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## **MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 18, 2000 ANNUAL MEETING**

Annual Meeting Minutes  
Heritage Room, Memorial Union  
Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas  
February 18, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 PM by President Al Johnson. Present were President Al Johnson, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Member Randy Thies, and 14 other members. A quorum was present.

Al first thanked Dr. Deborah Zelli of Emporia State University for arranging the use of the room by PAK for this meeting. He expressed his hope that she would come by before the meeting was over so we could formally thank her for her assistance. [Note: she did not appear at any time during the meeting.]

The first agenda item was the Secretary's Report. Donna Roper stated that minutes of the last meeting were published in the Newsletter rather than putting a summary in the Newsletter and bringing copies of minutes to the meeting. She noted that a signed copy of minutes is included in the official log book. Additional copies are available if anybody wants one. She also stated that in reading the By-Laws, she noted that it said that summaries of

the board meetings are to be made available to the membership, so she also provided a summary of the last board meeting in the newsletter. Finally, she noted that the Newsletter provided erroneous information regarding how to subscribe to PAK-L. While she did not have the correct information on hand, she did have David Hughes's e-mail address so members can contact David for proper information on how to subscribe.

The next agenda item was the Treasurer's Report. Mary Adair stated that the last report was given at the September 30 meeting at which time the balance in the treasury was \$346.77. Since then, the organization has had expenses for postage, photocopying, and other miscellaneous things, but also has had income from members paying their dues. The current balance, therefore, is \$476.08. She also distributed a list of paid-up members so people could check their addresses and make sure they had paid. There was some discussion of the organization's expenses and revenues.

The agenda moved on to committee reports. The first report was from the Education Committee, chaired by Virginia Wulfkuhle. Virginia stated that Nancy Pearson was gone but that remaining committee members included Jennifer Epperson, Celia Daniels, Bob Ziegler, and herself. She said if anyone was interested, she would appreciate their participation. PAK has pledged a contribution to Kansas Archaeology

Week (she stated that she would be happy to accept it at any time), so PAK's name is on the poster as a contributor. The question was raised as to whether this contribution was for 1999 or for 2000. It was for 1999 but was pledged too late for our name to appear on the poster for that year. She also said that she had copies of this year's posters with her, that they were unrolled and unfolded, and were on the table in the back. The calendar of events was ready, and the electronic version on the web page was almost up, and should be by the following week. An addition to the calendar is a field day at KU on Sunday, April 30. Virginia also called for other events to be added to the calendar and specified the sorts of information she would need. She then stated that this might be the last year for the calendar. She said that the Kansas State Historical Society will be convening a focus group of teachers to advise them on goals for the coming year and that the recommendations likely would be followed. If they like the poster, then there likely will be a poster, if not and they recommend some other direction, then that likely is where they will go. She asked that if anyone knows of teachers who would be good for the focus group to let her know. If anyone is interested in participating in a focus group for the training program she also would like to know about that. And finally she stated that she can always use material for *Kansas Preservation*, especially for The Archaeologist's Notebook section, but really anything. Anything! In response to a call for any questions, Lauren Ritterbush asked if there were no poster would that mean there was no Kansas Archaeology Week. Virginia said she did not know how to answer. Between Virginia and Cathy Ambler, however, it was clarified that Kansas Archaeology Week would not be done away with, it just might be done a little differently.

Al Johnson then jumped ahead on the agenda to the Finance Committee report. The committee is Marsha King, Jim Feagins, and Tim Weston. One of their charges is to seek additional support for Kansas Archaeology

Week. He said that Donna Roper had agreed to help write a proposal to be submitted by PAK for this purpose. The grant would be for Kansas Archaeology Week 2001. He hoped that by starting early in the year, foundations would have money and we could get in early.

Al then called on Myra Giesen for a report from the Action Committee. She first gave the report from the sub-committee on standards for community colleges. David Hughes is the chair of this sub-committee and wasn't able to be at the meeting, but she had an e-mail report from him. The committee has not met but they have had some communications with each other. David's vision for the committee is that they will review what courses are offered at community colleges, consider the staffs, and explore their credentials. They are still in a data-collecting mode, trying to find out what is out there. The other sub-committee members are Janice McLean and Lauren Ritterbush.

