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PAK Business

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting
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Washburn University
Topeka, Kansas

February 9, 2007

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 other members and guests. A quorum was present.

President Wulfkuhle first thanked Margaret Wood for arranging for meeting rooms. She then said that she hoped to move the meeting along so that people could attend the Explorations in Archaeology presentation at the University of Kansas at 4 PM. She also took the opportunity to say that the organization owes thanks to people who organized Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM). Specifically, Marsha King prepared the HPF grant application and wrote letters soliciting donation (the committee refers to these as the begging letters); Tim Weston prepared some original text and did a rewrite; Mark Latham ran some initial text past Burns & McDonnell engineers for feedback from their perspective; Chris Garst worked over many versions of the brochure; Bob Hoard commented on its contents; Tod Bevitt got us in touch with R.C. Goodwin whose staff did the layout and graphics for the brochure; and Anita Frank did

the mailing list (and she's not even a member).

Officer's Reports

Secretary Donna Roper reported that the minutes of the September 29, 2006 meeting had been published in the last newsletter. The minutes were accepted at 1:07 PM. She also reported that, as required in the By-Laws, a summary of the same day's board meeting also was published in the newsletter. Finally, she noted that the organization had received no correspondence since the last report.

Treasurer Tim Weston passed out copies of the written Treasurer's report. He said that things look very good on it but that we hadn't spent any money on KAM yet. He discussed some of the items that appear on the report. He also passed out a membership list so people could sign in to this meeting, and asked people to make any necessary address corrections. The Treasurer's report was accepted at 1:11 PM.

Committee Reports

Action Committee chair Mark Latham was not at the meeting and no other committee member had anything to say. It was noted that the committee helped with text for the KAM brochure and that it was hoped that that committee members will help distribute it when we have it.

Curation committee chair Mary Adair said that the committee was herself, Donna Roper, Myra Giesen, Fiona Price, Susan Houghton, David

Hughes, Jeanette Blackmar, and Chris Garst. The committee had discussed ideas by e-mail the previous week. A plan was not finalized, but the gist is to add curation information to the web page. This would give descriptions of facilities, who to contact, and strengths of collections. The idea would be sharing information on collections, especially at the site level, so people would know where things are. There was some talk of having a more comprehensive searchable on-line database, of having collections plans and policies etc on-line, and of reaching out to smaller museums and places outside Kansas who have material from Kansas. The committee hopes to be able to report back in the future.

Chair Chris Garst reported for the Education Committee. She says they have been swamped with the brochure. She also thanked Don Blakeslee and others at Wichita State University who are working on an artifacts webpage and said they are getting closer to an end product. The URL will be www.ksartifacts.info. She concluded by saying that the committee has traditionally taken care of Calendar of Event postings for KAM and she would like to find someone to take that on.

Finance Committee chair Marsha King reported that she had sent 80 KAM begging letters. The mailing list for this year dropped museums and added some new groups including engineering firms and others concerned with construction projects. So far contributions or pledges of over \$1800 had been received. She also noted that she did a grant proposal and it came through. It is an HPF grant for \$6882.46, with about \$4000 in actual cash. Tim Weston added that it works to Historic Preservation Office benefit too since it helps with their match for these federal preservation funds.

Turning to the Media Committee report, editor Donna Roper discussed both the Newsletter and *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. Then, webmaster Brent Weeks discussed the web site. It has been moved to a new host with increased space and bandwidth. It is secure from spammers and also has an autoresponder to contact an officer or

someone rather than webguru for other than web site matters. He also has reserved corresponding aliases. For the actual website, he has been checking links and has talked to a web designer for some feedback. Virginia asked him to put KAM 2006 materials into the archives. She also noted that when we had a long e-mail discussion about a year earlier that the website was one of the big things people wanted. She also commented that it shows how much Janice did for us setting this up.

The KAM committee then reported. The Sec.106 brochure has been sent to R.C. Goodwin for design. Tim Weston will give a presentation at the Transportation Engineering Conference on April 3-4 in Manhattan. The KAM Calendar of Events was mentioned. We also still have PAK merchandise. Shannon Ryan now has this and will be taking care of it.

