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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 15, 2002 ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Minutes
Museum Classroom A
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas
February 15, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:09 PM by President Donald Blakeslee. Present were President Donald Blakeslee, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Members Randy Thies and Marsha King, and 18 other members. A quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

The first item of business was the Secretary's Report. Donna Roper reported that the minutes of the September meeting and a summary of the Board meeting preceding it had been published in the last newsletter. Marsha King pointed out one correction: the minutes had noted that the KSHS would be surveying along a U.S. 54 highway corridor between Kindon and Pratt—that should have read between Kingman and Pratt. Randy Thies moved that the minutes be approved. Virginia Wulfkuhle seconded the motion. The motion passed at 1:11 PM.

Mary Adair then gave the Treasurer's Report. She passed out a written version of this report and discussed the entries on it. She noted one correction to the last report and that was that when she prepared that report, she forgot to add in a deposit of \$180 and thus understated the balance by that much. A new balance, taking into account the correction of that error, deposits since that time, and expenditures since that time, is \$764.44. She then reminded people to pay their 2002 dues. She passed around the 2001 membership list and asked people to be sure to make corrections. Lauren Ritterbush moved that the report be approved. Jim Feagins seconded the motion. The motion passed at 1:14 PM.

Standing Committee Reports

The first committee report was from the Education Committee and was presented by Virginia Wuhfkuhle. She noted that the Kansas Archaeology Week season was approaching. She

then presented the poster and brochure. The KAA mailed 6300–6400 packets of posters and brochures. She thanked PAK for their donation, and noted that donations overall were down this year. She discussed the Calendar of Events and passed out a form for getting events on the calendar. She also discussed the new traveling trunk. She said they had made progress with it and that the script was being reviewed by educators. She thought it would be available by about the time of archaeology week.

The Action Committee had not met and had no report.

The Finance Committee also had not met and had no report.

For the Newsletter Committee, Donna Roper noted that *Newsletter #9* had been released, as had the 2002 issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. She thanked everyone for their contributions. She also reported that printing of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* had been donated by the Kansas State Historical Society. She presented a motion to thank the Society for donating printing, Bob Hoard for arranging it, and Martin Stein for doing much of the actual work of printing it. Mary Adair seconded the motion. The motion was passed. Mary then read a letter from Henry Roeckers in which he expressed his appreciation for the newsletter and *CAK*.

Officer and Board Election

Marsha King presented the report of the Nominations Committee. The committee was charged with developing a slate of nominations for Treasurer and the Board position currently held by Randy Thies. The committee nominated Bob Ziegler for Treasurer and Tim Weston for the Board position. The floor was opened for additional nominations. There were none. Virginia Wulfkuhle moved to accept the committee report. Randy Thies seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Myra Giesen suggested that at least two individuals be nominated for each position in the future. Lauren Ritterbush suggested Myra be on the committee next time. There being no more discussion, the motion was passed unanimously at 1:34 PM. It then was determined that the unanimous vote of the members present was a majority of members eligible to vote and that, since no other outcome was possible for the election, a mail ballot would be unnecessary. Ziegler and Weston were, therefore, declared elected.

Proposed By-Laws Amendment

The next agenda item was the proposed By-Laws Amendment. Don Blakeslee reviewed the history of the issue. He then read the current proposed rewording, as presented in *Newsletter #9* (pp. 4-5). Randy Thies took issue with the wording, suggesting dropping the word "appearance." There was some discussion of the subjectivity of the concept of "appearance of conflict of interest." Bob Hoard moved that the issue be put to the members **without** the words "appearance of." Randy Thies seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a voice vote at 1:46 PM. It was noted that By-Laws revisions require approval by a 2/3 majority of the membership. It was determined that while a majority of members were present, the attendance was less than 2/3 of the membership. Therefore, a mail ballot will be necessary for this proposed By-Laws revision.

Old Business

The first item of Old Business concerned the PAK Lecture Series for Kansas Archaeology Week. Mary Adair reported that she and Myra and Donna had talked about it but had not been able to submit a proposal for this year. One will be submitted for Kansas Archaeology Week 2003. They proposed hiring someone to help do the legwork, explaining that the time demands to do this are the problem with implementing the idea. Mary then moved that PAK pay \$100 to someone to help do this legwork and that another \$100 be written into the grant proposal to further compensate the person during the grant period. Virginia Wulfschle seconded the motion. There was a discussion of how this would be done and how we would get someone. Mary will oversee this at KU. The plan was to have speakers lined up by late April, venues in September, and a grant proposal to Kansas Humanities Council by October 1. After some further discussion of how to select a person, it was decided to have people interested contact Mary by March 1. There being no more discussion, the motion to pay \$100 was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:06 PM.

