

# ***Professional Archaeologists of Kansas***

## ***Newsletter***

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### ***PAK Business***

#### **Minutes of the 2008 Fall Meeting**

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Minutes of the Fall Meeting  
219 Neff Hall, Wichita State University  
Wichita, Kansas

September 19, 2008

President Virginia Wulfkuhle called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM. Present were President Virginia Wulfkuhle, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Timothy Weston, at-large Board member Lauren Ritterbush, at-large Board member Jim Dougherty, and 14 other members and guests. A quorum was present.

President Wulfkuhle first welcomed everyone and introduced herself. She then thanked the people at Wichita State University for arranging for the meeting rooms. Following this, everyone else present introduced themselves.

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

Virginia said that she would defer to later on a President's report.

For the Secretary's report, Donna Roper said that there were copies of the minutes at the meeting. Virginia asked for comments. David

Hughes moved and Lauren Ritterbush seconded that minutes be accepted with one correction already noted. The motion were approved on a voice vote at 1:06 PM.

Treasurer Tim Weston began the Treasurer's report by passing out copies of his written report. He said the organization was in pretty good shape, because of the donated printing costs for the Sec. 106 brochure. He discussed the IRS filing item and what that means. He also discussed KAM expenses. He noted that Board at its morning meeting had authorized him to get another CD. He finished up by noting that he does treasury-related work by hand. He said that when she was treasurer, Myra Giesen had a very complicated spreadsheet, but that he does the work by hand. Virginia accepted the report at 1:12 PM.

#### **Committee Reports**

The first committee report was for the Action Committee. Don Blakeslee is now Chair. He was not at the meeting so Donna commented on the first two things that were left from previous meetings. One was that there was no new information on the issue of seizure of artifact collections during police drug raids in southeast Kansas. This was an issue HC Smith had brought up, but HC was not at the meeting. The other concerned the sale of replica, usually bad replica, arrowheads at gift shops. Donna said she'd encountered two such instances during the summer. Virginia then discussed the gist of how she sees

action committee working.

For the Curation Committee, committee chair Mary Adair was not at the meeting but she had sent a report. David Hughes is on the committee and read Mary's report. She is hoping for a curation brochure for KAM 2010.

Education Committee chair Chris Garst was not at the meeting but sent a report. Virginia read this report.

Finance Committee chair Marsha King was not at the meeting. Committee member Tim Weston reported for the committee. He said that we will have a book table at the Plains Conference. He passed around a list to sign up for times to work at the table. He noted that the biggest selling item in the last few years has been books. He concluded that the committee would soon be sending letters seeking donations for KAM, commonly known as the begging letters.

The KAM Committee reported next. The idea is that targeting specific but small audiences is effective. This year the committee will produce another brochure, targeting an adult audience. It will have a timeline with a chronology for Kansas. It will target museums and community college teachers. The committee would like ideas about timelines. This brochure will be different than KSHS brochure.

For the Media Committee, Donna discussed the newsletter and *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. At the morning meeting, the Board decided to make the contents of *CAK* #1-5 available on the web. Bill Chada is still the contact for getting other content on the web. Brent Weeks discussed other possible content, such as theses and so forth. There was a call for anything for the web site. A number of suggestions were put forth. Virginia also noted that *Kansas Preservation* publishes articles in the *Archaeologist's Notebook* section. Finally, in regard to PAK-L, listowner David Hughes said that instructions for subscribing are on the website. We have about 50 people

subscribed.

The next report was from the Membership Committee. Jim Dougherty will prepare some draft material and run it by the Board. The goal will be to contact people who are in arrears. There was a discussion of membership and recruiting, especially students. There also was a discussion of what students think about the organization and Nick Macaluso brought up a discussion of how to reach avocational archaeologists and collectors. Virginia said she would take it to the Education Committee as to how to reach these folks. As to how to reach incoming students at universities, it was suggested that the President draft a letter to distribute each fall.