Don Blakeslee chairs the sub-committee on the Antiquities Commission stature. That committee has not met either, but it also has been in information-gathering mode. A number of issues that have been identified. One is the composition of the Kansas Antiquities Commission. The commission was set up 30 years ago but archaeology and the archaeological community have changed greatly since then. A second matter is that the commission has not met except for the Arkansas City crisis. The head of the historical society is supposed to call the meetings, but that has not been happening. A third issue is the definition of antiquities, that perhaps needs to be changed to better deal with current practice. Fourth is a matter brought up by the Arkansas City crisis and that is that the response in that situation was the responsibility of the antiquities commission but there was no funding for it. Fifth, it is felt the act should be rewritten to give greater protection to archaeological sites,

including raising the level of fines for violating the statute. And sixth, the act should specify that site locations are not subject to the public information act. He noted that the sub-committee at the time is himself and Donna Roper and that it could use more members. As a side issue, he mentioned a bill in the Legislature that would take the Historic Trust Fund from the historical society and place it in the Department of Administration. He said he had written a letter opposing it. He subsequently learned that no hearings were scheduled and that the bill would probably die because of the opposition to it.

Randy Thies was called on for the report from the Unmarked Burial Statute revision sub-committee. He said they had not met and he had no report. He also said they planned to meet before the next general meeting. Other sub-committee members are Myra Giesen, Mark Latham, and Mike Finnegan. Myra noted that she has done a little background work, looking into other states's burial laws.

The next report was that for the Curation sub-committee, chaired by Mary Adair. This sub-committee also includes Myra Giesen, Donna Roper, Don Blakeslee, and Cathy Ambler. It has met and has identified three goals: 1) Identifying what current standards exist, and what other states might use that we could model ours after. 2) Do institutions have collections management plans? There may be other institutions that have materials and how do we identify them and get information? 3) Look at guidelines that can be recommended. Incorporation in the Kansas antiquities statute might be one use for these. There was a brief discussion, during which it was pointed out that the committee would have to be diplomatic in its inquiries to other institutions. It was acknowledged that we indeed are not a regulatory agency or group and that we would have to be cautious.

For what we have been calling the core of the Action Committee, Myra had no report

since a report of our meeting with the Kansas State Historical Society was in the last Newsletter. Unless there was discussion, there was no need to repeat that. Tim Weston did have a question or comment. He said he saw the action committee meeting with Ramon Powers and the raising of the issue of survey coverage as a criticism and wondered what the aim was here. Brad Logan, a member of the committee who had participated in the meeting with Powers, suggested that a perceived criticism of the highway program was not correct. He said that his inquiries to other states regarding survey coverage had gone through two rounds. The first was simply to SHPO offices and had not involved highway programs at all and the second, while more specific, still included highway programs only incidentally. He also stated that in fact the committee had pointed to survey of a selected portion of the uplands on the Highway U.S. 166 survey as a good example and expressed their opinion that that should be done more often. Myra pointed out that one of the things that came out of the meeting was that Will Banks had been able to clarify some misconceptions about requests for surveys and that this was helpful to all. She also said that PAK had expressed concern about funding of empty positions and that this meeting was a way to make our voices heard on issues. She noted that indeed Ramon Powers had invited a continued dialog. She explained that one goal was simply to find out what was happening. Cathy Ambler urged PAK to continue talking with the Kansas State Historical Society. There was some further discussion, including a notice of the change of the Fee Fund at the society from the Cultural Resources Division to the Administration Division.

The Newsletter Committee report was next. Newsletter editor Donna Roper first noted that Newsletter #5 had been issued a little more a month before. This was because it contained official notice of this Annual Meeting as well as official notice that

proposed By-Laws changes were to be put before the members and according to the By-Laws, those notices had to be given at least 30 days in advance. They were. The next issue of the Newsletter will not be a regular newsletter but instead will be what for some time had been called by the scintillating name of "Research Issue." She showed a cover design that designated this issue as *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, noting that it was suggested it be printed in gold on blue (as in the state flag). She then noted that with a cover designed now she needed stuff to put between the covers and solicited material from members. There was a discussion of format and what sorts of material (line drawings, photographs) could be accommodated. The suggested date for submissions is mid-April. She also noted that the Board earlier in the day had discussed using this to help increase membership. Assuming the By-Laws revisions pass, a new membership class, that of Subscribing Member, will be created. The plan is to use this as a draw for membership. She pointed to the Nebraska Association of Professional Archaeologists (NAPA) which in some ways is a less active organization, but is a much larger organization and that is in part because it has a journal. PAK does not want to compete but still wants to disseminate information on the research archaeologists in Kansas are doing. The Board has discussed the possibility of a membership drive.

