

# ***Professional Archaeologists of Kansas***

## ***Newsletter***

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### ***PAK Business***

Minutes of the Fall Meeting  
Olympian Room, Burge Union  
University of Kansas  
Lawrence, Kansas

September 21, 2007

President Virginia Wulfkuhle called the meeting to order at 1:17 PM. Present were President Virginia Wulfkuhle, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Tim Weston, at-large Board members Bill Chada and Lauren Ritterbush, and about 12 other members and guests. A quorum was present.

President Wulfkuhle first welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then thanked Mary Adair for arranging for the meeting room.

#### **Officer's Reports**

A President's report was deferred until later in the meeting.

For the Secretary's report, Donna Roper said that the minutes of the February 9, 2007 meeting were published in *Newsletter* #19. Those minutes were approved at 1:18 PM. She also reported that, as per the By-Laws, a summary of the February 9, 2007 Board meeting appeared in *Newsletter* #19. She concluded by noting that no correspondence had been received since the last meeting.

Treasurer Tim Weston handed out a written

report. He also started around a membership list for sign-in and make and any address changes or updates to other contact information. Referring to the written report, he said that we are in better shape than usual at this time of year. This is because of the reimbursement for the Green Light brochure. He reviewed the individual items in the report. As of the report date, September 21, 2007, the balance in the treasury was \$5,210.58. Of this, \$1,264.16 was in the General Fund and \$3,946.52 was in the Kansas Archaeology Month fund.

#### **Committee Reports**

The first committee report was for the Action Committee. Chair Mark Latham was not at the meeting and Donna Roper reported for the committee. She said that the committee may still have time for input on Farm Bill. In response to a question from the floor, Virginia discussed this bill and what it is. She also mention a transportation enhancement bill.

Next was the Curation Committee. Committee chair Mary Adair reported that the committee had been meeting by e-mail. She read a report that summarized what the committee was discussing. The committee is proposing a joint Curation/Education committee effort to develop a brochure similar to the Sec. 106 one (a.k.a. the Green Light brochure). The committee also is thinking of some other projects.

For the Education Committee, chair Chris Garst had little to add to the Curation Committee

report since there are some joint efforts there. She did, however, mention listings for the Calendar of Events for KAM 2008.

Committee chair Marsha King reported for the Finance Committee. She noted that there was not much to report at this time. She is waiting for a decision on the theme for KAM 2008 to know how to write the begging letters. She also suggested donations from members.

Next was the report from the Media Committee. It was noted that David Hughes, as listowner of PAK-L, has been asked to be on this committee. Bill Chada has been asked to also be on this committee to coordinate web matters. Donna talked about our print media (the Newsletter and *Current Archaeology in Kansas*), particularly schedules for these. She would like to get *Newsletter #20* out in mid-November, and *Current Archaeology in Kansas* out in December. Virginia read a report from webmaster Scott Shackelford and asked for input for the web site. She noted that we probably will put early issues of CAK on it. There also is the possibility of theses and bibliographies being archived there. Some of these would be easy for Scott to add. David Hughes noted that we now have 93 subscribers to PAK-L.

The KAM Committee has not met, but members have talked about things and know they need to get on it. One possibility they will be discussing is a brochure addressing what a professional archaeologist is and how we do archaeology. It will be for adults. If people have any other ideas, please let the committee know.

Regarding our merchandise, Shannon was not at the meeting but shirts and other things were available for sale in the back of the room.

For the Membership Committee, Jim Dougherty said that he wants to contact people who are not paid up. He had nothing more on the proposal for a life membership.

## Old Business

The first item of old business concerned the proposed Avocational Archaeologist Award. It was noted that the Board had discussed this and the criteria for it. They have decided to send it back to Don Blakeslee, who first proposed creating such an award, with hopes of having something more for it at the Annual Meeting in February.

There followed a discussion of PAK priorities as they had been talked about last year (this is the President's report deferred from the beginning of the meeting). Virginia noted that we have made strides with this. The first priority was the Green Light brochure. That is done, it is being distributed, and presentations have been. Thus, we have met that goal. The brochure is being well received and people in other states have asked about it.

The second priority was web site development. This is in progress.

A third priority was posters. Some posters are available. The Board feels this is a lower priority but we may ask about putting downloadable versions on the web site or as screen savers.

The fourth priority was speakers. The idea here was to create a matrix to match speakers with places. It seems to not be practical to do this, but there are thoughts that maybe we could put a list of possible speakers and their available topics on the website.

Fifth was presenting Project Archaeology to teachers. There was some further discussion of this, with updates. More information is available in *Kansas Preservation*.