## **Old Business**

The first item of old business was a call for nominations for a PAK Public Service Award. We have given two of these in the past. We had another nomination that was being considered but we were not satisfied with it and it is tabled. Members are encouraged to let the Board know if you have a nominee. Information about this award is not on the website, but it will be put there.

For the Council of Councils, no one was in Vancouver and was able to attend the meeting in 2008. If anyone is going to the 2009 SAA meeting in Atlanta and can represent PAK there, let Virginia know.

Next was a discussion of *Symphony in the Flint Hills*. Lauren Ritterbush reported that she presented at this past year's event. She encouraged us to do it again. She noted that SFH also has a tent with tables and exhibits and suggests doing that too.

A Project Archaeology update followed and was presented by Virginia. This year there was a great opportunity to collaborate with the KSU College of Education Equity and Access grant and workshop was held on June 16 through 20. Lauren

discussed what it is. A total of 16 teachers participated. For the curriculum, one unit ready is to go to print, others are being formatted or about to be.

The meeting took a break at 2:33 PM and resumed at 2:45 PM.

### **New Business**

The first item of new business concerned PAK sponsorship of a Plains Conference symposium honoring the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Waldo Wedel. Donna talked about this, describing what the symposium is, when it is, and how it came together.

Bob Hoard had suggested a clearinghouse for archaeological field and lab workers be created and put on the PAK website. Bob was not at the meeting but Virginia read his inquiry. The Board had discussed this and had some reservations. The question was raised as to how we are we going to do this. There was a discussion. Brent Weeks will talk to the webmaster (Scott Shackelford) about the mechanics of this. There was further discussed of criteria that we would need for listing a person.

Iowa had recently presented a workshop dealing with burial sites and related issues. Lauren discussed what that had done and wondered if it is a kind of thing that might be appropriate for PAK to consider. One suggestion was a workshop of this kind might be presented at the Historic Preservation conference. There was a brief discussion.

Next was a briefing from the SHPO office, presented by Tim Weston. He started by saying that surveys for cell towers now are requiring a full FCC Form 620. The SHPO still does not require 100% survey for this, but the Osage Nation requires it. The SHPO would rather have us do these than fight it, and the Osage Nation says regulations require that. He also discussed the list of contractors. John Hedden was at the meeting and noted that Iowa has one that the Association of Iowa

Archaeologists maintains. Virginia inquired if PAK wanted to approach KSHS to take over the list, but the consensus was to not do it, at least not yet. The final part of the SHPO briefing had to do with wind farms. For these, there is almost no Sec. 106. Most companies building them will do surveys if requested, but it cannot be required unless it ties into the Federal power grid or crosses a large stream.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Nominations Committee for the spring 2009 election. The President's term ends July 2009. Mary Adair will serve as committee chair. Virginia will look into another committee member.

Finally, the place for the 2009 Annual Meeting was discussed. It was noted that Topeka is the place in the rotation. The KSHS will look into it for sometime in February.

Virginia asked if there was any other new business. There was none.

### **Announcements**

There will be an Explorations in Archaeology series at KU as there has been in past years.

There will be a KAA certification seminar in February. Its topic will be ceramics. Donna Roper and others will be presenters for this symposium.

The Flint Hills Conference will be March 6-7, 2009 at the KSHS. Abstracts can be sent to Bob Hoard and are due by February 18.

The KAA Annual Meeting in April will be in Topeka

The KATP will go back to Pawnee Indian Village in 2010. They are working on something else for 2009. Those plans will be announced later.

David Hughes asked about a survey regarding the effectiveness of the Sec. 106 process and suggests we might want to look at this. He thinks there are some real issues here and said that Don is thinking about this for Action Committee action. We could do the questionnaire on PAK-L.

There were no other announcements.

There being no other business, a motion was made to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 3:49 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s  
Donna C. Roper  
Secretary

## **Minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting**

### ***Professional Archaeologists of Kansas***

Minutes of the Annual Meeting  
Potawatomi Room, Potawatomi Mission,  
Kansas State Historical Society  
Topeka, Kansas

February 13, 2009

President Virginia Wulfkuhle called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM. Present were President Virginia Wulfkuhle, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Timothy Weston, at-large Board member Lauren Ritterbush, at-large Board member Jim Dougherty, and 31 other members. A quorum was present.