The next item of business was the report of the Nominations Committee. The committee was chaired by Martin Stein and also included Lauren Ritterbush and Bob Ziegler. Since Lauren was the only one of the three at the meeting, she gave the committee report. She stated that the only office we are voting on this year is President and that the nominees are Don Blakeslee and Brad Logan. She then opened the meeting to nominations from the floor. There were no nominations from the floor, so Al Johnson declared the nominations closed. He stated that the election would be conducted by mail ballot within 30 days. He

also stated that he assumed that the two candidates had been contacted concerning their willingness to run. They had been.

The next item of business was the presentation of the proposed By-Laws revisions. They were printed in the last Newsletter. Donna Roper briefly reviewed them, discussing why they are proposed and what they do. The three proposed revisions are to clarify election procedures, clarify and revise student membership criteria, and create a Subscribing Member class of membership. Don Blakeslee moved to accept the recommendation to put the proposed changes before the membership by mail ballot. Myra Giesen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously on a show of hands. The proposed changes will be on the ballot.

Under New Business, Al Johnson called first on Will Banks. Will explained that the Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., the private society, would be accepting and reviewing proposals in several areas, including archaeology. What is needed are short summaries that would be reviewed prior to putting together a proposal. He noted that Janice McLean and Donna Roper had suggested a National Register nomination for Coal-Oil Canyon, and that there are other possibilities if that falls through. A survey in areas underrepresented is another possibility. The deadline is February 25, which means quick turnaround is necessary. There was some discussion of this program. The Cultural Resources Division has some ideas and PAK members may wish to support some of these rather than propose other projects. The list will be circulated on PAK-L.

Al Johnson then mentioned that the Kansas Archaeology Training Program (KATP) was discussed at the morning's Board meeting at which time it was suggested that PAK write a letter in support of that. He asked for reactions to that. Virginia Wulfkuhle said she saw no downside to it. It was agreed that Al

would draft a letter, circulate it for comment, and then send it. Also in relation to the KATP, he encouraged PAK to help with the program, with Virginia as the central point, the coordinator. There was some further discussion of this. This year's training program will be June 3-18 at Fort Ellsworth. Work will concentrate on dugouts. Information is provided in *Kansas Preservation*.

Mary Adair, at the request of Janice McLean, who could not be present, distributed copies of two articles from the *SAA Bulletin*. Both regard ethics issues. The first concerns the selling of antiquities on Amazon.com and eBay. The second deals with convictions for violations of ARPA and challenges by the people convicted.

Don Blakeslee announced that the Laboratory of Archaeological Chemistry at the University of Wisconsin-Madison has a research grant program for students. He also made an announcement about the upcoming Flint Hills Conference to be held in Wichita.

Myra Giesen discussed the upcoming NAGPRA national review committee meeting. It is to be held April 2-4 in Juneau, Alaska. The main topics for this meeting are Federal compliance and culturally unidentifiable remains. She said it was the intention of the committee to have a final draft of the principles for treatment of culturally unidentifiable remains.

Mary Adair discussed her grant for treatment of culturally unaffiliated materials from Kansas. She said some dates have been proposed for the next meeting, but that is as far as things are at the moment. The meeting will need to be in May but avoid graduation time. There was some discussion.

Al Johnson presented a letter from David Phillips noting that the council of societies representing professional archaeologists would be meeting at the SAA meetings. The Kansas

Antiquities Commission also received this letter.

Al then expressed his regrets that David Hughes was not at the meeting so we could thank him for setting up PAK-L for us. Don Blakeslee said he would take PAK's thanks to David.

The meeting then took a short break.

