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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2002 FALL MEETING

Meeting Minutes
Museum Classroom B
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka, Kansas
September 20, 2002

The meeting was called to order at 1:31 PM by President Donald Blakeslee. Present were President Donald Blakeslee, Secretary Donna Roper, Acting Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Members Marsha King and Tim Weston, and 25 other members and guests. A quorum was present.

Officers' Reports

The first item of business was the Secretary's Report. Donna Roper reminded people to sign-in for this meeting, and then reported that the minutes of the February Annual Meeting and a summary of the Board meeting preceding it had been published in the last newsletter. No corrections or additions were noted. Randy Thies moved to accept the minutes and Jim Feagins seconded the motion. It was passed on a voice vote at 1:33 PM.

Mary Adair, acting for Bob Ziegler, gave the Treasurer's Report. She first explained why she was acting as Treasurer. She then passed out a written version of this report and discussed the entries on it, and also indicated that she was circulating a membership list for address corrections. The balance in the treasury was \$839.19. Jim Feagins moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and Randy Thies seconded the motion. It was passed on a voice vote at 1:35 PM.

Bob Hoard introduced the new Kansas State Historical Society Executive Director and State Historic Preservation Officer Mary Allman and reviewed her background. Mary Allman then addressed the meeting, saying she was anxious to learn from the archaeologists. She then asked for questions. Don Blakeslee commented on the Kansas Antiquities Commission, which she now heads. Bob Hoard suggested sometime between Thanksgiving and Christmas would be a good time for a KAC meeting. Mary Allman said she would be at this meeting until about 2:30 PM.

Committee Reports

Virginia Wulfschle gave the Education Committee report, prefacing her remarks by saying she had lots to talk about. First, she had a sample from the new traveling trunk: "Puzzles from the Past: Solving Problems through Archaeology." She explained that Aimee Rosario had been working on this and that it is aimed at middle school students. She then discussed more of the philosophy behind it. She said there are 5 copies of it, all of them out at the time of the meeting.

Virginia then discussed her trip to Utah in July for an archaeology education workshop called "Project Archaeology."

She then went on to discuss Kansas Archaeology Week. She brought some 2002 KAW posters and brochures. She first gave the good news and that is that she won't be asking PAK for a contribution for Kansas Archaeology Week 2003. She followed that with the bad news, which is that no poster or brochure is planned for 2003. She said there will be a calendar of events, but that it would be placed on the PAK web site and not KSHS web site, and had forms members could use to submit events. This is not just about money, she said, its about shifting responsibilities for the KSHS staff and putting energies into curriculum materials that have a broader impact. She concluded by indicating that the KSHS doesn't own Kansas Archaeology Week and that they would help anyone who wants to pick it up.

The education committee, consisting of Virginia Wulfschle and Chris Garst, did have a formal meeting and discussed what can they plan to do as a Kansas Archaeology Week project. It was suggested that they would do something in the lobby, in conjunction with PAK and KAA, and that they would be glad to receive suggestions. The floor was opened for questions and comments. Donna Roper asked if there was a real Kansas Archaeology Week for 2003? Virginia said yes. Lauren Ritterbush asked if this is a one-year hiatus. Virginia said no, it was a new direction. Lauren commented that PAK needs to pick this up. Bob Hoard said this was not end of Kansas Archaeology Week, but rather a decrease in KSHS support for it. Don Blakeslee asked for information on cost and so forth, and Virginia gave some information. She said the budget is about \$5000. Mary Adair suggested that as an organization we back a continuation of Kansas Archaeology Week. She suggested that PAK can solicit donations from outside sources, and that assisting with Kansas Archaeology Week is one reason PAK was formed. Her opinion was that if we think it is important, then we need to step up to the plate as an organization and someone needs to organize it.

Mark Latham, who chairs the Action Committee was not at the meeting. Donna Roper said Mark had sent her an e-mail message saying the committee hadn't met, but that he wanted to do so at the Plains Conference. He had also indicated that he can continue as committee chair, but that he also could turn it over if someone else wants to do it.

Marsha King reported that the Finance committee hasn't met. She noted that she wanted ideas for corporations who might give donations and wanted examples of proposals that could be modify for use. Mary Adair mentioned that the organization needs goals. Marsha said she was soliciting ideas. Don Blakeslee suggested posting to PAK-L.

For the Newsletter Committee, Donna Roper reported that Newsletter #10 had been sent in August. She noted that the Kansas State Historical Society had again provided the printing but that, in haste, the acknowledgement of that had been omitted. She apologized for that and thanked the

historical society verbally. She also discussed the need for materials for the 2002 issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*.

Bob Hoard introduced Margaret Wood, the newly-hired archaeologist at Washburn University. She addressed the meeting, noting that she is an historical archaeologist, with an August 2002 Ph.D. from Syracuse University. She said she is looking for an on-going project in Topeka.