Membership Committee chair Jim Dougherty then reported. He suggested raising funds by attracting associate members at various levels. Virginia asked that the idea be submitted to the Board for discussion.

For the Nominations Committee, Randy Thies said they were charged with getting nominees for two positions. For Secretary, Donna Roper had agreed to continue. For the at-large Board Member, Lauren Ritterbush had agreed to run. He opened the floor for additional nominations for Secretary. There were none and the floor was closed at 1:48 PM. He then asked for nominations from the floor for at-large board member. Those nominations were closed at 1:49 PM. Both sets of nominations were closed by voice vote. Marsha King moved that we accept the slate of nominees. Don Blakeslee seconded the motion and suggested that we recognize the outcome of the election as this slate of nominees. This motion was passed on a voice vote at 1:52 PM. A count of paid-up members present against number of paid-up members showed that a majority of paid-up members had accepted the slate of nominees and that even with the possibility of write-ins no other outcome of the election was possible. No mail ballot would be

needed and none would be conducted.

Old Business

Margaret Wood talked about what she's been thinking about in relation to web site. A basic point is what do we want our website to do. She presented some other sites and commented on what she finds good and not so good about them. There was a discussion. Margaret will continue with this and she is asking for input from members.

Regarding the status of an avocational archaeologist award, it had been offered that the Board was going to write the criteria. We will pursue this further.

Regarding a Public Service Award, we have written criteria, a nomination has been made, and the Board has voted to bring it to the membership.

New Business

The first item of new business was the nomination for a Public Service Award. Randy Thies discussed the circumstances of the Hard Chief's village site, a nineteenth century Kansa site. Kathy Fox owns the site. She's been trying to work with Kaw to give it to them, but the Kaw turned it down. Instead, therefore, she will donate it to the Archaeological Conservancy. This is the first site in Kansas permanently acquired by the Archaeological Conservancy. This is a done deal—the site will be turned over to the conservancy on March 1. At this point, Tim Weston took over and moved that PAK present a Public Service Award to Kathy Fox in recognition of this donation. Jim Dougherty seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:20 PM. Some sort of presentation will be arranged. A plaque will to be given to her. There was a discussion of both possible future nominations and other possible transfers of sites to the Archaeological Conservancy.

The next order of new business was a briefing from the SHPO office. Tim had good news

in the form of NRHP nominations for Hard Chief's Village and a village on Pawnee Fork. He also said they are being proactive on HUD-funded projects and will use Little River as a case study when talking to HUD and KDOC. The gist will be talk to the HPO first. In less good news, he noted that they have been reviewing KDHE projects for some time in circumstances that require NPDES permits. They have been believing that these projects were subject to Sec. 106, but they have found out these are NOT Sec.106 projects. They will continue to review them, but they will have to be judicious about what they ask for. On the other hand, there is some litigation about whether or not the act of delegating to states is itself an undertaking and if so, a MOA can be done. There was some discussion of this.

A place for the 2007 fall meeting does not need to be discussed, but if someone wants to have it is they can offer. Mary Adair offered to have it at KU. She can decide the date in September.

In other new business, Mary Adair announced a new name for Archaeological Research and Cultural Collections at KU. Archaeology now is at the Natural History Museum and ethnology is going to the Spencer Art Museum, although the ethnology collections will stay in Spooner Hall. This is a throwback to early in the 1900s. She said there is little she can do about that. Archaeology now is a division in the Natural History Museum and the new name is Archaeological Research Center. The benefits are that director Kris Krishtalka is a pro-collections person. The archaeological collections will stay in Spooner Hall and they are trying to get more staff. She is looking at it as a research opportunity that it will be supported and a forward move. The Spencer Art Museum will do a national search for an ethnological collections manager. Tom Foor is there now but he is temporary until end of June. Virginia asked if she needed a letter. Mary said there is nothing this organization can do at this point in communicating with administration, but that now it would be good to send a letter to Krishtalka reinforcing the value of the collections, how there

is not enough staff, and that they should be giving consideration to the collections.