The sixth was how to handle our merchandise. Shannon Ryan is now helping with this.

The question then was asked if there is anything we need to add to this list.

The meeting took a break at 2:15 PM and resumed at 2:27 PM.

Donna Roper gave a brief talk about the reinterment ceremony for the remains excavated at the historic cemetery at Meadowlark Hills Retirement Community in Manhattan. This cemetery, now officially called Stillman Cemetery, was excavated in 2004 in advance of construction of new housing units. The reinterment ceremony, complete with a horse-drawn wagon bearing the coffins and leading a cortege through the city, followed by a walking procession (with bagpiper) through the Meadowlark campus, was held on September 14.

Next was a briefing from the SHPO office. Tim didn't have a lot to report. He said there were some pipelines in progress. Regarding NPDES permits, not much has changed. He said that they don't have much hold over wind farms, unless they are hooking into the federal power grid. With ethanol and biodiesel plants, however, they do have some hold, and KDOT has roads to these facilities so there's that too. He noted that there also are some new transmission lines and they will tie into the federal grid. He also discussed requests by the Osage tribe for surveys.

HC Smith discussed something that had come to her attention in southeast Kansas. She has learned that police departments in that area auction artifact collections when they are part of drug busts. She is going to ask how to get more information. It was suggested that this might be something that the Action Committee and/or the Education committee take on. Clearly, it is a bad example.

Both HC and Kirk Smith then volunteered to join the Action Committee.

There was a brief discussion of a date and place for the 2008 Annual Meeting. Possible dates are February 8 or 22, and locations in the usual rotation are either Manhattan or Wichita. It was decided that the Annual Meeting will be in

Manhattan and the 2008 fall meeting will be in Wichita.

## **Announcements**

The Explorations in Archaeology program for that afternoon was announced. Mary Adair had a flier about it. The speaker was Mark Lynott and the program concerned the Hopeton earthworks in Ohio.

Virginia announced that the KAA will have a certification seminar on February 16-17, 2008. It will be at Bethany College in Lindsborg. The topic and presenter are still being selected.

The Flint Hills Conference will be March 8, 2008. It will be held in Alderson Auditorium in the KU Union. There will be an event Friday night and the conference presentations will be all day Saturday. Mary Adair will get a flier out later. The conference will encourage student participation

Donna Roper announced that she is one of the new editors of the Nebraska Association of Professional Archaeologists' (NAPA) journal *Central Plains Archeology*. She called for papers for this journal. She also discussed briefly how she sees no conflict in editing journals for both PAK and NAPA since the journals are differently conceived and publish different kinds of contributions.

Virginia announced the 2008 KATP. She said the plan is to have it at the Pawnee Indian Village, or Kansas Monument site (14RP1). They will hire a Principal Investigator who will direct the excavation and write up both it and the 1965-1967 excavations.

Jim Feagins said that the Fort Osage information center now is complete, and that the exhibits in it are complete.

A final reminder was issued that brochures, posters, notepads, t-shirts, and so forth were available in the back of the room. Also some used

books from the KU museum were for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper  
Secretary

### **Board Meeting Summary September 21, 2007**

The Board of Directors met prior to the general meeting in Lawrence on September 21, 2007. The Board had an agenda that was separate from the general meeting agenda, but the two closely paralleled one another and much discussion was a preview of matters to be discussed at the general meeting later in the day. There was a longer and more detailed discussion of the Treasurer's report, or really the organization's finances, than at the general meeting. The one actual vote taken at the meeting was to authorize Treasurer Tim Weston to invest some of the money in a second CD. Later, there was a detailed discussion of the web site and its content. The discussion of KAM also was somewhat more detailed than at the general meeting, as some ideas for what to do for KAM 2008 were thrown around. The only item of business at the Board meeting that was not brought to the general meeting concerned a nomination for a Public Service Award. One has been made and it was discussed, but the decision was to take it off new business, further review it, and bring it to the Annual Meeting in February.

### **2008 Annual Meeting Announcement**

The 2008 Annual Meeting will be held on February 8, 2008, from 1 to 4:30 PM, in the Auditorium of the Manhattan Public Library. The library is at the corner of Juliette and Poyntz avenues in

downtown Manhattan. This notice is for planning purposes. In accordance with the By-Laws, a formal 30-day notice of the meeting will be mailed in early January.

### **Election Announcement**

An officer and board member election will be conducted in early 2008 following the Annual Meeting in February. The two positions open will be Treasurer and the at-large Board position currently held by Bill Chada. The nominations committee is Jim Feagins and Bert Wetherill. The committee will present a slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting in Manhattan. The floor will be open for additional nominations at the meeting. The term of office for these two positions is three years, from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2011.

