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Minutes of the September 26, 2003 Fall Meeting

Fall Meeting Minutes
Governor's Room, KU Union, University of
Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
September 26, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by President Brad Logan. Present were President Brad Logan, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Myra Giesen, Board Members Marsha King and Tim Weston, and 19 other members and guests. A quorum was present. Brad Logan passed out a membership list to use for sign-in, asking attendees to make sure of their address and other contact information.

Prior to beginning working through the meeting agenda, a resolution was presented. "Be it resolved to thank Donald Blakeslee for serving as PAK president for three years, to thank Mary Adair for serving as Treasurer for three years and continuing as Acting Treasurer for an additional year, to note with sorrow the passing of Treasurer Bob Ziegler, and to thank Myra Giesen for taking over as Treasurer."

Officer's Reports

The first item of business was the Secretary's report. Donna Roper noted that the minutes of the February 21, 2003 Annual Meeting were published in the last *Newsletter* and asked for any additions or corrections. There being none, Bob Hoard moved the Secretary's report be accepted. Lauren Ritterbush seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1:13 PM.

Moving to the Treasurer's report, Myra Giesen reviewed the written Treasurer's report that was passed out at the beginning of the meeting. She pointed out that our identification information, including a recently-acquired DUNS number, and the names by which the organization is registered for various of these identification numbers were included on this report. She mentioned the membership list and reminded people about making sure dues were paid up. Mary Adair moved acceptance of the Treasurer's report. Virginia Wulfkuhle seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 1:18 PM.

Committee Reports

The first committee report was from the Action Committee. Committee chair Mark Latham was not at the meeting, but it was noted that he had presented a report in the last *Newsletter*. One point made there concerned the possibility of disbanding some of the subcommittees that were currently inactive. It was reported, however, that the Board thinks it best to retain these subcommittees in the event that the issues they were formed to address come to the fore again.

For the Newsletter Committee, Donna Roper first discussed the recent *Newsletter*. She stated that she had sent it electronically to those who indicated that they

wished to receive it this way. She regards it as opt-in, so those who have not indicated a preference received a hard copy by snail mail. She asked people to indicate their preferences if they haven't already. She then discussed the journal *Current Archaeology in Kansas (CAK)* and called for papers for the upcoming issue. It was agreed that mid-November would be set as the deadline for submissions.

Next was the Education Committee report. Committee chair Virginia Wulfkuhle reported that the committee had just met. Kirk Smith has joined the committee that also includes HC Smith, Aimee Leithoff, Chris Garst, and Virginia Wulfkuhle. They had discussed Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM) and are developing what they will do for it. There will be a flier and so forth. They also will be working on material for the web page. It will include an annotated bibliography for kids. She indicated that some of the amateur archaeologists in the state will be working on some of this material too. She called for information for input to the committee. They have discussed presentations at conferences for history, social studies, and that sort of thing, but that is left up in the air at the present time.

Continuing with the Education Committee report, but discussing matters outside KAM, Virginia discussed a workshop for Project Archaeology to be held on Thursday afternoon at the upcoming Plains Conference in Fayetteville, Arkansas. The workshop is organized by Nebraska Association of Professional Archaeologists. She also said that contributions to *Kansas Preservation (KP)* are always welcome. She passed out a sheet about the "Archaeologist's Notebook" section of *KP*, indicating that the circulation is close to 5000.

Next was the Finance Committee report. Marsha King, committee chair, said she is working on writing letters and compiling a list of organizations to approach

for donations for KAM. She said we would have a book table and used book sale at the Plains Conference and are also looking into other items we may be able to sell. The t-shirts have done well. HC Smith asked if we thought of doing other archaeology shirts not specific to Kansas. Mary Adair talked about the book table and the logistics of it. Donna Roper will take the books in her truck. A tentative schedule for staffing the table was passed around and could people sign up. Mary Adair will do a sign for the table and Myra Giesen will get a cash box together to use.

Old Business

Before going on to old business and more regarding KAM, Brad Logan mentioned that the Board had discussed a by-laws revision. This proposed revision would recognize a KAM committee as a separate standing committee. Tim Weston clarified that the Board thought it necessary to do this because PAK is likely to continue coordinating KAM.