President Wulfkuhle first welcomed everyone and introduced herself. Following this, everyone else present introduced themselves.

### **Officer's Reports**

For the Secretary's report, Donna Roper said that there were copies of the minutes at the meeting. Virginia asked for comments. The Board had read the minutes and noted some corrections earlier in the day. Lauren Ritterbush moved and Jim Dougherty seconded that the minutes be accepted as corrected. The minutes were approved on a voice vote at 1:09 PM.

Treasurer Tim Weston began the Treasurer's report by passing out copies of his written report. He also passed out a sign-in sheet and membership list for corrections. We have a lot of money in the bank, but we have not paid a lot of bills yet. He discussed the organization of the report and the specific items on this one, including both expenditures and income. The report is current as of Monday, February 9. Bob Hoard moved and Lauren Ritterbush seconded that the Treasurer's report be accepted. The motion was passed on a voice vote at 1:16 PM.

### **Committee Reports**

The first committee report was for the Action Committee. Committee chair Don Blakeslee was not at the meeting. Donna discussed a response to the proposed closure of the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center (SDARC) as an issue that we are working on. The proposed response will be discussed under New Business. Virginia then discussed how the committee worked.

For the Curation Committee, committee chair Mary Adair said they will meet after this meeting to detail plans for a curation workshop this spring. The Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons will host the workshop. The Kansas Museums Association (KMA) will advertise and promote it. When the committee meets, they will talk about a target date and workshop contents. Virginia said that she is hoping for a curation brochure for KAM 2010. This is something the committee also will be considering.

Education Committee chair Chris Garst said that the committee's main focus was the KAM brochure and that they also have focused on the Calendar of Events. But she noted that we all have to send her notices for the calendar. Webmaster Scott Shackelford loads the material onto the website each weekend. She said that guidelines for what kind of information she needs are available at the meeting. She said this her last meeting as committee chair. She will stay on the committee and do the calendar, but we need a new chair.

Finance Committee chair Marsha King said she sent 218 letters seeking donations for KAM (aka, the begging letters). She also passed out a written report. We received responses from 11 recipients of the letter, and donations totaling just over \$1100. She commented that the expenditures for this effort look high but there was an outlay for supplies that will carry over to future years. The committee has started to discuss new fund-raising ideas. If people have suggestions contact her, Tim, or Shannon.

The KAM Committee reported next. The committee had a lot of assistance this year. What we are doing is another brochure, this one with a timeline of Kansas archaeology. Virginia described what the brochure looks like. What we are asking of members is distribution of the brochure. There was a discussion of how we can do this and what our expenses for doing it will be.

For the Media Committee, Donna discussed the newsletter and *Current Archaeology in Kansas (CAK)*. The newsletter is one short for 2008 but we have decided to just go on. Regarding *CAK*, she noted that the 2008 volume is not published yet for the simple reason that she has almost nothing for it. We passed around a sheet for people to sign up to commit to producing articles for it with a due date of March 31 (by the end of the meeting, 10 people, or 11 including Donna, had signed up). For our electronic media, David Hughes is the listserv owner but he was not at the meeting. It was noted that the list is pretty quiet but there had been some discussion earlier in the week. The

comment was made that this is not a scary listserv, so posting should not be intimidating. Moving on, Brent Weeks is on the Media Committee because he was to gather material for web content. It was noted that we do not have anything and members were urged to contribute. Once again, the appeal was made to go to the website and review the content and give the committee feedback.

The next report was from the Membership Committee. Jim Dougherty said that most members had heard from him in the last couple weeks. He said he wants to clean up the membership list. He also suggests that people subscribe to PAK-L. It also was noted that we will urge the incoming president to compose a letter in the fall that university faculty can distribute to incoming students. This letter would introduce PAK and invite membership.