### **Dues Reminder**

Dues for 2008 will be due on January 1, 2008. 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**

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

### **Curation Committee Report Mary Adair**

On November 9<sup>th</sup>, the Curation Committee presented at the Kansas Museums Association annual meeting at Emporia State University. The title of the presentation was "Preserving the Past: Curation Guidelines for Archaeological Materials". The workshop was designed to present an overview

of the curation needs for all types of archaeological collections (including artifacts, photographs, documents, maps, and digital formats), with the plan to organize a follow-up workshop in spring 2008 that would go into greater detail. The Curation committee worked on the presentation outline via email for several weeks and pulled together appropriate images to include in a PowerPoint presentation. Mary Adair and Fiona Price gave the one-hour presentation to an audience of about 30 people. In attendance was staff from several Kansas county historical societies and small museums as well as interested lay people.

The PowerPoint presentation covered many topics associated with archaeological curation. In addition, the audience was given handouts that provided information on acceptable curation supplies and curation companies, current references to consult for specific types of materials, and granting programs that support collection management and conservation needs. The PowerPoint presentation began with an introduction to PAK and its mission and goals. Also covered was a definition of archaeology and what constitutes an archeological collection. Both prehistoric and historic materials were included. Included in the presentation was an introduction to ethical and legal issues, agents of deterioration, and policy making. Images of all kinds of archaeological collections and types of damage caused by various problems were presented and discussed. We encouraged and received a lot of interaction and questions from the audience during the presentation. We also asked the participants to fill out a questionnaire at the end of the presentation, which will ultimately help the Committee evaluate where further assistance in archaeological curation is needed with the planned workshop for spring 2008. As a final goal, the Curation and Education Committees will produce a brochure on curation guidelines that can be distributed among museums and historical societies. The distribution of this brochure is tentatively planned for archaeology month 2009.

## ***2008 Annual Meeting***

**February 8, 2008 - 1-4:30 PM  
Auditorium  
Manhattan Public Library  
Manhattan**

## ***2008 Dues are due on January 1***

***see the back of this newsletter for a renewal form or download one from the website***

### **Available merchandise:**

**T-Shirts (brown, blue, green, sand, heather), hankies (red, navy blue, Carolina blue, yellow, forest green, purple), notepads, and (yes) 2006 calendars still available**

**contact Shannon Ryan or Donna Roper**

**(still time to order before Christmas)  
all proceeds go to help support Kansas Archaeology Month**

## **Tom Witty Receives Plains Conference Distinguished Service Award**



**Retired State Archaeologist Thomas A Witty, Jr. and his wife Mary Ann at the conclusion of the Plains Conference banquet at which he was presented with the society's Distinguished Service Award. Current State Archaeologist Robert Hoard read the award citation at the banquet.**

## **Comments on the Distinguished Service Award to Tom Witty**

**Robert Hoard**

Thomas A. Witty received the Distinguished Service Award from the Plains Anthropological Society at their annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota on October 12, 2007. Tom's nomination for this prestigious award included many letters of support from fellow archeologists, amateur archeologists, unmarked burial board members, and American Indians. Tom and his wife Mary Anne were on hand to receive the award before the assembled membership of the Plains Anthropological Society. Witty served as Kansas State Archeologist at the Kansas State Historical Society for 34 years from 1960 to 1994. The Distinguished Service Award recognizes lifetime achievement in Plains-related research, teaching, and scholarship, and service to the profession.

Tom is recognized for his contributions to both professional and public archaeology. He is a veteran of the reservoir boom in the 1960s and 1970s and spent many of his early years as State Archeologist salvaging sites slated for inundation. Later years were spent shepherding through reports of these investigations. His public archaeology efforts include developing a partnership with amateur archaeologists, particularly the Kansas Anthropological Association. This resulted in the development of a journal, *The Kansas Anthropologist*, and the creation of the Kansas Archeology Training Program, which includes a 16-day field school geared toward the general public. Tom also developed the museum at 14RP1, a Pawnee village site, restored the ruins at 14SC1, the Scott County Pueblo or El Cuartelejo, and helped the State acquire the Great Bend aspect Tobias site (14RC8).

Tom also was instrumental in drafting the Kansas Antiquities Commission Act of 1967 and the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act

of 1989. Both laws help to preserve Kansas' archeological sites. The passage of the unmarked burial act was tied up with the closing and reburial of a tourist attraction, the Whiteford site or Salina Burial Pit (14SA1), which allowed tourists to see exposed American Indian burials for a fee. Passage of the act also led to lasting working relationships between archeologists, anthropologists, and American Indians in Kansas.