The first actual item of old business was Kansas Archaeology Month. Donna Roper said that the organization was more than the Education and Finance committees. Mary Adair is heading up a committee on the poster. Mary said that committee is trying to come up with images of trails and to come up with design to turn over to a designer. She has approached Michael Irvin about this. She suggested, however, that we need not only a poster but also a design of for new t-shirts and so forth. Lauren Ritterbush proposed the recommendation that Michael Irvin do the poster. Mary said she will meet with Michael to get images for poster design. There was a discussion of the availability of images.

Donna Roper then discussed other committees needed. One is a media/publicity committee, and one is a committee to

coordinate programs and events. Myra Giesen volunteered to be on but not chair the media committee. Randy Thies made the same offer for publicity. Myra reiterated that we need to identify places we can go to for money and to let Marsha know so she can get letters off to them.

The next item of old business was GIS implementation. Brad Logan introduced this by noting that it had been discussed at the last meeting and that's why this is old business at this meeting. He then introduced Josh Campbell and what he has been doing with the Kansas data.

The meeting took a break at 1:59 PM to set up the projector for a PowerPoint presentation on GIS.

The meeting resumed at 2:14 PM. Josh Campbell demonstrated his GIS "predictive model" for SW Kansas using the KSHS data set. He pointed out problems with KSHS site files and discussed some questions he has about it. Bob Hoard reviewed the development of that data base and indicated need to update it. Some further discussion followed.

Moving on to a discussion of the state preservation plan, Bob Hoard said that the plan is three documents: one in 1987, an addition of historic archaeology a few years later, and one more document in 1996. He noted that each state has to have a plan. In Kansas, the plan is old enough and cumbersome enough that they are thinking about what a scope for a new one might look like. He would like to have wide range of archaeologists have input. The current plan is organized by physiographic regions. He suggests would be good to have this in electronic form, searchable, and easy to disseminate, as either a pdf document or a word processing document on a CD or the web. The main question right now is how to organize it? Suggestions are that it be by

physiographic region or periods. Jennifer Epperson, though, suggested that a first question is do people agree that we need this, because there's some skepticism that we need it. Will Banks suggested that we do. Bob Hoard then reiterated the question of should we do it? Will says yes and that it should all be synthesized into one document. Bob then reviewed what was discussed, extended an invitation for people to participate in the process. There was some further discussion.

The next item of new business was site numbering. Bob Hoard introduced this topic. He laid out the circumstances that the web-based site form now is there and usable and that a lot of people are using it. It goes in without a number. Anita Frank checks it and gives it a number. In the past, there have been problems, so Bob is proposing that KSHS be a central place to assign all site numbers from now on. The objection in the past has been the long turn-around, but that's not a factor any more. There was a question about getting polygon data in to describe the site. Will Banks also mentioned the problem of sites with assigned numbers that are not in the central site file. He indicated that the ramifications are that if submittals are on paper there will be a quick turn-around. So it is requested that PAK consider that from now on all site numbers be assigned by KSHS. Lauren Ritterbush suggested its that way by default right now anyway. There was a question of maintaining blocks of numbers by institution. Reasons were given for keeping that. Bob therefore proposed a motion to maintain the blocks with KSHS assigning numbers. The motion was seconded. Randy Thies suggested this might better be accomplished with a resolution of support of it. After a brief discussion, Bob withdrew the motion and rephrased it as a resolution. Don Blaskeslee seconded the resolution. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 3:25 PM.

The next item of new business was appointment of a Nominations Committee. Brad Logan announced that he had appointed Marsha King and Mary Adair as the committee. He indicated that Marsha would be going off the board in this election cycle. [Secretary's note: the Secretary's term also ends.]

Mary Adair brought up the fact that there are no standards for how obituaries are done for *Plains Anthropologist*. She said the question had come up as to whether the journal would accept obituaries for amateur archaeologists (it will). She said this then raises the issue of how obituaries are done. She suggested that the archaeological community needs to continue to recognize peoples' contributions and said she would like obituaries for people in Kansas who has have recently passed away. These need not be lengthy. They would be needed for Cleta Mulder, Bob Ziegler, and Jim Stauffer. There was some further discussion.