The Nominations Committee reported next. The committee was chaired by Mary Adair and also included Trisha Waggoner. The one position open this year is President. The committee reported that Bob Blasing had accepted the nomination. The floor was opened for additional nominations. One was made but this individual declined to be a candidate. There being no additional nominations, nominations were declared closed at 1:47 PM. The meeting accepted the Nominations Committee report at 1:49 PM. At this point, it became necessary to consider how to handle the voting. The issue was whether we send a mail ballot, with the one nominee and a place for write-in, or determine that a majority of paid-up members are present at the meeting and there is no possibility of a write-in candidate prevailing.

The meeting took a break at 1:50 PM. It resumed at 2:06 PM. During the break, many present at the meeting either paid up their dues, or joined PAK by paying dues for the first time. This was essential to participating in the election.

After the break, as the meeting was getting back to business, Bob Hoard asked for a list of the paid-up membership to be on the web. Jim

Dougherty said he will take care of that.

Returning to the vote, it was determined that a majority of paid-up members were in attendance, and that the vote would be made by acclamation at the meeting. A request had been made that before the vote, we be provided with more information about the nominee, Bob Blasing. Mary Adair and Jim Dougherty presented this information. Jim Feagins then moved that we elect Bob by acclamation. Bob Hoard called the question. The motion passed on a voice vote at 2:13 PM. Bob Blasing was declared the PAK President-elect.

### **Old Business**

The first item of old business was a brief report on the Plains Conference symposium honoring Waldo Wedel. PAK sponsored this in honor of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Wedel's birth. Donna, who organized and chaired the symposium, reported that it had gone well and been well received, and that all of the Wedel children were present. There was a short piece and a picture of symposium participants in the October 2008 newsletter (Newsletter #21). She also mentioned progress with finding a publisher.

Next was a brief discussion of Symphony in the Flint Hills. Donna will present a program at this year's event. Virginia wants more formal participation by PAK, so Lauren and Donna are the SFH program committee.

Virginia then gave an update on Project Archaeology. The hope is to have the material available soon. Training will be a key. There is the possibility of collaboration with workshops again this year. Virginia said to talk to her if people are interested in it.

### **New Business**

The meeting had the prospect of a visitor from the Lewis and Clark Trail association but he

had not appeared. In his absence, Bob Hoard talked about how this individual was interested in pulling together a group with an interest in the trail and noted that he is very enthusiastic.

The next item of new business concerned a response to the proposed closure of the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center (SDARC). Some information and discussion about this had been circulated on PAK-L and there was a brief discussion of the background to this issue. Earlier in the day, the Board had decided to propose a resolution that the membership could vote on and send to the Governor and Legislature of South Dakota. A resolution was drafted or, more precisely, outlined during the Board meeting. It is subject to final wording but was presented to the membership to consider and to authorize the Board to finalize the wording after the meeting and send the resolution. Bob Hoard moved acceptance of the resolution, Lauren Ritterbush seconded the motion. Some wording suggestions were made during the following discussion. The question was raised as to when the Legislature votes on this. No one knew, but the feeling was that we need to send the resolution as soon as possible. We can use the South Dakota website to identify people to send it to. The motion was passed by a voice vote; so the Board will finalize the wording of the resolution and send it over the weekend, if possible, or as soon thereafter as feasible.

The next item of business concerned the action we have taken and are taking in regard to the unauthorized copying of our design for the Handy Hypotenuse Hankie. Virginia first presented the background to this issue—viz., that we found that the Nevada Archaeological Association was selling identical bandanas. In consultation with our attorney we have registered the domain name, and have sent a cease and desist letter to NAA. They replied that they will cease and desist and we have noted that they removed the item from their website upon receipt of our letter. The ongoing decision is whether to register this as a copyright or a trademark. The less expensive option is to register the copyright. The Board has decided to ask some

further questions of the attorney. Our preferred course of action is for Donna to sign over rights in the design to PAK and then for PAK to register the copyright and place the copyright notice on the hankies. There was some further discussion.