## **PAK at the Plains Conference**

As we have in the last several years, PAK had a large table at the Plains Conference, selling t-shirts, hypotenuse hankies, notepads, 2006 calenders (we actually do still sell one now and again - nice pictures, you know), and used books. Sales were brisk, and we are pleased to report that we took in a total of \$1,317.50. The only expense against that was \$40 for the table. We had so much stock that the back of Donna's truck was riding noticeably low on the way to Rapid City. It rode much higher on the way home. Unfortunately, the truck's topper leaked in the pouring rains on the way home and some of the leftover books were soaked and have had to be discarded. Of course, some of those books had, over the years, been to Arkansas, Montana, Topeka, and now South Dakota without finding new homes, so perhaps the weather did us a favor there.



### **PAK's Table at the 2007 Plains Conference in Rapid City**

**This picture was taken fairly early on, when plenty of books were still available. By Saturday morning, the table was much more barren. PAK President Virginia Wulfkuhle works at the table, modeling one of our attractive T-shirts.**

## ***Media Matters***

### **Subscribing to PAK-L**

To subscribe to the PAK mailing list, send an e-mail message to [LISTSERV@LISTSERV.WICHITA.EDU](mailto: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](mailto:david.hughes@wichita.edu).

### **PAK Web site**

Be sure to check out our web site! With input from a number of members, webmaster Scott Shackelford has revamped, updated, and re-launched it. We hope you will find it attractive and useful. Please also continue to send any ideas for additional website content.

**[www.ksarchaeo.info](http://www.ksarchaeo.info)**

## ***President's Message***

What would it take to persuade you to attend the 2008 PAK annual meeting? Attendance at both fall and spring meetings has been abysmal. While a certain amount of business must be transacted, there also is an opportunity for short presentations or guided discussions. Several people have expressed some nostalgia for the days when Kansas Antiquities Commission meetings concluded with round-robin reports of current activities and research. Or would a more formal presentation on some topic be helpful? PowerPoint or slide equipment could be made available. Your suggestions for agenda items and program topics are welcome. Contact me at [vwulfkuhle@kshs.org](mailto:vwulfkuhle@kshs.org) or 785-272-8681, ext. 266.

If anyone feels inspired to contribute to the 2008 Kansas Archaeology Month brochure (What is a professional archaeologist and what can one do for you?), there is plenty of room on the writing/designing committee, which will meet on November 28. Give me a call.

## ***Current Archaeology in Kansas***

Its time to be submitting material for the 2007 number (Volume 7) of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. A page of information for contributors appears in Newsletter #19, is available on our website (under Publications), or is available by contacting editor Donna Roper ([droper@ksu.edu](mailto:droper@ksu.edu)). Please seriously consider contributing something for this issue. Contributions can be modest article length, notes, or abstracts. It would really be good to have at least titles and abstracts of Phase III or Phase IV studies, or even Phase II studies that resulted in the finding of significant resources. Contact Donna if you have questions about the suitability of material you are thinking about.

## ***Calendar of Events***

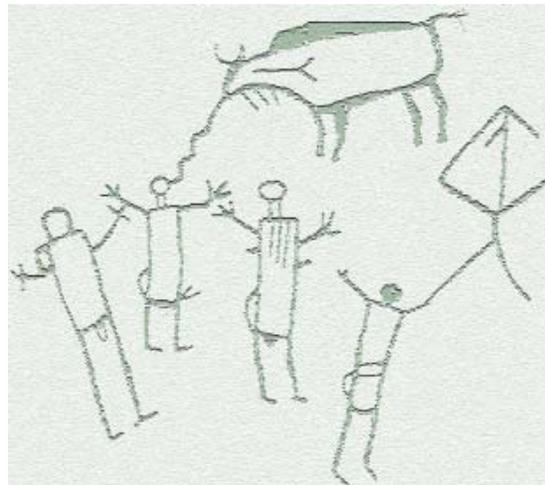
**February 8, 2008 – 1:00 to 4:30 PM – PAK Annual Meeting – Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, Kansas**

March 7-8, 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> Flint Hills Conference – Alderson Auditorium, KU Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. Conference chair: Mary Adair. Details to follow

March 26-30, 2008 – 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology – Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada – [www.saa.org](http://www.saa.org)

October 1-4, 2008 – 66<sup>th</sup> Plains Anthropological Conference – Laramie, Wyoming

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