Announcements

Shannon Ryan announced an Explorations in Archaeology program for later in the day.

February 17–18 is a KAA certification seminar on lithic technology. Shannon Ryan will be teaching it.

Tod Bevitt is organizing the Flint Hills. It will be in Lyons, but no date had been set yet.

The SAA will be in Austin, Texas. Virginia will attend the Council of Councils meeting.

The Washburn University field school will start in May. It will be held at Nicodemus, Kansas. Margaret had brochures and discussed their work.

The KATP also will be at Nicodemus, beginning after Margaret's field school ends.

Bob Hoard gave an update on Project Archaeology. They are doing an 18-month project to work on curriculum. Teachers will pilot the curriculum in classrooms this fall. There will be training workshops and they may come to PAK to help questions and discussion.

Brent Weeks mentioned that the Wichita State University Chapter of Lambda Alpha is having its symposium on April 7. March 24 is the deadline for submitting papers.

Don Blakeslee moved adjournment. Brad Logan seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Respectfully submitted.

s/
Donna C. Roper
Secretary

Board Meeting Summary

February 9, 2007

The Board of Directors met prior to the Annual Meeting on February 9, 2007. The Board previewed and discussed much of what was brought to or reported to the membership at the Annual Meeting although sometimes with greater (and sometimes with lesser) detail, and sometimes to just sort out what matters did and what did not need further discussion. The longest and perhaps most intense discussion concerned matters related to the website, what we wanted for it, and how we were going to accomplish it. Margaret Wood and Bill Chada will continue to work on this. The only actual vote taken by the Board was to forward to the membership the nomination of Kathy Fox to receive a Public Service Award.

Election Results

As the Annual Meeting minutes reflect, the Nominations Committee presented a slate of nominees that included Donna Roper for Secretary and Lauren Ritterbush for at-large Board member. The floor was opened for additional nominations, but there were none. The membership voted unanimously to accept the slate of nominees. A count of paid-up voting members present at the meeting against all paid-up voting members showed that the motion to accept the slate of nominees had been passed by a majority of eligible voters. Thus, even if there were write-in votes on a mail ballot, no other outcome of the election was possible. Therefore, no mail ballot is necessary or will be conducted, and Roper and Ritterbush were declared elected to the positions for which they were nominated.

Remember to keep your address and other contact information current. Send any changes to the Treasurer and/or Secretary.

**Education Committee
Chris Garst**

Owing to the fact that the Education Committee's project for 2007 has successfully been completed this report will be brief. The design of the brochure to demystify the Section 106 process was the effort of a committee of which the Education Committee was only a part. We are proud to have been a part of the effort. We won't be resting on our laurels though, as we will be using the upcoming months to develop plans for next year's project.

2007 Fall Meeting

**September 21, 2007 - 1-5 PM
Olympian Room, Burge Union
University of Kansas
Lawrence**

Public Service Award



**PAK President Virginia Wulkuhle Presents the
PAK Public Service Award to Kathy Fox**

**Virginia's Remarks for the
Public Service Award Presentation
Topeka, April 14, 2007**

The Professional Archaeologists of Kansas is an association of professional archaeologists conducting research in Kansas and students working toward degrees and careers in archaeology. PAK's goal is to encourage and facilitate communication about the historic and prehistoric cultural heritage of Kansas and the importance of protecting and preserving archaeological resources for future generations.

[Introduction of PAK members present: Donna Roper (secretary), Tim Weston (treasurer), Chris Garst (Education Committee chair), Marsha King (Finance Committee chair), Shannon Ryan (Kansas Archaeology Month Committee member), Randy Thies (former board member), Bob Hoard (also on editorial board of *American Archaeology*, the magazine of the Archaeological Conservancy), and Bert Wetherill.]