Old Business

The first item of old business is the lecture series. Donna Roper and Mary Adair addressed that by indicating that it was still desirable to do it.

Turning to a discussion of the Web site, Janice McLean said that the Calendar of Events for Kansas Archaeology Week would go on it. She went on to explain that we do have a web site. She said that there's more to do for it and that she will talk to Virginia about it. She suggested we do the newsletter by e-mail, starting after next one. Donna suggested that at renewal time we could have people indicate on their renewal form whether they wanted their newsletter in hard copy or by e-mail.

Martin Stein discussed the state site form and GIS implementation. He said the society has a contract with DASC to create an archaeological site form and that would probably be finished in another week or two. He said they would want help with testing the form. He said it would be on a Web site and that the form is revised some from what is has been. He also said they have a GIS system developed through ISTEPA funding. The KSHS administrates access to it. It will make processing of information easier. Some discussion and questions followed.

Regarding Flint Hills conference, it would noted that the KSHS will host this, the 25th Flint Hills Conference. It will be in mid-April 2003. Bob Hoard discussed some plans and asked for suggestions.

Turning to the NAGPRA MOA, Mary Adair said she had attended the national review committee meeting in Tulsa in May/June. At that time, a progress report was presented to the committee. It indicated that an agreement had been reached, but then the Wichita pulled out because they didn't want to go with some of the culturally unidentifiable determinations. That is where the process still was at. The goal is to move ahead, but Mary has no staff and the KSHS is strapped too, so its difficult to go through to completion. She indicated that they would try to find funds to do it. Myra will still help and the plan has become to present it to the review committee at their November meeting in Seattle. Bob Blasing asked about the effects of the Kennewick ruling and Mary addressed that. She also noted that it may be that we cannot reach an agreement and have to table the agreement until regulations regarding culturally unidentifiable are published, but she really hopes to move forward and have a disposition. She said it will take some time and energy. Regarding the Wichita, though, it was indicated that Tim Baugh was no longer working for them. Virgil Swift apparently is now back, but Gary McAdams would be handling this. It also was indicated that there were some new people working on this for the Kaw Nation.

New Business

The first item of new business concerned the situation at the University of Kansas Museum of Anthropology (KUMA). Don Blakeslee asked Mary Adair for a brief summary regarding that and she provided one. She noted that it is not a closure except for the public part, the exhibits. She read the press release. The annual art show is to be the last public exhibit. She also indicated that they would lose 5 of 7 positions. Mary and Jeanette would be retained and would still have responsibilities. She discussed directions they are going, including teaching and research. She said that collections will be where they have been and will be taken care of. Some other discussion followed. Mary noted that they are open.

She then addressed the question of what PAK can do. She thanked everyone for letters and thought it would work with a group to write a letter from PAK. Things to be stressed are that: 1) the collections MUST not be compromised, since some are Federally-owned collections, and the rest are state-owned, and 2) maintenance means having adequate professional staff. She felt it was important to hit the teaching/research mission, because you don't do archaeology without collections, facilities, and so forth. Jack Hofman also addressed this issue. Mary also indicated that they had to decline a Kansas Humanities Council grant that would have done an exhibit and linked it with KSHS. Don Blakeslee asked about the possibility of he and Jack and Mary working up a letter that Don would send as PAK President. Bert Wetherill moved that this committee draft the letter, sign it, and send it. Don asked if it should be posted on PAK-L. Lauren Ritterbush suggested modifying the motion to suggest posting the draft letter on PAK-L for a week, then get Board approval before sending it. Bert accepted this amendment. Jim Feagins seconded the motion. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 3:20 PM.

Donna Roper indicated that Mark Latham's e-mail before the meeting brought up the issue of the preservation plan. Bob Hoard and Will Banks both responded to this. Will says there is an update from around 1996 that he tries to make available.

Tim Weston indicated that the interdisciplinary research unit that Rolfe Mandel has might have a bearing on the KATP. He said there was a possibility for some funding from this and that the KATP might need to be nearby because of funding limits. He said things were not set, but discussions were beginning. Don Blakeslee then gave some more background to this research institute, that focuses on late Pleistocene/early Holocene geoarchaeology, and Mary Adair added some clarifications. Virginia Wulfkuhle also added that the alliance with the 2003 KATP was not a done deal yet but that it was still in negotiation.

A nominations committee is needed for the 2003 election. The open position during this cycle is President. Don Blakeslee asked Bob Blasing to be on the committee and he accepted. Myra Giesen was not at the meeting, but she also was named to the committee.

