Committee will submit a grant request to the Kansas SHPO and send the usual fund-raising letters. Merchandising efforts will continue, particularly at the Plains Anthropological Conference.

Distribution: Suggestions for addresses expected from PAK members by December 1; services of the KAA for bulk mail preparation to

be sought; PAK members to attend conferences of targeted groups.

KAM plans also include an on-line calendar of events, coordinated by the Education Committee, and a Governor Proclamation, arranged by the President.

Feel free to make suggestions to me (vwulfkuhle@kshs.org) or any of the committee members.

Due to popular request, T-shirts are now available in new colors: heather and sand

Hypotenuse hankies available in 6 colors

New product: Notepads

KAM Fund-Raising & Request for Donations

The Finance Committee will be pursuing the usual fund-raising channels for KAM. PAK merchandise is an important part of this effort. We have t-shirts, hypotenuse hankies, and, new, notepads. Shannon Ryan will be taking over distributing those items.

Another way to help fund-raising efforts is by an outright monetary donation. We are asking members to seriously consider making such a donation when you pay your dues or at any other time. The membership renewal form has a line for a donation. Contributions need not be large - small donations from many members add up and assist PAK in its goal of preserving and promoting Kansas archaeology. Thank you.

Education Committee Report

Chris Garst

The committee is Chris Garst (chair), HC Smith, and Don Blakeslee. This committee will be responsible for public education about the importance of archaeological resources and the activities of the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas. To facilitate this goal the committee will participate in the production and distribution of a brochure aimed at explaining the Section 106 process to those involved in land-disturbing activities in Kansas. Additionally, committee member Don Blakeslee and others at WSU are in the process of creating a Kansas Artifacts web page. Don is posting these pages on PAK-L and is currently soliciting comments. Please contact him with your comments. Finally, the Education Committee will once again be responsible for listing events on the calendar on the PAK web site. Please send your information for upcoming events to Chris Garst at cgarst@kshs.org using the following format:

date and time
type of event
title
sponsor
brief description
location, including street address
admission charge or free
contact person or institution for more information, including telephone number and e-mail address, if available

Action Committee Report

Mark Latham

The Action Committee is starting to stir after a few years of slumber. The committee now consists of Mark Latham (chair), Donna Roper, and Brad Logan. Our current project is to develop a brochure and other means of educating companies that have projects that involve the

Section 106 process. Our work will be closely aligned with the information created for our webpage. Many of you in PAK have extensive and varied experiences with the 106 Process and we hope to tap into everyone's knowledge and experience on some level to develop a program that can inform/educate project designers and developers and best serve the cultural resources of Kansas.

Many of us know that a one time event designed to educate will not work for many of the companies we hope to reach. Our goal is a program that will continue to serve in the best interest of the cultural resources of Kansas. We invite any insights you may have and one of us may approach you and where these items should be presented. After working with a variety of engineers and developers it is clear that "what-ifs" don't mean much, as they identify best with real case scenarios. Please feel free to talk to us about this topic in the next few weeks, as we need to develop something shortly after the Plains Conference. I can be reached at mlatham@burnsmcd.com.

Due dates for member assignments:

December 1, 2006 - input for Kansas Archaeology Month brochure - contact Virginia Wulfkuhle

January 1, 2007 - input on web site design - contact Margaret Wood

February 1, 2007 - nominations for Public Service Award - contact Donna Roper

Professional Archaeologists of Kansas Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Work: (_____) _____ Other: (_____) _____

e-mail: _____

Do you want to receive the newsletter electronically? Yes ____ No ____

Membership Renewal? Yes ____ New Member ____ For which YEAR: _____

Regular: Any individual with an interest in the archaeology of Kansas and who has **\$15.00** \$ _____
an advanced degree in archaeology or related field or equivalent experience *

Student: Undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in archaeology **\$10.00** \$ _____
or a related field *

Subscribing: Any individual who is ineligible for regular or student membership **\$ 7.50** \$ _____
but who wishes to receive the organization's publications

Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM) Donation \$ _____

Copy – *Current Archaeology in Kansas*

No. 5 (2004)	# copies ____ x \$5.00	\$ _____
No. 4 (2003)	# copies ____ x \$5.00	\$ _____
No. 3 (2002)	# copies ____ x \$5.00	\$ _____
No. 2 (2001)	# copies ____ x \$5.00	\$ _____
No. 1 (2000)	# copies ____ x \$5.00	\$ _____

Total \$ _____

By my signature, below, I attest that I am willing to adhere to the provisions of the Bylaws, pay the annual dues; and comply with guidelines of ethical conduct as prescribed by the Society for American Archaeology (<http://www.saa.org/aboutsaa/committees/ethics/principles.html>).