Two years ago the PAK members voted to create a Public Service Award. This award is reserved for individuals or organizations outside the archaeological profession who have made an important contribution to preserving archaeological resources or to promoting public awareness of Kansas' archaeological heritage. It is given only when a worthy recipient is recognized.

Kathy Fox met these criteria to a T. As owner of the Hard Chief's Village site, she has protected this property for a number of years and worked very hard and persisted long to find a group that would accept the land as a gift and hold it in the public trust in perpetuity. Within the last few months, this desire became a reality as the Archaeological Conservancy agreed to accept her gift.

Therefore, it is my honor to present this plaque, which is inscribed:

**Professional Archaeologists of Kansas
Public Service Award
Presented to
Kathy Fox
In recognition of her generous
contribution to Kansas archaeology
through donation of the Hard Chief's
Village site (14SH301)
to the Archaeological Conservancy
April 2007**



**Kathy Fox makes some remarks as
she accepts the award**

Hard Chief's Village site recently has been nominated to the National Register of Historic Places, and these momentous events are announced in an article written by Randy Thies in the most recent issue of *Kansas Preservation*. Amy Espinoza-Ar, Southwest Field Representative, is here from the Archaeological Conservancy to celebrate this award with us. Hard Chief's Village is our first Kansas property to be acquired by the Archaeological Conservancy. Would you say a few words about this landmark donation?

It is appropriate that this presentation is made at a meeting of the KAA, because this organization has a long-time interest in the site. The Hard Chief's Village project in 1987 was the largest training program up to that time, and many people still active started with the KAA in that year. In 2000 the KAA published Jim Marshall's report on the site in its journal, *The Kansas Anthropologist*.



Amy Espinoza-Ar reads a letter from the Archaeological Conservancy President

President's Message

PAK Accomplishments and Continuing Challenges

Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, PAK President

In the October 2006 issue of the newsletter, I set out two priorities: a Kansas Archaeology Month brochure and PAK web site expansion. I am pleased to report that progress had been made in both areas.

“Getting the Archaeological Green Light for Projects: A Basic Guide to Complying with Laws Regarding Archaeological Sites”

The PAK KAM Committee members, who labored mightily to produce the brochure, are Chris Garst, Marsha King, Donna Roper, Shannon Ryan, Tim Weston, and Virginia Wulfkuhle. A special thanks goes to R.C. Goodwin & Associates for

providing the graphic design services and to the Kansas SHPO for funding the project. Additional monetary contributions were made by the Bureau of Reclamation, Nebraska-Kansas Area Office; Kansas Anthropological Association; Emma Balsiger Foundation; Kansas State Historical Society, Inc.; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 6; Kansas State University, Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work; Cultural Resource Analysts, Inc.; Riley County Historical Society; Historic Preservation Associates, LLC; and Kansas City Archaeological Society.

Kansas SHPO Archeologist and PAK Treasurer, Dr. Timothy Weston, presented a paper, “Avoiding Gridlock when Dealing with Archeological Sites and Federal Laws,” at the Kansas Transportation Engineers Conference in Manhattan on April 4. He volunteered to make this

presentation on behalf of PAK, kicking off the distribution of the PAK brochure, which was hot off the press. Virginia Wulfkuhle (president) and Marsha King (Finance Committee chair) were on hand to assist in the session, which was well attended by an estimated 100 conferees.



Tim Weston speaks about Sec. 106 at the Transportation Engineering Conference

Tim gave a similar presentation, "What KAA Members Need to Know about Federal Law and Archeology," at the Kansas Anthropological Association Annual Meeting in Topeka on April 14. Brochures were passed out to an audience of about 30 people there. KAA President Vita Tucker has incorporated copies of the brochure into information notebooks for the six KAA Area Representatives. At its April 23 meeting, the Shawnee Chapter of the KAA stuffed almost 1,600 brochures into envelopes for mailing primarily to certified engineers and land surveyors. Marsha King and KSHS Records Manager Anita Frank did the major part of compiling the mailing list.