Turning to an update on the Web site, Janice McLean first gave the background to this. She noted that she had bought a domain name. It was noted that the Board had voted to reimburse her for this. She then talked about the discussion at the Board meeting regarding what to have on it. Janice and Donna are the *ad hoc* committee regarding content. There was also some discussion of what not to put on it. It was agreed that there would be a Calendar of Events, including professional activities, and some student things. A bibliography also was discussed, including a SHPO report bibliography.

The next item of Old Business was an update on the Kansas State Historical Society search for a new director. Ramon Powers retires on March 17, 2002. Bob Hoard reported that 5 candidates for the job had been brought in—he discussed a little bit about what he knew about their backgrounds. He indicated that the names of 3 of these 5 would be forwarded to the Governor for appointment, or not (the Governor can reject all three and ask for a new list). There was a bit of discussion of historical society staff reactions to the candidates.

New Business and Announcements

The first item of New Business was discussion of a proposed new site form for the state. Bob Hoard said he wants an inventory database accessible by password and wants searches to work well. This would necessitate a standard set of terms. One thing they have looked at is topographic location. They had previously circulated a proposed set of terms and definitions, and Bob asked if people liked it. Discussion followed. Bob asked for specific comments and suggested sending them to him or someone by e-mail. Marsha King discussed terms for historic sites.

Randy Thies then mentioned that Roger Echo-Hawk had raised the possibility of Plains Woodland being ancestral Pawnee. Randy had talked to Francis Morris about the possibilities of a grant proposal. Francis wants to get together and talk about this. Randy said he has suggested the possibility of tying it to the Flint Hills Conference. He suggested next year (2003) in Topeka and have a symposium. There was some discussion of this.

Donna Roper announced that Pat O'Brien would be recognized at this year's Flint Hills Conference and that the Board had decided to present her with a gift certificate (to Home Depot) from PAK.

Jim Feagins thanked outgoing Board members Mary Adair and Randy Thies for serving.

Tim Weston, speaking for Marsha King, who had had to leave, announced there would be a conference on issues in transportation in July at Country Club Plaza in Kansas City.

Mary Adair asked if PAK can write a check to the Kansas State Historical Society for Kansas Archaeology Week. It was agreed that she can.

Myra Giesen announced a Section 106 training course this summer in Kansas City. She also indicated that the 4th conference on partnerships in Federal collections would be this year in Washington, D.C. on December 5–7, 2002.

Bill Chada indicated that Aimee Rosario had been hired by Nebraska-Kansas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation and that she would be starting on March 4.

Mary Adair reminded people that she would take membership dues.

Donna Roper reminded people to sign the sign-in list.

Randy Thies moved adjournment. There were numerous simultaneous seconds to the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The PAK Board met in Topeka on February 15, prior to the Annual Meeting. Board members first discussed the proposed agenda for the Annual Meeting, occasionally exploring the background to issues to be brought to the full membership. There was considerable discussion about the PAK Web site, with Janice McLean joining the Board for this discussion. Probably the only thing discussed in the Board meeting and not at the general meeting—and this is *per se* not a PAK matter anyway—is the NAGPRA MOA regarding culturally unidentifiable remains from Kansas.

ELECTIONS

As the meeting minutes indicate, Bob Ziegler and Tim Weston were nominated for, respectively, Treasurer and at-large Board Member, and no other nominations were forthcoming.

These nominations were accepted by a unanimous voice vote of a majority of eligible members and therefore were declared elected to these positions without the necessity of a mail ballot.

A mail ballot was, however, required for the proposed By-Laws revision. Following the meeting, therefore, the issue was put to members by mail ballot. A total of 21 members returned their ballots. The By-Laws revision was unanimously approved. A portion of Section V of the By-Laws is accordingly revised as follows (*italics denote the revision*):

Regular and student members must be:

- a. willing to adhere to the provisions of the Bylaws;
- b. willing to pay the annual dues; and
- c. willing to comply with guidelines of ethical conduct *including avoidance of conflict of interest* as prescribed by the Society for American Archaeology as attested by signature on application.