After the meeting resumed, Myra Giesen had several announcements. One she was relaying for Bill Chada and this was that there is a job vacancy in the Bureau of Reclamation. It is the position of Regional Archaeologist for the Great Plains Region. Terry Zontek, who had filled this position, has transferred to a job in Washington, D.C. The advertisement for the position is open until March 13. The position is a GS-12 in Billings, Montana, with a salary in the \$50,000 range. The second announcement was of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Partnership Opportunities for Federal Collections meeting in Austin, Texas. She has put information about this meeting on PAK-L. And the third came from a side discussion at the curation sub-committee meeting, and this had to do with a proposed lecture series during Kansas Archaeology Week.

Lauren Ritterbush announced the formation of the Kansas Archaeological Society. This is an amateur group in Manhattan which is affiliated with the Central States Archaeological Society.

Al then turned the meeting over the Research News. Will Banks discussed work related to the Veterans Administration buildings at Fort Leavenworth. This is all we had time for at this meeting.

Lauren Ritterbush asked about progress in hiring a new State Archaeologist. Cathy Ambler said they are narrowing the field and will be contacting people next week to set up interviews.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.

Donna C. Roper  
PAK Secretary

**PAK FALL MEETING  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29  
1:30-4 PM, ROOM 207  
STUDENT UNION  
KANSAS STATE UNIV.  
MANHATTAN  
DETAILS ON P. 10**

**SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 18,  
2000 BOARD MEETING**

The PAK Board of Directors met for just short of an hour-and-a-half before the February 18 Annual Meeting. The discussion was anchored by the agenda for the Annual Meeting, but other matters were raised. Al Johnson reviewed what he would say for the Finance Committee report—see the Annual Meeting minutes for that report. Previewing the Newsletter Committee report, Donna Roper raised cost considerations for Board discussion prior to the Annual Meeting. She laid out the costs of producing the *Newsletter* and recommended that, if the organization adopts a Subscribing Member class, the rate be set at \$7.50. There was further discussion of subscriptions and membership, including the suggestion that we have a membership drive. The question of *ex officio* membership status for Will Banks, or, more properly, for the SHPO archaeologist, was discussed. Many announcements were made, most of which also were made at the general meeting. Time was also to be reserved on the Annual Meeting agenda for announcements from other members.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following supersedes the Treasury statement in the Annual Meeting minutes above.

Treasurer's Report, August 18, 2000

Previous balance \$476.18

Expenses:  
Kansas Archaeology Week \$100.00  
Annual fee \$20.00

Income:  
Dues \$320.00

Current balance \$676.18

Mary J. Adair  
Treasurer, PAK  
August 18, 2000

**ELECTIONS**

The Nominations Committee of Martin Stein (chair), Lauren Ritterbush, and Bob Ziegler was charged with presenting a slate of candidates for President, the only office open this year. The two nominees were Don Blakeslee and Brad Logan. As per the Bylaws, the election was conducted by mail ballot within the next 30 days. Don Blakeslee was elected as the new President. His term formally began July 1, 2000 and will run to June 30, 2003.

Also on the ballot this year were three amendments to the Bylaws. The full text of the proposed changes and the reason for each change were presented in the last *Newsletter* (#5, pp. 5-7).

The first change clarified an inconsistency in wording of elections procedure. The procedure is spelled-out in two sections of the Bylaws but differs slightly between them: one sections says merely that mail ballots are to be

provided within 30 days of the Annual Meeting, while the other says the election is to be conducted within 30 days of the meeting, possibly implying that ballots must be sent and returned within 30 days. The proposed change would make the two sections consistent by specifying that members would vote on a mail ballot provided to voting members within 30 days of the Annual Meeting. This amendment passed. [Note: elections to this point have been conducted by sending ballots within a few days of the Annual Meeting and requesting their return within 30 days; this ensured that the election was conducted within the specifications of either wording of the elections procedure.]

The second and third proposed changes dealt with membership. One proposed change was to the student membership class. The original wording could have excluded any but doctoral students from membership. The Board felt this might be too stringent and that some relaxation of the requirements was in order. Student membership criteria therefore were revised to permit membership by undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in archaeology or a related field. Student members are voting members and still must be willing to comply with guidelines of ethical conduct. This amendment passed.

The other proposed membership change was to add a class of Subscribing Member. Subscribing members are those who are ineligible for regular or student membership but who wish to receive the *Newsletter*. Subscribing members are non-voting members. This amendment passed.

The full text of the Bylaws, as amended, appears below.

## **Bylaws of the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas**

(As amended March 2000)

### Section 1. Name

The name of this organization is the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas.