Wulfkuhle passed out copies of the brochure at the Council of Councils meeting, held on April 26 in conjunction with the SAA meeting in Austin, Texas. Representatives of other states showed considerable interest in the effort, and requests for additional copies have been filled. On June 20, the Kansas Society of Professional Engineers allowed Tim Weston and Virginia Wulfkuhle a space at the registration area of its annual meeting, and they handed out brochures and talked to a number of conferees.

Additional exposure was gained when the brochure was featured in the May-June 2007 issue of *Kansas Preservation*. This newsletter of the Kansas State Historical Society Cultural Resources Division has a circulation of more than 5,000. Since then, multiple copies have been requested by and supplied to the Emporia zoning administrator, a member of the Monticello Community Historical Society in Shawnee, KDOC Community Development department, Governmental Assistance Services in Lawrence, Manhattan city planners, and

the Wichita city archaeologist.

Five thousand brochures were printed, so there are plenty remaining for PAK members to distribute. Pick up a supply at the fall meeting or contact Virginia Wulfkuhle (vwulfkuhle@kshs.org), Tim Weston (tweston@kshs.org), or Donna Roper (droper@ksu.edu) for copies.

Now is the time to propose ideas for PAK's 2008 Kansas Archaeology Month project. If you have ideas or are interested in serving on the KAM Committee, please contact me.

www.ksarchaeo.info

The PAK web site redesign is underway. In March 2007, after soliciting bids from several people, the PAK board contracted with Scott Shackelford of Topeka. His \$900 contract calls for creation of a dynamic content web site. Shackelford has completed two of the three milestones set forth in the contract: 1) information gathering and agreement for an overall web site layout and 2) posting of basic promotional information for 2007 Kansas Archaeology Month. The third milestone, which calls for final testing and deployment, has been delayed, largely because the board members and others have not been able to furnish information to Shackelford in a timely manner. Therefore, the initial contract ending date of August 1, 2007, is being extended.

Board members have been proofing existing sections of the web site, so that Shackelford can refurbish or remove them. Thanks goes to Lauren Ritterbush and KSU student Scott Gnadl for checking and correcting links on the Virtual Toolkit section and updating the membership information and to Donna Roper for updating the publications page. There is much remaining to be done, and everyone can help.

This is a critical time in the development of the web site, which a number of PAK members felt strongly was the best way to reach our audience. Your participation is needed to make the website useful to PAK members and, if the organization wishes, to the public. Visit PAK Web at <http://www.ksarchaeo.info/>, review what is there, notify me of errors, and suggest new features and content, especially ones that you are willing to work on. Please take this opportunity to contribute.

Media Matters

Subscribing to PAK-L

To subscribe to the PAK mailing list, send a message to LISTSERV@LISTSERV.WICHITA.EDU with a message of "Subscribe PAK-L" without the quotation marks and nothing in the subject line or send a note to the listowner at david.hughes@wichita.edu.

Current Archaeology in Kansas

Please be thinking about contributions for Volume 7, to be dated 2007, of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. A page of information for contributors follows. You can direct any other questions to Donna Roper at the address, e-mail addresses, or phone numbers on the bottom of that page.

Current Archaeology in Kansas Information for Authors

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The target date for publication of Volume 7 is the end of 2007. Submission of material by mid-November is requested. Contributions received later may or may not make it into the journal, depending on the status of production. Electronic submission as an e-mail attachment is preferred but not required; submission may also be made on disc or as hard copy. CAK is assembled and produced using Adobe PageMaker with PC equipment; Mac is not supported (although e-mail attachments from Macs using Word *.doc format usually are successfully opened). Files in *.doc or *.rtf format are preferred; WordPerfect (no higher than 6.0), Works *.wps or StarOffice *.sxd files probably can also be used. If using any other format, contact the Editor to make sure it is supported. Whatever format is used, please use a minimum of (if any) formatting codes since they have to be removed during layout. If you use EndNote for references, please remove field codes before submitting the article. When submitting articles, *please do **not** embed tables or illustrations in the document*—make them separate files. Place figure captions on a separate page. For tables, Word's Tables option is tolerable, but Excel worksheets are easier to work with for layout.