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Return application with dues, payable to *Professional Archaeologists of Kansas or PAK*, to:

Dr. Timothy Weston, Treasurer
Professional Archaeologists of Kansas
2117 Carolina Street
Lawrence, Kansas 66046

Dues are collected yearly; membership is from January to December. Members will receive two newsletters and the PAK mini-journal, *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, per year. Learn more about PAK and Kansas archaeology at PAK's website - www.ksarchaeo.info/index.html

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Are you interested in serving on any committees? Identify area(s) of interest:

Kansas Archaeology Month _____ Education _____ Finance _____

Action _____ Media _____ Membership _____

Other _____

* If you are applying for Regular membership for the first time or if you are applying for Student membership, complete the following:

_____ **Regular membership** is open to any individual with an interest in the archaeology of Kansas and who has an advanced degree in archaeology or related fields or who has equivalent experience. Describe your qualifications for Regular membership below:

Affiliation: _____

Degree – Date: _____ **Field:** _____

University: _____

Degree – Date: _____ **Field:** _____

University: _____

Degree – Date: _____ **Field:** _____

University: _____

Other Equivalent Experience: _____

_____ **Student membership** is open to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in archaeology or related field. Describe your student status below:

University: _____

Field of Study: _____ **Anticipated Date of Degree:** _____

Degree Anticipated: B.A./B.S. M.A. Ph.D. Other: _____

Students must submit a copy of their most recent student ID card or brief letter of recommendation from their academic advisor along with both pages of this application.

President's Message

A Rallying Cry from your Not-So-Fearless
Leader

Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, PAK President

Following the October 11 Kansas Archaeology Month Committee meeting, I had an exceptionally anxiety-producing realization: the top two priorities set by the PAK Board for the next several years and adopted by me for my term as president are both well outside of my areas of expertise and experience. Since becoming KSHS Public Archeologist in 1993, my responsibilities have focused on nurturing partnerships with avocational archaeologists and on developing teaching materials for educators and young people. While these have not been easy tasks, the audiences are generally friendly.

Priority #1, the KAM brochure, is an educational piece directed at a wide variety of adults who often may view archaeologists as adversaries and archaeological sites as obstacles in the path of what they want to do. We must design a brochure that immediately grabs the attention of even the most unreceptive person and contains information that will smooth the way for archaeological investigations in Kansas. And we must efficiently deliver these brochures into the hands of the local government officials, planners, engineers, developers, and others whose actions affect the archaeological record that we study, not to mention our livelihood. As a starting point for the text, Tim Weston (tweston@kshs.org) has provided us with a basic question-and-answer document. Now we need to hear from you, particularly those on the CRM front lines who regularly deal with the Section 106 process. By December 1, 2006, please send snappy titles, easy-to-read text, specific examples, striking photographs, and target addresses to me (vwulfkuhle@kshs.org).

Priority #2, expanding the PAK web site, is even more outside my realm of expertise, if possible. (In my view, the IBM Selectric typewriter was the best office machine ever made.) Thankfully, many of you are not computer-phobic but, in fact, grew up in the computer age or have adapted well to technological advances. The Board is depending upon you for direction on web site development. The first small step is to send your ideas about what the PAK web site should look like, along with specific examples, to Margaret Wood (margaret.wood@washburn.edu) by January 1, 2007.

The PAK Board determined these priorities based on comments posted on PAK-L last spring, so a number of members already have voiced a stake in these initiatives. These projects will require considerable time and effort, as well as expenditure of hard-earned dollars, and we cannot afford to waste any of our resources. If you have interest and skill in these areas, please step forward. I am not asking any one person to do it all but urging everyone to do something.

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Meetings Calendar

November 8-11, 2006 - 64th Plains Anthropological Conference, Capitol Plaza Hotel, Topeka, Kansas - conference co-chairs are Bob Hoard, Mary Adair, Margaret Wood; details at www.plainsanth2006.org

February 9, 2007 - PAK 2007 Annual Meeting, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas

Spring 2007 – Flint Hills Conference – date and place TBA

April 25-29, 2007 – 72nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Austin, Texas.

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