### Section II. Duration

The period of the existence and duration of the life of this corporation is perpetual.

### Section III. Operation

The officers of the organization will establish the principal office and will maintain records of the organization.

### Section IV. Purpose

The purposes of this organization are:

1. To encourage and facilitate communication among all interested in the historic and prehistoric cultural heritage of Kansas;
2. To function as an advocacy group of professional archaeologists for the preservation of historic and prehistoric archaeological resources, including support for responsible avocational groups;
3. To promote the importance of archaeology to the general public;
4. To promote professional standards in the collection, curation, analysis, and publication of archaeological data;
5. To encourage research in archaeology and related fields that will contribute to increasing our understanding of the prehistory and history of Kansas;
6. To encourage appropriate sensitivity to the concerns of descendants of prehistoric and historic populations of Kansas as archaeological research is performed; and
7. To raise funds from the private sector as needed to carry out the purposes listed above.

### Section V. Membership

The organization will have three classes of membership. Regular membership is open, upon written application, to any individual with an interest in the archaeology of Kansas and who has an advanced degree in archaeology or related fields or has equivalent

experience. Student membership is open, upon written application, to undergraduate or graduate students pursuing a degree in archeology or a related field.

Regular and student members must be:

- a. willing to adhere to the provisions of the Bylaws;
- b. willing to pay the annual dues; and
- c. willing to comply with guidelines of ethical conduct as prescribed by the Society for

American Archaeology as attested by signature on application. All regular and student members will have voting privileges.

Subscribing membership is open to any individual who is ineligible for regular or student membership but who wishes to receive the organization's newsletter. Subscribing members do not have voting privileges.

All classes of membership will be terminated on failure to pay annual dues. A member may resign by submitting a letter of resignation to the Treasurer of the organization. Resigning members forfeit any balance of annual dues.

#### Section VI. Officers and Board of Directors

A. The corporation will have three(3) officers:

1. President. The President will, with the consent of the Board of Directors, serve as the corporation's representative in all business, appoint committees as deemed necessary, and preside over meetings.

2. Secretary. The Secretary will organize (in consultation with the President) agendas for all meetings, announce the meetings to the membership, and maintain minutes of all meetings.

3. Treasurer. The Treasurer will maintain the membership list, collect dues, maintain financial records, and disburse corporation funds. With the assistance of the members of the Finance Committee, the Treasurer will apply for financial aid (e.g., private sector donations, grants) to further the causes of the corporation.

B. The corporation Board of Directors will include the three officers listed above and two additional members, elected at-large by the membership. The Board of Directors is responsible for the operation of the corporation.

C. The President, Secretary, Treasurer and two additional Board members will serve staggered three-year terms, and may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

D. The terms of office served by Officers and Directors will commence on July 1 of each year and end on June 30 of the third succeeding year.

E. Officers of the corporation and other members of the Board will be selected by the membership voting upon a mail ballot provided to all voting members within thirty (30) days following the Annual Meeting. The President will appoint a nominating committee at least ninety (90) days prior to the meeting. The nominating committee will report to the membership at the meeting. Nominations will be accepted from the floor during the meeting. Elected officers and directors will be those nominees who receive the greatest number of votes on written ballots received from the voting members. Board vacancies prior to the regular date for taking office will be filled at the discretion of the Board.

#### Section VII. Meetings

A. The corporation will meet annually in February for the purpose of determining the slate of candidates for officers and directors, and for conducting such other business as may be brought before the membership. The exact date and location of the Annual Meeting will be determined by the Board of Directors. The location, date and agenda will be announced by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. The President will set the agenda. Election



of officers and directors will be voted upon by mail ballot provided to all voting members within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting.

- B. Passage of motions developed at the Annual Meeting will be sustained by a favorable majority of the voting members present.
- C. The Board of Directors will meet biannually. Summaries of those meetings will be made available to the membership. Special meetings of the Board to conduct business in need of immediate attention may be called at any time during the year by the President or any three(3) members of the corporation who petition the President.
- D. Motions developed during Board meetings will be sustained by a favorable majority of Directors present at the meeting, provided that a quorum of directors is present. A quorum at a meeting of the board will be three (3) directors.
- E. Robert's Rules of Order (most recent edition), will govern the procedure at each meeting. In the event of conflict between these Bylaws and Robert's Rules, the Bylaws take precedence.