Illustrations should be black-and-white if at all possible. The journal can handle color, but it is expensive and must be used sparingly. The Editor will evaluate illustrations submitted in color to see if they are as effective in black-and-white and will run them as black-and-white if they are. If color is required, the author may be asked to help defray the cost, at the discretion of the Editor and Board of Directors. If necessary, color photographs can be submitted and converted to black-and-white during journal production. Usable graphics formats include *.jpg, *.tif, *.bmp, *.cdr (version 10 and whatever is compatible with that), *.wmf, or *.emf. If necessary, we can scan from a hard copy or work from a slide, possibly with some loss of quality, however. Check if you are unsure about graphics requirements. All pages with illustrations, including black-and-white line drawings, black-and-white photographs, and any color illustrations are run out on a high-resolution printer.

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Necrology

Ann S. Johnson, the wife of University of Kansas emeritus professor and first PAK President Alfred Johnson, passed away on July 22, 2007. A memorial was held in Lawrence on July 27, 2007.

Geraldine Ann Wood, the mother of Washburn University assistant professor and PAK member Margaret Wood, passed away in Michigan on June 15, 2007.

PAK extends their condolences to both the Johnson and the Wood families.

Births

PAK members Holly (HC) and Kirk Smith became parents on August 11, 2007 when Nathan Alexander Smith was born. Nathan came in at 6 lb 13 oz, and is 19 inches long. Congratulations to HC and Kirk!

It also has come to our attention that Chris Garst and Jim Feagins have each recently been presented with new grandchildren.

Job change

HC Smith has accepted a position in the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation in Grand Island, Nebraska. She will begin work on August 20, 2007.

Calendar of Events

September 21, 2007 – 1-5 PM - PAK fall meeting – Olympian Room, Burge Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

October 10–13, 2007 – 65th Annual Plains Conference – Rushmore Plaza Holiday Inn and Convention Center, Rapid City, South Dakota; for further information: www.plainsanth2007.org. Note that conference abstracts are due August 31, 2007.

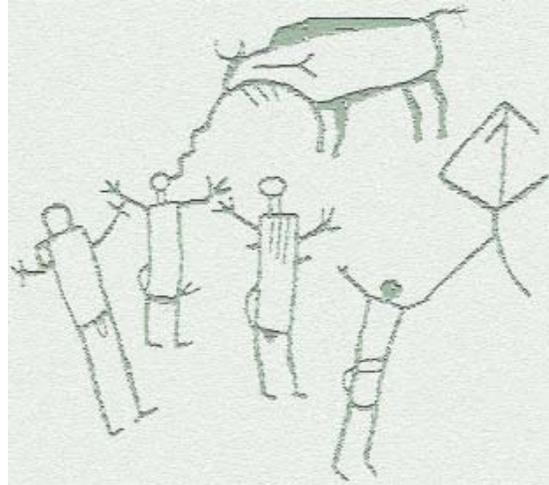
October 15-16, 2007 – NAGPRA National Review Committee Meeting – Phoenix, Arizona; further information available at www.cr.nps.gov/nagpra.

Spring 2008 – 30th Flint Hills Conference – dates and place to be announced

March 26–30, 2008 – 73rd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology – Vancouver, British Columbia – abstracts are due September 5, 2007.

On Friday, September 14, the remains exhumed in 2004 from a cemetery on Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Manhattan will be reburied, with ceremony. The reinterment will be in a new cemetery, to be called Stillman Cemetery, on the Meadowlark property. Many details of the ceremony will be as true to the period as practical. The ceremony will be held at 2 PM, and will be preceded by a procession with horse-drawn wagons bearing the coffins through Manhattan and the retirement community property. Donna Roper and those who worked with her in the excavation (including PAK members Jeremy Pye, HC Smith, and Nancy Arendt) will be among the pallbearers, and Donna will be one of the speakers during the ceremony. Refreshments after the ceremony reportedly also will be authentic to the period.

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