PAK 2002 FALL MEETING
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2002
1:30-4:30 PM, MUSEUM CLASSROOM B
KANSAS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TOPEKA

2002 FALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2002 Fall Meeting of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas will be held from 1:30-4:30 PM on Friday, September 20, 2002 in Museum Classroom B at the Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports from the chairs of the standing committees (Action, Education, Finance, and Newsletter). The new KSHS Executive Director, Mary Allman, will attend and be introduced. Other items of Old Business and New Business will be discussed. Contact the President, Don Blakeslee (316-978-3195; Donald.Blakeslee@wichita.edu) or Secretary, Donna Roper (785-776-3772; droper@ksu.edu) to have business placed on the agenda.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Report from the PAK Education Committee
by Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, Committee Chair

Thanks to all who contributed money, sponsored events, and listed items on the on-line calendar of events for Kansas Archeology Week. Almost all of the 8,000 "Bison: Animal and Icon" posters have been distributed, and the March-May calendar filled about 13 pages.

Christine Garst, KSHS lab archeologist, has volunteered to join the Education Committee, bringing the membership to two individuals. Others are welcome.

The new KSHS archeology traveling trunk, "Puzzles from the Past: Problem Solving through Archeology" goes into circulation this fall. Check out the announcement at <http://www.kshs.org/you/trarcho.htm>.

I had the opportunity to attend the Project Archaeology Western and Midwestern Regional Writing Workshop at the Great Basin Environmental Education Center in Ephraim, Utah, July 22-26. I was accompanied by Janet Loebel of the Kansas State Department of Education. As many of you already know, Project Archaeology is a national heritage education program originated by the Bureau of Land Management for educators and their students in response to widespread vandalism and looting of archeological sites in the American Southwest. Introduced in 1990, Project Archaeology now operates in 15 states and is slated to expand into all 50 states. At the July workshop archeologists, educators, and historic preservationists helped revise and update Project Archaeology's basic educational materials (Intrigue of the Past: A Teacher's Activity Guide for Fourth through Seventh Grades) in accordance with the National Social Studies Standards. Estimated publication date for the revised edition is 2004. Staff of the KSHS Cultural Resources and Education/Outreach Divisions is entering into discussions with Kansas State Board of Education representatives to determine how archeology can be incorporated in Kansas curriculum.

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NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting

Seattle, WA, November 8 - 10, 2002

At the invitation of the Native American Law Center, American Indian Studies Center, Department of Anthropology, and Museology Program at the University of Washington, and the Archaeology Department at the Burke Museum, the review committee will meet on November 8, 9 and 10, 2002, in Kane Hall at the University of Washington, Seattle, WA. Information about Kane Hall is available online.

The agenda for the meeting will include:

- * Federal agency NAGPRA compliance;
- * Implementation of the statute in the northwestern United States;
- * Regulations on the disposition of unclaimed human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, and objects of cultural patrimony;

* Regulations on the disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains (an early draft is available at <http://www.friendsofpast.org/02/scenes-020606DispReg.html>);

* Regulations on future applicability of the statute (an early draft is available at <http://www.friendsofpast.org/02/scenes-020604Musuemreg.html>)

Meeting sessions will begin at 8:30 a.m. each day, and will end no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 8 and 9, and no later than 2:00 p.m. on November 10. The meeting is open to the public. Meeting space is limited and persons will be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Persons wishing to make a presentation to the review committee should submit a request to do so by October 9, 2002, including a written abstract of your presentation and your contact information. Persons may also submit written statements for consideration by the review committee by October 19, 2002.

Requests and statements should be addressed to the review committee in care of the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, and should be sent (1) by mail to the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 1849 C Street NW-350NC, Washington, DC 20240; or (2) by commercial delivery address to the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service, 800 North Capitol Street NW, Suite 350, Washington, DC 20001.

Increased security in the Washington, DC, area may cause delays in the delivery of U.S. Mail to Government offices. In addition to mail or commercial delivery, a copy of the mailed request may also be faxed to the review committee in care of the Manager, National NAGPRA Program, at (202) 343-5260.

No special lodging arrangements have been made for this meeting; accommodations are available in the Seattle community.

Partnership Opportunities Conference

The 4th Conference on Partnership Opportunities for Federally Associated Collections will be held in Washington, DC, December 5 - 7, 2002. More information is available at <http://www.doi.gov/museum/FAC/>. Keep an eye out for the Forum entitled Federal NAGPRA Collections in Non-Federal Repositories: Agency-Museum Partnerships and Responsibilities to be sponsored by the National NAGPRA Program, National Park Service.