Regarding membership, and student members, people at universities are urged to get student members.

It was announced that we will be drafting some by-laws amendments to be introduced at the February Annual Meeting. One of these will create a standing committee for KAM, another would revise the Newsletter Committee to be a Media Committee and include the web site.

Announcements

Lauren Ritterbush said that Mike Finnegan would be lecturing Monday PM, September 29 at KSU as this year's Sigma Xi outstanding scientist.

Virginia Wulfschuhle mentioned work on the upper component at Claussen site and indicated that we are looking for volunteers for weekends in October and early November.

There being no further announcements or business, Tim Weston moved the meeting be adjourned. Bob Hoard seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

Summary of the September 26, 2003 Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in Lawrence on the morning of September 26, 2003. The Board did not have a formal agenda prepared for its meeting, but it did have the agenda for the afternoon's general meeting. The meeting, therefore, was partly a discussion of items that would be further discussed at the general meeting, and partly a discussion of several other matters. One of these latter had to do with dues, memberships, and how we were tracking those. Another had to do with participation of members in issues important in the state and in particular in work related to Kansas Archaeology Month (KAM). From this developed a discussion of creating a formal committee for KAM. This led, in turn, to a proposal to revise the by-laws to create a standing KAM committee. With the by-laws on everyone's mind, and in some peoples hands as well, there was also a discussion of the possibility of transforming the Newsletter committee into a Media committee that would essentially merge the present Newsletter and website committees. These proposals were added to the agenda for the general meeting.

Summary of the December 10, 2003 Board Meeting

The Board of Directors met in Topeka on December 10, 2003 and did work from an agenda prepared for the meeting. Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented. The Treasurer's report included an enumeration of contributions received to date for KAM 2004 and a discussion of some other responses the Treasurer had received in response to our fund-raising letters for KAM. There also was a discussion of membership records and this led to a discussion of archives of the organization. Tax-exempt status was briefly discussed, but the Board members have not had sufficient time to come up to speed on the issue, so it was agreed to do some more homework on the matter and discuss it at the next meeting in February. We also discussed contact information for PAK and what we would use for an address and phone number. KAM was discussed at some length. This included a review of fund-raising efforts, the design of the poster and flier, and costs. It was decided to look into having the 2004 Annual Meeting in Topeka and that Tim would work on both whether that would be alright and, if so, which date in the latter half or so of February would work best. The proposed by-laws revisions (see minutes from September 26 meeting) was mentioned, but time was running out and it was agreed to conduct further discussion by e-mail. Finally, there was also a quick discussion of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, but, since time basically had run out, most of that was deferred to the February meeting.

2004 Annual Meeting Announcement

In accordance with the By-Laws, notice is hereby given of the 2004 Annual Meeting of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas. The meeting will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2004 in Classroom C, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports from the chairs of the standing committees (Action, Education, Finance, and Newsletter), a report on Kansas Archaeology Month 2004, the report of the Nominations Committee, and any other such business as may come before the organization. The Board of Directors will meet on the same day from 10:00 AM to 12:00 M in the West Conference Room at the historical society.

Contact the President, Brad Logan ([785-532-2419](tel:785-532-2419); blogan@ksu.edu) or Secretary, Donna Roper ([785-776-3772](tel:785-776-3772); dproper@ksu.edu) to have business items placed on the agenda.

Election Announcement

An officer and board election will be conducted following the Annual Meeting. The two positions up for election this year are Secretary and one at-large board position. The Nominations Committee will present a slate of nominees at the Annual Meeting. The committee is Marsha King and Mary Adair. The floor will be open for additional nominations at the meeting. The election will be conducted by mail ballot within 30 days of the meeting.

Reminder:

PAK 2004 ANNUAL MEETING
Friday, February 27, 2004
1:00-4:00 PM, Classroom C
Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka

Notice of Proposed By-Laws Revisions

In accordance with Section X. of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given of proposed amendments to the By-Laws of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas. All changes pertain to Section VIII. C. Committees. The current wording of the responsibilities for two standing committees, proposed revised wording, and reason for change is given below. The proposed wording for the creation of two new standing committees is also given. The proposed changes will be voted on separately, that is, for the change to the wording of the Education Committee and creation of the Kansas Archaeology Month Committee will require one vote; the revision of the Newsletter Committee to become the Media Committee will require another.