Next was a briefing from the SHPO. Tim said there was not a lot to report. He said that there had been some inquiry from people noting that some historic preservation money had been cut from the Federal stimulus package then being considered by Congress. This was to be a new bricks and mortar program, and does not affect normal historic preservation and archaeological compliance activities. There then was a brief discussion of what is in the stimulus package that might be of interest. Moving on, Tim noted that they do not require that 100% of new cell tower locations be surveyed but that the Osage Nation does and the Federal Communications Commission goes along with this. For cell towers that are surveyed, Kansas has been compelled to require the FCC Form 620. This can be done on-line. The SHPO has little hold over wind farms since there is very little of a Section 106 hook unless it ties into the Federal power grid. Most will do a survey if asked, though. The SHPO is still maintaining a list of people who meet Secretary of the Interior standards to perform work. The list is a courtesy to agencies or companies proposing construction to help them find consultants. He noted that they are still reviewing NPDES permit applications. He concluded that the overall volume is low right now, although there are some projects going on.

The last item of new business concerned the fall meeting location. The figuring is that Lawrence is next in rotation unless someone else wants to volunteer. Margaret Wood said that Washburn University could do it and Mary Adair said that KU would be happy to do it. It was decided that the fall meeting will be at KU; with next year's Annual Meeting at Washburn. It was noted that hosting for Flint Hills Conference in 2010 and beyond also would be coming up for decision.

## Announcements

Shannon Ryan talked about upcoming programs in the Explorations in Archaeology series at KU. The following Friday, Anne Raab will be talking about her work in southwest Missouri.

The KAA will hold a certification seminar on ceramics in Lindsborg on February 21–22. Some PAK members will be talking at that.

The Flint Hills Conference will be at KSHS on March 6-7. Conference chair Bob Hoard said he needs abstracts by February 18. He said there would be papers during day. There is no planned reception yet, but there will be a museum tour.

Virginia asked if anyone is planning to go to the SAA meetings in Atlanta and would be able to attend the Council of Councils meeting. Brad Logan and Lauren Ritterbush said they are going. Bob Blasing said he is too, so he will represent PAK at the Council of Councils.

The next KATP will be May 30 to June 14 at Scott County Lake State Park. It will include survey and some testing.

It was noted that a new issue of *Kansas Preservation* has just been released. *KP* is now quarterly rather than bimonthly as it has been.

The Nebraska Association of Professional Archaeologists' journal, *Central Plains Archeology*, has a volume in production right now. Donna is co-editor of that journal, with Steve Holen, and they are looking for submittals for the next volume.

Virginia said that the 2007 *The Kansas Anthropologist* is now at the printer.

Bob Hoard noted that there always is a list of endangered sites. Diskau is one site on it.

It was asked if there was any further business.

Chris Garst took the opportunity to thank

Virginia Wulfkuhle for her three years of service as President. The meeting gave Virginia a round of applause. Virginia than asked the members to support the incoming President.

Lauren Ritterbush moved adjournment and Jim Feagins seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

/s  
Donna C. Roper  
Secretary

## **Board Meeting Summaries**

### **September 19, 2008**

The Board of Directors met prior to the fall meeting in Wichita on September 19, 2008. The Board had an agenda for their meeting that paralleled but was not identical to that for the general meeting that followed in the afternoon. Much of the discussion previewed what would be discussed at the general meeting; the difference sometimes is in the proportional amount of time spent on some of the items. One decision made by the Board and reported to the membership at the general meeting (see the minutes of that meeting) was to invest in another CD. For print media, the Board decided to place some back issues of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* on the website. This is limited to issues no more current than about 3 years. For the present, this means that #1-5 will be made available on the website. Old business discussed was carried to the general meeting and its disposition is discussed in those meeting minutes. The same is the case for new business.