In other new business, Brad Logan asked about the Kansas archaeology book. Bob Hoard responded that they had received 13 of 20 draft chapters, that all have been reviewed, and that 4 revised drafts have subsequently been received. Lauren Ritterbush encouraged setting deadlines. Bob and Will indicated that they would have to make a decision about things this fall.

Announcements

Donna Roper announced that the University of Alabama Press had released the Medicine Creek book in late August.

Jack Hofman announced a colloquium at the University of Kansas by Mark Lynott. It is on September 26 and concerns the Hopeton earthworks in Ohio. He also announced a conservation workshop on the care of archaeological faunal material to be held at KU on October 2. The workshop is free.

Lauren Ritterbush announced that the department at Kansas State University was sponsoring two talks by KSU alum Clark Spencer Larsen. Both are on October 14: one is a noon brown-bag, the other is an evening public lecture. She said she would put the announcement and more information on PAK-L.

Virginia Wulfkuhle asked if anyone needs some horsehair—a collection recently donated to the KSHS contains a lot of horsehair and they are going to pitch it but thought they'd first ask if anyone wants some.

Bob Hoard moved the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 3:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
Secretary

BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

The PAK Board meet in Topeka on the morning before the fall meeting, on September 20, 2002. Most of the discussion was directed toward the agenda for the general meeting, previewing items on that agenda, adding to the agenda, and rearranging some of the proposed agenda items. The Board did not discuss any matters that were not also brought up at the general meeting, although the discussion of the historic preservation plan was a little longer and there was some discussion of a bibliography.

2003 ANNUAL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The 2003 Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas will be held from 1:30-4:30 PM on Friday, February 21, 2003 in Room 203 of the KSU Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports from the chairs of the standing committees (Action, Education, Finance, and Newsletter). 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 items placed on the agenda.

**PAK 2003 ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2003
1:00-4:00 PM, ROOM 203 KSU UNION
KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN**

NOTICE OF 2003 ELECTIONS

An officer election will be conducted following the Annual Meeting. The only position to be filled this year is the office of President. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting and the floor will be open for additional nominations. The election will be conducted by mail ballot within 30 days of the meeting.

CURRENT ARCHAEOLOGY IN KANSAS STATUS

The 2002 issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* (No. 3) is nearing completion. It is anticipated that it will be ready for printing by around the weekend of January 25-26, printed the following week, and mailed the end of the month.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Public Education Committee has increased to four members: Virginia Wulfkuhle (chair), Christine Garst, Aimee Rosario, and H. C. Smith.

In preparation for Kansas Archaeology Month, the committee reviewed "Creating Your Own Rock Art," a lesson plan created by Aimee Rosario for the PAK web page. This lesson is designed to help students learn about the different types of rock art and examine the possible motivations for it. The lesson will include a preservation message.

Also for posting on the PAK web page, committee members are compiling a list of archaeological opportunities for volunteers, particularly in Kansas and the Plains. It is hoped that such information will benefit both professional archeologists who are in need of skilled labor and amateur archeologists who are looking for experience. The goal is to have a preliminary listing in March. Please contact any of the committee members if you know of projects appropriate for inclusion.

**KANSAS ARCHAEOLOGY MONTH 2003
APRIL 2003**

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Following the news, delivered at the September 20, 2002 fall meeting, that the Kansas State Historical Society was reducing their support for Kansas Archaeology Week, and in light of some opinions expressed at the meeting about how PAK needed to become involved, the effort to put on a Kansas Archaeology Week 2003 was organized within a week of the meeting. It was decided to call it Kansas Archaeology Month: the problem was that the Society for American Archaeology meeting in 2003 falls during the week that is traditionally designated Kansas Archaeology Week, but the Flint Hills Conference is the week before and the KAA meeting is later in the month, so it just made sense to be done with it and call all of April Kansas Archaeology Month.

PAK members have taken the lead in organizing Kansas Archaeology Month 2003. Tod Bevitt volunteered to work with Jim Kresge to produce a poster. Myra Giesen has produced a flyer to be sent with the poster, and Aimee Rosario, with other members of the PAK Education Committee, have produced a curriculum to be available on the PAK web site. Marsha King and the Finance Committee worked on fund-raising letters and a list of potential donors to be contacted. Jennifer Epperson is working with the mailing list. The KAA executive committee was approached about volunteer their services, as they have in the past, to assemble the mailing and they agreed to do so. The mailing will be assembled on February 1 at the Kansas State Historical Society.