Amendment No. 1

A. Change to Section VIII.C.1. Education:

Current Wording-

This committee will be responsible for public education about the importance of archaeological resources, the activities of the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas, and for the coordination of the activities of Kansas Archaeology Week.

Proposed Revision-

This committee will be responsible for public education about the importance of archaeological resources and the activities of the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas.

Reason for Change-

The responsibility of coordination of the activities of Kansas Archaeology Month will become that of a new standing committee.

B. Creation of Committee for Kansas Archaeology Month:

Proposed Addition-

Section VIII.C.5 Kansas Archaeology Month

This committee will be responsible for originating and coordinating the activities of Kansas Archaeology Month.

Amendment No. 2

A. Revise the Newsletter Committee to become a Media Committee with expanded responsibilities.

Current Wording-

Section VIII.C.4. Newsletter. The committee will be responsible for a newsletter, to be published in the Spring and Fall, and distributed to the membership. The newsletter will include up-dates on all activities of the organization, as well as other information of interest.

Revised Wording-

Section VIII.C.4. Media. The committee will be responsible for the dissemination of information about the activities of the Association of the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas through various media. These include a newsletter, a research journal, and a website.

The Newsletter is to be published in the Spring and Fall and distributed to the membership. It will include up-dates on all activities of the organization, as well as other information of interest. The research journal, *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, will be published once a year and distributed to the membership and other subscribers. It will contain contributions by the membership about current archaeological research in Kansas. A website will be maintained that provides information about the organization, its purpose, membership requirements, and activities, as well as links to related websites.

Dues Reminder

Happy New Year. Just a reminder that, along with all your other memberships and subscriptions, PAK dues are now due too. You will find a renewal form at the end of this newsletter. Remember, we have an election and proposed by-laws revision to vote on this spring but we can count ballots only from members paid up for the calendar year of the election/by-laws revision voting. If you haven't indicated whether you wish to receive your newsletter electronically or as hard copy, or if you wish to change that, or if you need to make changes in address or other contact information, you can do so on the renewal form. And we've also made it convenient for you to volunteer for committees. Such mileage we get out of a single piece of paper.

Education Committee Report

Virginia A. Wulfsuhle

The Education Committee has now swelled to five members: Chris Garst, Aimee Leithoff, HC and Kirk Smith, and Virginia Wulfsuhle. Since the fall meeting, committee members have been active with preparations for Kansas Archaeology Month. They compiled information for a trail-

related brochure to accompany the poster and coordinated with graphic artist Michael Irvin on its design. The four-page brochure illustrates the variety of trails across Kansas through time: Native American, exploration, commercial, emigrant, military, cattle, Underground Railroad, railroads, highways. The brochure contains an explanation of how and why archeologists study trails, a brief summary of the trails that crisscross Kansas, a map of trail-related places open to the public, and a list of additional resources.

The committee will work with Janice McLean to post more extensive resources on the PAK website, including a lesson plan, developed by Aimee, which meets Kansas Board of Education Standards, and an annotated bibliography for teachers and students, largely assembled by Mary Conrad, a librarian at Sumner Academy in Kansas City and KAA member.

So far Virginia has seven items for the on-line calendar of events: three conferences, one event, two talks (both by Randy Thies), and the KATP field school. Last year's calendar looked awfully thin, so as soon as PAK members schedule those talks and activities, they should send the following information to vwulfkuhle@kshs.org:

date and time

type of event

title

sponsor

brief description

location, including street address

admission charge or free

contact person or institution for more information, including telephone number and e-mail address, if available

Virginia wrote an announcement for Kansas Archaeology Month that will appear in the January-February issue of *Kansas Preservation*.

Website

PAK Webmaster Janice McLean has asked: Do you have any Kansas trail-related research that you would like to see featured on the Kansas Archaeology Month website? If so, please contact Janice McLean at jamclean@sunflower.com.