### **e-meetings**

The Board held two meetings by e-mail between the fall 2008 meeting and the spring 2009

Annual Meeting. The first of these was conducted in late September 2008 and concerned a matter that came to Virginia's attention by e-mail shortly after the September 19 meeting. This was a new agreement with Webmaster Scott Shackelford. The Board discussed this by e-mail and voted the same way. On September 27 the vote was declared unanimous and the contract with Scott was extended.

The second meeting occurred in mid-January 2009 and was a response to the discovery at the end of 2008 that the Nevada Archaeological Association had been selling a Handy Hypotenuse Hankie that was a direct copy of ours (without the organization name and url). The discussion concerned whether to engage our attorney, Susan Whitfield-Lungren of Lindsborg, to provide legal services in support of our efforts to request that NAA cease and desist and to file registrations to protect our intellectual property. After several days of discussion, on January 13 the Board voted unanimously to proceed with the actions discussed in the minutes of the February 13 Annual Meeting.

### **February 13, 2009**

The Board of Directors met prior to the Annual Meeting in Topeka on February 13, 2009. As always, the Board meeting had an agenda that paralleled but was not identical to the general meeting agenda and the discussion tended to preview what would be discussed at the general meeting. This was a lengthy meeting, meaning that there was considerable discussion of some agenda items. The general meeting minutes convey the general sense of issues before the organization, but a few things might be highlighted in this summary. One thing on the Board's mind is continuing to have a merchandise table and used book sale at the Plains Conference. Revenue was off this past conference and without something new to offer, it might not be worth it. Something new to offer is the key, of course. Varoius committees have a hand in this. A considerable amount of time was spent discussing the situation in South Dakota and our response to that. That is discussed in greater detail elsewhere



in this newsletter. Also requiring extended discussion was the question of what do to about protecting the Handy Hypotenuse Hankie design. That too will be discussed in a separate item in this newsletter.

## **Issues Summaries**

### **Proposed Closure of SDARC**

In late January, 2009, the Governor of South Dakota in an attempt to address a tight budget, proposed to, among other things, close the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center (SDARC). Information about this was circulated in several venues, including PAK-L. The PAK Board, and undoubtedly other PAK members as well, felt we ought to make a statement about this proposed closure, since in a sense it impacts not just South Dakota archaeology but Plains archaeology as a whole. There was some discussion of this in the few weeks leading up to the February 13 PAK meetings; discussion had proceeded on PAK-L and among the Board. By the time of the Board meeting on the morning of February 13, we had the information needed to write a letter to the Governor in support of SDARC and urging his reconsideration of his recommendation. However, there was some concern about who could sign the letter on behalf of the organization. For this reason, and others as well, the alternative presented was to draft a resolution that could be passed by the membership at the Annual Meeting and sent to South Dakota. The Board decided to take this route. Accordingly, a draft resolution was roughed out at the Board meeting and taken to the membership at the general meeting on the afternoon of February 13. The membership voted to adopt the resolution, and authorize the Board to finalize wording in the next few days and send the resolution as soon as possible. The wording was circulated among Board members over the weekend and early in the following week. The resolution was sent electronically to South Dakota Governor Mike Rounds and to the chairs of the Appropriations Committees of the South Dakota House of Representatives and Senate. Copies also were sent to SDARC and to the

SHPO at the state historical society in Pierre. We received responses from both of the latter, thanking us for our support.

The final wording of the resolution was circulated on PAK-L, and is reproduced below.

The members of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas (PAK) at its Annual Meeting in Topeka, Kansas, on February 13, 2009, passed the following resolution:

*Whereas*, the archaeological record does not speak by itself but rather requires interpreters, and

*Whereas*, the archaeological record of South Dakota represents the heritage of all of South Dakota and the Plains, and

*Whereas*, the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center is devoted to interpreting the rich archaeological record of the State, and disseminating the results of its research for the education and benefit of all peoples of South Dakota, including Native Americans and other descendant communities, and

*Whereas*, we acknowledge the economic difficulties faced by the State of South Dakota, as well as our own state, but

*Whereas*, we believe the proposed closure of the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center jeopardizes the heritage of South Dakota and the Plains,

*Therefore*, be it resolved that the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas respectfully urges the Governor and Legislature of South Dakota to reconsider the recommendation to close the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center.