Fund-raising letters, sent on a newly-designed PAK letterhead (we finally had a real reason to do it), explained that it would be a different organization coordinating Kansas Archaeology Month this year, but stressed that was in an effort to continue what had been begun over a decade ago. Fund-raising went quite well—some organizations/institutions raised the size of their donation in view of the changed circumstances (KAA, who shares PAK's concern, was very explicit about this), and some organizations that the historical society could not approach PAK could and we got a good response, all things considered, from those organizations/institutions. Of course, Myra had the great idea of selling t-shirts, Tod and Jim produced a superb t-shirt design, and GTM Sportswear in Manhattan did a great printing job. The first order of shirts is sold out, netting around \$450 for the poster, postage, etc. A second batch of t-shirts is on order and should be received on or before January 24. Any and all fund-raising ideas are welcome—we think it would be a good idea to keep on with t-shirts and whatever else and in essence fund-raise year-round, not just during a couple frantic months in the fall.

The Kansas Archaeology Month 2003 theme is Rock Art. The poster is a rock art image from Saline County (the t-shirt design is derived from it). The curriculum, of course, concerns rock art, and the flyer discusses rock art a little, while also providing poster and flyer recipients with an abundance of information on where to get further information on rock art and Kansas archaeology in general. The updated Kansas State Historical Society web site has a number of rock art resources, including Brian O'Neill's out-of-print *Kansas Rock Art* (www.kshs.org/resource/archeweek.htm).

We'd like to get a few other things in order for the month. One is to get a Governor's proclamation. Virginia has indicated that the reason this has not been done lately is because Bill Graves didn't like doing them. Well, Bill Graves isn't Governor anymore so the plan is to let Gov. Sebelius and her team get settled in and then to contact the Governor's office about doing a proclamation this year. Another idea that has been floated is to create some sort of a Public Service Award or perhaps Responsible Media Award and see if we can't make a semi-big deal (as these

things go) about giving it to someone deserving. The trick is to identify someone outside the profession who is a friend of archaeology and a deserving recipient, so if you have ideas, please pass them along. Any other ideas about events pass them along, too—and its never too late to arrange Calendar of Events events.

Please send event information for PAK's 2003 Archaeology Month Calendar of Events to:

Janice McLean
1813 Missouri St.
Lawrence, KS 66044
or jambob7370@earthlink.net or PAK-L

Calendar entries should follow this basic format:

- 1) Event Title
- 2) Event Date
- 3) Event Description / Promotional Information
- 4) Event Location / Address
- 5) Special Directions (if needed)
- 6) Admission Fee / No Fee
- 7) Contact Person
- 8) Sponsors
- 9) Any other relevant information

The calendar can be viewed on-line at <http://www.ksarchaeo.info> beginning in February 2003.

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Online Site Form

As of January 2003, state site forms can be submitted electronically and on-line. Information and the online form can be found at <http://www.kshs.org/resource/siteformhome.htm>

People

In November, Peer Moore-Jansen of Wichita State University's Department of Anthropology was named Kansas Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education. Read about it at <http://webs.wichita.edu/dt/insidewsu/show/article/>

Announcements From The KAA

The Kansas Anthropologist

Volume 23 of *The Kansas Anthropologist* has been published. The 2002 journal, compiled by guest editor Marlin Hawley, is a thematic issue, "Johan August Udden and An Old Indian Village, Revisited." In addition to the facsimile of Udden's 1900 monograph about his work at the Paint Creek site in McPherson County, the volume contains articles about Udden's life and accomplishments by James R. Underwood, Jr., Richard C. Anderson, and Marlin F. Hawley. Current issues in Great Bend aspect archeology are addressed by Susan C. Vehik in her article, "Topics, Themes, and Theories in Little River Archeology: Research after Udden." This volume is a "must" for Great Bend aspect/Wichita Indian/protohistoric period researchers and for those interested in the history of archeology. Copies can be obtained for \$12.00 each from the KAA Historian/Recorder at the address below.

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Abstracts of articles published in Volumes 10-23 of *The Kansas Anthropologist* can now be viewed on the KSHS web site at www.kshs.org/publica/anthropologist/graphics/ksanthroabstracts.pdf
Prices of individual volumes can be obtained from Conrad at the address above.

Kansas Archeology Training Program Field School

Although the KSHS will not be cosponsoring the Kansas Archeology Training Program field school in 2003, the KAA is going ahead with the program in partnership with the Odyssey Research Fund at the University of Kansas. Announcements of the project appear in the October-December 2002 issue of the KAA Newsletter and the January-February 2003 issue of *Kansas Preservation*.

A New Address

For a number of years, the Kansas Anthropological Association has used address of the KSHS's Archeology Office as its own. Recently the KAA Executive Committee decided to establish a separate address for the organization.

Kansas Anthropological Association
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Calendar of Events

February 21, 2003 – PAK Annual Meeting, 1:00-4:00 PM, Room 203, KSU Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan

April 2003 — Kansas Archaeology Month

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

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

April 26, 2003 — Kansas Anthropological Association Annual Meeting, Big XII Room, Student Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan

October 2003 — Plains Conference, Fayetteville, Arkansas

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