Kansas Archaeology Month 2004

April 2004

Kansas Archaeology Month 2004

Plans for Kansas Archaeology Month 2004 are proceeding very well. The theme, for those who don't know it yet, is Trails. A poster committee headed by Mary Adair worked with Lawrence graphics designed Michael Irvin to produce a color poster. Virginia Wulfkuhle and the Education Committee developed a brochure to accompany the poster and, if I am not mistaken, Michael Irvin also did the final design and layout for the brochure. At this writing in late January, both the poster and brochure are at the printer and anticipated back any day. Fundraising went very well. Finance committee chair Marsha King sent many letters and the response was good. The KAA will again perform their accustomed role of stuffing envelopes to prepare the mailing. That work will be done on February 7, with the packets actually going into the mail a few days later. Jennifer Epperson is still completing the mailing list, but it probably will contain around 5000 or so addresses. Janice McLean has been updating the web site and will perform some additional updates as some of this material is finished and available.

We're still talking about a Governor's proclamation, and arranging that is the next thing on the to-do list.

T-Shirts and Used Books

Thanks to all who contributed books and staffed the table at the Plains Conference. Myra will be able to tell us how much we cleared but I think it was several hundred dollars on books and shirts. We have some books left. We'll either try to peddle them to some place like *The Dusty Bookshelf* or try again at the next Plains Conference or the Flint Hills Conference or some combination of all of the above to keep money trickling into the KAM part of the treasury. Any other ideas, let Donna know. T-shirts are still selling, but we certainly still have some available. We have all sizes in the brown t-shirts, and a limited number of the green long-sleeved t's and sweatshirts. Contact Donna for availability or to buy one.

Scene at Plains Conference book sale. Customers browse offerings, while Tim smiles in anticipation of KAM revenues. Photograph by Virginia Wulfkuhle



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Bureau of Reclamation Internships

Bob Blasing has send the following announcement:

Reclamation will have a number of summer museum internships available next summer. The jobs will mostly be working with existing archeological collections. Job locations include Oklahoma City, Lawton, Grand Island, Lincoln, Wichita, Denver, Boulder and many others. They pay about \$10 an hour. The jobs are available to enrolled students, and should be advertised in the next month or so at http://www2.cr.nps.gov/tps/hpit_p.htm

Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP)

Virginia Wulfkuhle has sent the following announcement regarding the Kansas Archeology Training Program (KATP) 2004:

The Kansas State Historical Society (KSHS) is seeking to enter into a contract with an individual (hereinafter referred to as "contractor") who possesses the following qualifications:

- 1) a graduate degree in anthropology, archeology, or related field; or is enrolled in a graduate program in anthropology, archeology, or related field; or can demonstrate comparable experience
- 2) knowledge of the Central Plains tradition
- 3) ability to work with avocational volunteers in an educational field setting.

The contractor shall perform the following services:

- 1) direct field operations on 14MP407 (or other similar Central Plains tradition site) during a 16-day field school, June 5-20, 2004
- 2) analyze data gathered at the site or sites. The KSHS shall curate all materials generated during the project; however, artifacts, records, and photographs may be taken to another professional facility for the analysis and report-writing period. Some additional funding will be available for special studies to aid in the analysis. Progress on the artifact analysis and report writing shall be demonstrated by brief interim reports, submitted to the KSHS Public Archeologist no later than December 31, 2004, and June 30, 2005.
- 3) submit a popular article about the investigation of the site or sites to the KSHS Public Archeologist for publication in the summer or fall 2004 issue of *Kansas Preservation* and present a 20-minute illustrated talk at the Kansas Anthropological Association (KAA) Annual Meeting in April 2005. The cost of photograph and slide duplication shall be covered by the KSHS.
- 4) submit to the KSHS Public Archeologist a report suitable for publication in *The Kansas Anthropologist* or *KAA Bulletin* by December 31, 2005. The report shall put the field school site or sites in the larger context of the Central Plains tradition and the Kansas cultural sequence. Guidelines for preparing a manuscript for *The Kansas Anthropologist*, are printed under "Information for Authors" on the inside back cover of the journal. Preparation of illustrations, plates, and tables shall be the responsibility of the contract archeologist. The contractor shall receive credit on all materials resulting from the project.