KANSAS ARCHAEOLOGY WEEK 2003
APRIL 6-12, 2003

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On June 6, 2002, The University of Kansas announced the closing of the public portion of the Museum of Anthropology and the elimination of five museum positions as part of its \$7.1 million budget cut. The two remaining staff will focus on collection care and accessibility, although the frequency of collection use will likely decline. Without professional staff and gallery space, the collections will not be used in exhibits to educate people about our similarities and differences in ways that aim to promote acceptance and tolerance. Without staff trained in cultural resource management, the museum will no longer bid on contracts, and students will lose the opportunity to gain experience in local fieldwork.

The museum has been in existence and located in historic Spooner Hall for over 20 years. Over the years, its staff has installed numerous annual and temporary exhibits that have drawn an estimated 50,000 annual patrons from the campus, area schools and the local region. Exhibits topics have ranged from exploring our origins to our present and past cultural expressions of technology, ideology, economy, and relationships with our surroundings and with other people. Several of the exhibits traveled throughout the state, allowing thousands more to gain a greater appreciation of the diversity among cultures. Exhibits often started as a class project, sometimes based on a curator's research, and allowed students valuable experience in learning exhibit development and implementation. The museum's collections contain items representative of current cultures of the Americas, Europe, Africa, Oceania, and Australia and past cultures of North and Central America, Europe and Asia. Collections are derived mainly from KU faculty and staff research projects and from donations. At this time, collections are still being considered for accession. The administration has stated that collection care will not be compromised from its current level and there are no plans underway to move the collections out of Spooner Hall. Grants from the National Endowment of the Humanities (NEH), the National Science Foundation (NSF), and the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) along with funds from the state of Kansas and several Federal agencies have helped establish a consistent and safe environment for the high quality of collection care.

Given the decision by the KU administration, the last scheduled public exhibit by the Museum of Anthropology will be annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show. No public education programs are being planned and students already enrolled in classes are being told to look elsewhere for training. The collections remain a valuable window in understanding our past and explaining our present, but the public will no longer be exposed to this value at the Museum of Anthropology. Emphasis will be placed on research.

People

Most people probably are aware by now that the Kansas State Historical Society has a new Executive Director (and thus state historic preservation officer) as of the beginning of June. She is Mary Allman, who came to the KSHS from Littleton Historical Museum in Littleton, Colorado and earlier was at the Siouxland Heritage Museum in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. She will be attending the fall 2002 PAK meeting.

Washburn University in Topeka has a new archaeologist. She is Margaret Wood, a historical archaeologist. She too will be attending the fall 2002 PAK meeting.

PAK student members Jennifer Macy and HC Smith each finished their master's degrees since the last newsletter. Jennifer received her MA from University of Kansas with a thesis concerned with the assemblage and raw material utilization at 25FT39 in the Medicine Creek valley of Nebraska. HC received her MA from Wichita State University, with a thesis on the cultural sequence in the Neodesha, Kansas area.

Aimee Rosario had earlier finished her masters at Wichita State University, and in early March began a one-year appointment with the Nebraska-Kansas Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation in Grand Island.

PAK members HC Abu Daqeh and Kirk Smith were married in Wichita on April 28 (thus making her the HC Smith of an earlier note). Several other PAK members were there—Aimee Rosario was a member of the wedding party, and Don Blakeslee and Donna Roper enjoyed the festivities.

New Book

The University of Alabama Press has just released *Medicine Creek: Seventy Years of Archaeological Investigations*, edited by Donna C. Roper. Okay, so its Nebraska archaeology, but PAK members Don Blakeslee, Bob Blasing, and Donna Roper all have chapters in this volume. Also contributing are Doug Bamforth, Linda Scott Cummings, E. Mott Davis, W.D. Frankforter, Steve Holen, Ruthann Knudson, Dave May, Curtis Nepstad-Thornberry, and Kathy Puseman. The book reviews the more than seven decades of work on Paleoindian and Upper Republican sites in the Medicine Creek valley. The perspective is overall historical, but results of some recent reanalyses of old collections are included. Alabama has done its usual fine editing and production job and has modestly priced the book at \$29.95 (a discount will be available at the Plains Conference, I think).