As a final note, though, as this newsletter is being produced, we note that SDARC has been reinstated in the South Dakota budget.

### **Handy Hypotenuse Hankies**

This is one of those things that seems trivial but for which there is a larger issue there that is not at all trivial. In late December, Marsha King found that the Nevada Archaeological Association (NAA) was producing and selling a Handy Hypotenuse Hankie that was identical to ours, except for removal of our name and url. She posted this on PAK-L and some discussion followed. The Board also took up the matter by e-mail. To borrow a phrase from the Queen, we were not amused. The issue was not copyright infringement *per se*, since we had not registered a copyright, but rather the issue of plagiarism, which regardless of legality is an ethical breach. There is also the fact that we do raise some money with these. Our HHH's have gotten around. They are all over the country and beyond, including when Randy ordered 57 of them while he was on the mass graves team in Iraq (that was an interesting Customs declaration to fill out).

The upshot of the discussions was that in mid-January, Virginia sent a cease and desist letter to NAA. They responded with a letter saying that they will comply and that they had removed their HHH's from their website the day they received the letter. We had already consulted their website and confirmed that they had done so. That part of the issue is closed.

Meanwhile, we had consulted our attorney (who also helped draft the letter) regarding protecting our property. We had a number of options. We decided to register the copyright at the Federal level, place the copyright sign on the artwork when we have to reprint them, and register handyhypotenusehankie as a domain name. These actions have been taken. The designer signed over the rights to the design to PAK in early March, and the copyright and domain name registrations have been completed.

### **Election Results**

The single office open during the 2009 election cycle was President. The Nominations Committee chaired by Mary Adair and also including Trisha Waggoner presented Bob Blasing as a candidate for the office. A nomination from the floor was declined by the person named. Voting occurred by acclamation at the meeting, since it was determined that a majority of paid-up members were present and no other outcome to the election was possible. Bob's term of office will begin July 1, 2009 and run to June 30, 2012. The Board is planning a transition meeting on May 1 so that Bob will be informed about issues by the time his term begins.

### **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**

**all proceeds go to help support Kansas  
Archaeology Month**

***We are looking for ideas for new merchandise items. Contact any of the Finance Committee members if you have a suggestion or a design for something.***

# Media Matters & FYI

## PAK Website

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. Bill Chada is the person to contact about content ideas.

Note also that the Calendar of Events, listing lectures, exhibits, and other events, now is continuous throughout the year, and is updated weekly. Chris Garst is the person to contact with information about upcoming events.

Back issues of newsletters (#1-20) now are on the website, and issues #1-5 of *CAK* also are now available there. All are PDF files. Some recent newsletters will have color images, as the print versions do not.

## **Current Archaeology in Kansas**

It's time to be submitting material for the 2008 number (Volume 8) 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). At the Annual Meeting, a number of you signed up to contribute pieces and we are counting on that. It is not too late to add your name to the list. I asked for contributions by March 31. Contact me to find out the status of production, though. Contributions can be modest length articles, 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.

## 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).

## Curation Workshop

The Curation Committee will be presenting a curation workshop in conjunction with the Kansas Museums Association. The workshop will be held on April 24 and be hosted by the Coronado-Quivira Museum in Lyons. The following is the published workshop summary.

Preservation is fundamental to good public education and research in archaeology. This workshop is designed to assist participants in learning the best way to care for archaeological objects and associated documents (such as field notes, photographs, and maps) so that these irreplaceable collections may be available for generations to come. The workshop will also discuss overall management, collections, and disaster preparedness plans and will provide participants with examples of loan agreements and gift forms.

Registered participants may request a more detailed outline of the workshop in advance of the scheduled date.