For these services, the KSHS will offer a stipend of \$5,000 to be paid in lump sum payments on the following schedule:

\$1,000 at the conclusion of the field school
\$500 upon publication of the *Kansas Preservation* article
\$500 upon receipt of the December 2004 interim report
\$500 upon presentation of the 2005 KAA Annual Meeting talk
\$500 upon receipt of the June 2005 interim report
\$2,000 upon submission of the publishable report

For more information contact Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, KS 66615-1099; 785-272-8681, ext. 255; vwulfkuhle@kshs.org.

Kansas State University Field School

Brad Logan has sent this announcement:

Kansas State University will offer the Kansas Archaeological Field School again this summer. The four-weeks course (June 7th-

July 2nd) will entail excavations at the Caenen and Paul sites in Stranger Creek valley, Leavenworth County, Kansas. Both sites contain Late Prehistoric (Pomona variant?) components and may have earlier, buried components. For information about the field school contact:

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Information and the application form are also available at the website:

<http://www.ksu.edu/sasw/>



Flint Hills Conference

See the end of this newsletter for a flier and abstract form for the 26th Flint Hills Conference, to be held in St. Joseph, Missouri on March 26–27, 2004. Further information on locations and motels is available through contact information on the flier or on PAKWEB.

From the SHPO Office

The Kansas State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) would like to announce the release of an updated version of the “Kansas SHPO’s Guide to Archeological

Survey, Assessment, and Reports”, which provides guidance to archeologists performing work under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and other Federal and State laws. This revision is a draft and is available on the Kansas State Historical Society web page for public comment (<http://www.kshs.org/resource/section106home.htm>). Comments or questions can be submitted in writing to: SHPO’s Guide, Cultural Resources Division, Kansas State Historical Society, 6425 SW 6th Ave, Topeka, Kansas 66615-1099 or email at cultural_resources@kshs.org.

All archeologists involved in compliance activities in the State of Kansas are encouraged to review this document and be familiar with its' contents. The public comment period will close 30 days from this notice. All comments received will be reviewed and considered for incorporation into the final draft of the "SHPO's Guide."

Personnel Changes

The Kansas State Historical Society has issued the following press release, dated January 20, 2004:

Mary Allman-Koernig to Depart Historical Society

TOPEKA- Mary Allman-Koernig, executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, has announced plans to move to Colorado to join her new husband. Allman-Koernig was married in January to Ray Koernig and has accepted a position as executive director of Kids in Need of Dentistry (KIND), a non-profit, charitable, health organization for children in Denver and throughout the state.

"I am saddened to leave Kansas because working at the Historical Society has been a tremendously rewarding experience," Allman-Koernig said. "The people at the Society are talented and committed and have made me feel welcome during my tenure here."

Allman-Koernig joined the Kansas State Historical Society in 2002 as executive director. She formerly was director of the Littleton Historical Museum, a 14-acre living history farm and museum complex, where she had served as director since 1998. She also was project manager for the restoration and renovation of the former Arapahoe County Courthouse, now used as the Littleton Municipal Courthouse, and served as a liaison

to the Littleton Fine Arts Committee, the Historical Preservation Board, and the Friends of the Library/Museum.

A Michigan native, Allman was director of the Siouxland Heritage Museums in Sioux Falls, South Dakota from 1986-1998, which defined general history of the South Dakota-Minnesota region. She holds a bachelor's degree in History of Art from Michigan State University, and a master's degree in Teaching and Museum Education from George Washington University. She is a member of the American Association of Museums and the American Association for State and Local History.

The Governor is responsible for appointing the executive director of the Kansas State Historical Society, a state agency. The appointment is subject to confirmation by the Kansas Senate. The executive committee of the Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., a not-for-profit corporation, is responsible for providing the Governor with a list of three qualified candidates from which to choose. An interim director will be named to serve until the nomination and selection process can be completed.

Other People News

Susan Houghton from Burns and McDonnell reports that she attended the 37th Annual Conference for Society for Historical Archaeology this month, and presented a poster: "The Quest for the Glass Lid Liner."