Calendar of Events

September 13-14, 2002 — Fall knap-in, Ft. Osage, Missouri

September 17, 2002 — Public hearing on proposed UBS regulations, 10-12 AM, West Conference Room, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka

September 20, 2002 – PAK Fall Meeting, 1:30-4:30 PM, Museum Classroom B, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka

October 23-26, 2002 – 60th Plains Conference – Biltmore Hotel, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; further information in August 2002 issue of *Plains Anthropologist* or conference website

November 8-10, 2002 — NAGPRA Review Committee Meeting, Seattle, Washington

December 5–7, 2002 —4th Conference on Partnership Opportunities for Federally Associated Collections, Washington, DC

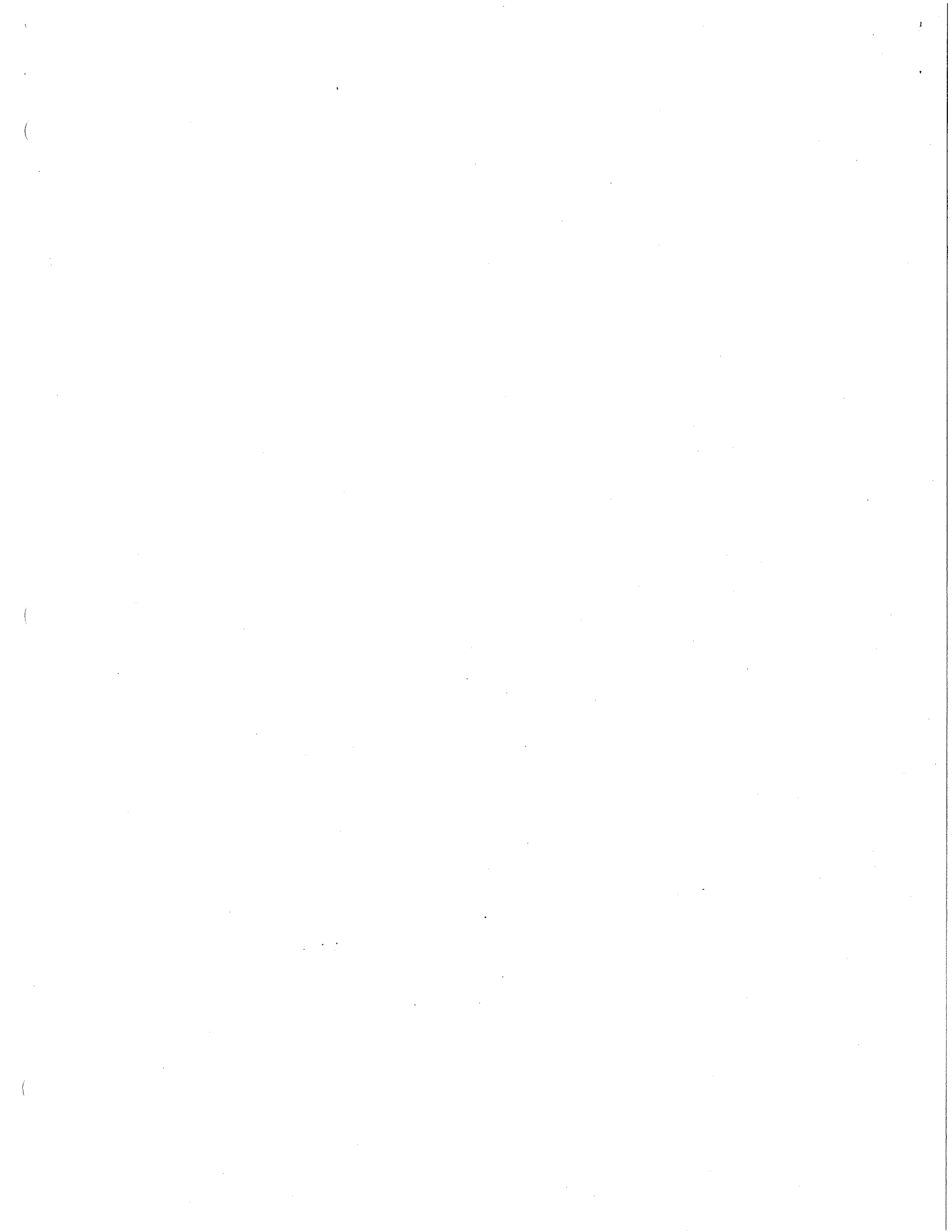
April 4-5, 2003 – 25th Flint Hills Conference – Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka – other details to be announced; Conference Chair: Bob Hoard

April 6–12, 2003 — Kansas Archaeology Week

April 9–13, 2003 — 68th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Call for Articles for *Current Archaeology in Kansas* No. 3

I need articles for the 2002 issue (No. 3) of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. It seems to be working out to simply plan on having CAK produced by the end of a calendar year and that is what I will plan on. But I will take your contributions anytime, and I promise you I will be heckling prospective authors between now and then and at the fall meeting.



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