## Address Reminder

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

## President's Message

The Kansas Archaeology Month Committee is still laboring over the brochure "Measuring the Past: A Timeline of Kansas Archaeology." This year the traditional committee members (Marsha King, Donna Roper, Tim Weston, and Virginia Wulfkuhle) greatly appreciated the considerable contributions of Tod Bevitt, Bob Hoard, Lauren Ritterbush, and Shannon Ryan. This complex project is running behind schedule, but we still hope to have the piece ready for distribution sometime during April. Your suggestions for additions to the mailing list are welcome. Each current and former PAK member will receive an envelope containing brochures from 2007, 2008, and 2009 to encourage continued membership. Assisted by an attorney with expertise in intellectual property rights, the board halted the infringement by the Nevada Archaeological Association on PAK's Handy Hypotenuse Hankie. The HHH is registered as a domain name and is copyrighted by PAK.

On July 1, 2009, my three-year term as president of PAK will end, and I'll be pleased to hand over the job to a capable and all-around fine fellow, Bob Blasing. (Thank you to Mary Adair and Tricia Waggoner for serving as the Nominating Committee.) To facilitate this transition, the PAK board will meet early in May to give Bob a status report on PAK business and discuss future directions for the organization. If you have pressing issues, fresh ideas, or offers of help, now is an ideal time to voice them. To add topics to the agenda, contact me (vwulfkuhle@kshs.org), Bob (rblasing@gp.usbr.gov), or any of the other board members: Donna Roper (droper@ksu.edu), Tim Weston (tweston@kshs.org), Lauren Ritterbush (lritterb@ksu.edu), and Jim Dougherty (jim.dougherty@wichita.edu). I have been proud to serve as PAK president and hope that involvement in the organization grows.

Virginia Wulfkuhle

## Letter from South Dakota

*Late breaking news.* Just after this newsletter was finished but just before it was circulated, we received the following letter from the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center.

Dear members of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas:

I would like to take the opportunity on behalf of the staff here at the Archaeological Research Center to thank you for your support during the recent budget crisis. The last couple of months have been quite an experience. Letters of support, such as your resolution, were vital in assuring that the importance of our agency and what we have built in the last 40 years was not eliminated. The majority of the Legislators on and off of the appropriations came away with a much greater understanding of the significance of our profession, duties and the benefit we all share in education, preservation and infrastructure and were very supportive and aware of the support of our organization and others as well. Although we were unsuccessful in getting them to restore our state general funding, we will be supported through the proceeds of a special tax on tourism-related business through June of 2011. This will certainly give us some breathing space to see what can be arranged for future budgets. I believe that this ordeal has had a positive impact on our agency through the friends we made in the legislative body and the tremendous support they observed from organizations, universities, archaeological consultants and friends.

Again, thank you all for your help and support. Without the aid of our friends, archaeology in South Dakota would certainly have suffered an unrecoverable setback.

-Michael Fosha, Assistant State Archaeologist and PAK member

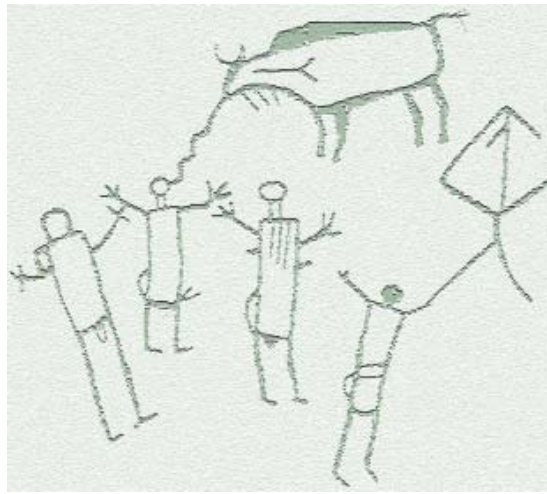
-Jim Haug, South Dakota State Archaeologist

## **Calendar of Events**

April 22-26, 74th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology; Atlanta, Georgia

Fall 2009, PAK Fall Meeting, KU, Lawrence; details to be announced at a later date

October 14-17, 2009, 67th Plains Anthropological Conference; Norman, Oklahoma



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