Although she herself is not a PAK member, many PAK members know Laura Scheiber, who, among other things, has contributed to the *Kansas Prehistory* volume and is doing the faunal analysis for the 1990 and 2002 KATP excavations at the Albert Bell site (14SD305). Laura has announced the birth of her daughter, Sophie Lorraine Scheiber, on December 24, 2003. Sophie

came in weighing 7 lb 9 oz, and measuring 19-½ in.

New PAK Subscribing Member Nancy Arendt of Colby probably is known mostly to those PAK members who have been around the KATP the last couple years. Nancy became a grandmother on January 12, 2004 when her daughter Kathy gave birth to Caelen Tyler Arendt. Caelen weighed 9 lb 1 oz and measured 21-½ in at birth, but about 10 days later was reported to have gained a pound and grown an inch.

Plan Ahead

The 2006 Plains Anthropological Conference will be held in Topeka at the Capitol Plaza Hotel, November 8-11, 2006. It will be co-hosted by the Kansas State Historical Society, Washburn University, and the University of Kansas. Bob Hoard, Mary Adair, and Margaret Wood will be looking for people that want to take an active role in running the conference.

The Kansas Anthropologist

The Kansas Anthropologist for 2003 will soon be arriving in KAA member mailboxes. Volume 24 contains articles on a variety of subjects by Brad Logan, Jessica Middleton, Donna Roper and Harold Reed, Reed, Elizabeth Wilson-Agin, Marlin Hawley, and Hawley and Don Blakeslee. Copies may be obtained for \$12.00 each from Virginia Wulfkuhle at vwulfkuhle@kshs.org.

Abstracts of the articles published in Volumes 10-24 of *The Kansas Anthropologist* can be viewed on the KSHS web site at www.kshs.org/publica/anthropologist/graphics/ksanthroabstracts.pdf. Prices of individual volumes can be obtained from the KAA Historian/Recorder at the address below.

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Calendar of Events

February 27, 2004 – PAK Annual Meeting, 1:00-4:00 PM, Classroom C, Kansas State Historical Society, Topeka

April 2004 — Kansas Archaeology Month

March 26-27, 2004 — 26th Flint Hills Conference, St. Joseph, Missouri; Jim Feagins, Conference Chair; see below for more details

March 31–April 4, 2004 – 69th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Montreal, Quebec, Canada; www.saa.org for details

April 17, 2004 – KAA Annual Meeting; place not yet decided

Fall 2004 – 62nd Plains Conference, Billings, Montana

Spring 2005 – 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, Utah

Fall 2005 – 63rd Plains Conference, Edmonton, Alberta

Fall 2006 – 64th Plains Conference, Topeka, Kansas

Reminders:

- 1. 2004 Dues are Due to the Treasurer**
- 2. 2004 Annual Meeting: Topeka, Friday afternoon, February 27**
- 3. April 2004 is Kansas Archaeology Month 2004**
- 4. Kansas Archaeology T-Shirts Still Available**

26th Annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference

Conference Announcement

Hosted by the

St. Joseph Museum, St. Joseph, Missouri

(in cooperation with the Pony Express Museum and the St. Joseph Archaeological Society)

March 26 and 27, 2004

Friday's Conference at: The Historic Christian Science Church
 12th and Felix St.

Friday evening's reception at: The St. Joseph Museum
 Wyeth-Tootle Mansion
 11th and Charles St.

Saturday's Conference at: The Pony Express Museum
 914 Penn Street

The Flint Hills Archaeological Conference focuses on the archaeology of the eastern Central Plains and adjacent areas. A symposium—*Sourcing Cherts: Looking East from the Flint Hills*—will be included in the conference. There are no registration or parking fees. Since there are also NCAA games in St. Joseph this weekend, conference participants are strongly encouraged to make arrangements for their motels well in advance. Depending on the response for papers, it is anticipated that the conference will involve two full days.

Conference papers of 20 minutes, or less, are invited. **Deadline for abstracts is March 17, 2004.** They are to be no more than 250 words. Send title, abstracts, address, e-mail & phone nos. and AV needs to:

Jim D. Feagins, Co-Conference Chair
800 Sunset Lane
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