#### Section VIII. Committees

- A. Standing and ad hoc committees will be formed to further the goals and operation of the corporation. Members of these committees will be appointed by the President in consultation with the Board from among the Members of the organization. The size of the committees and length of service of committee members will be at the discretion of the President.
- B. Committees will oversee their own operation. Committees will act by making recommendations to the Board of Directors. The chairs of standing committees will report to the Board of Directors as necessary.

C. The following standing committees will be formed:

1. Education, 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.
2. Action, The action committee will be responsible for identifying issues important to Kansas archaeology and recommending to the Board of Directors ways to address these issues.
3. Finance, This committee will assist the Treasurer in the solicitation of support grants from both public and private sources.
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.

#### Section IX. Finances

There will be no capital stock and the corporation will not be for profit. Annual dues will be collected and rates set by the Board of Directors. Donations may be accepted. Disbursements in excess of \$100.00 require the prior concurrence of the Board of Directors and will be within the constraints of available funds.

#### Section X. Amendments of Articles and Bylaws

Bylaws can be amended by a favorable two-thirds (2/3) majority vote on written ballots received from the voting members. Proposed amendments to the Bylaws will be submitted in writing to the Secretary and circulated to the membership at least (30) days prior to the Annual Meeting.

Following discussion at the Annual Meeting, they will be stated in writing on a mail ballot provided the membership within thirty (30) days of the Annual Meeting.

#### Section XI. Diposal of Assets

In the event of corporation dissolution, the Board of Directors will dispose of all its assets to an educational or scientific institution that is exempt from taxation.

### **FALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

The PAK Fall Meeting will be held on Friday, September 29, 2000 from 1:30 to 4 PM in Room 207 of the Student Union at Kansas State University, Manhattan. There is no home football game that weekend—the streets will be passable. The following is the most direct way to find the KSU Union. Get off I-70 at exit 313 and go north on Highway K-177 about nine miles to town. Stay to the left (you will need to actually get in the left lane) as you cross the bridge (built over 14RY38)—it will curve slightly to the left past the Fairfield Inn on the left and Town Center Mall on the right. As you come off the bridge you are on Pierre Street. There's an almost immediate 4-Way stop at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street. Stay on Pierre four blocks to Juliette Avenue. This is a brick (red, not yellow) street. There is a Catholic Church and some school buildings on the corners. Turn right onto Juliette and go nine blocks to Bluemont Avenue. There is a traffic light and the street name is well marked (there's an elementary school and houses on the corners). Turn left onto Bluemont. After six blocks you are at a major intersection with Manhattan Avenue and the main gate to the university is on the northwest corner. Continue on through that intersection (it bears slightly to the left and sort of makes an S but don't make a full left turn or you're in Aggieville where the streets won't go where you want to go). Bluemont Avenue has ended and the street is now called Anderson Avenue. Go several blocks and the Union will be on the right, back from the street and

separated from it by a large parking lot. The entrance will be on the far side of the parking lot, between the Union and the old stadium you will see looming ahead—its 17<sup>th</sup> Street and is the 3<sup>rd</sup> traffic light beyond the Manhattan Avenue intersection. Metered visitor parking is close in to the Union. A GPS coordinate in front of the Union is 14 708528E 340926N.

When you get in there, you come up the first steps and there's a bookstore (few books, lots of purple clothes) and a sort of courtyard with some stairs in the middle of it. Go upstairs. Then go straight past the food court until it looks like you are about to come out the other side of the Union, but there's another set of stairs on the left side of that entrance. Go upstairs. To the left is a hallway that winds around. Room 207 is back there somewhere—I think there's room number signs like in hotel hallways. There are elevators just inside the door you come in but I don't like elevators so I've never used them and don't know where they come out on the second floor—possibly near the meeting rooms, though.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **Education Committee Virginia A. Wulfkuhle, Chair**

On April 25, 2000, members of the PAK Education Committee (Virginia Wulfkuhle, Celia Daniels, and Bob Ziegler) met with Donna Roper to discuss Kansas Archeology Week 2001. Donna had been asked by Al Johnson to write a grant proposal, seeking support for the observance.

The committee discussed an idea that had been introduced by Myra Giesen and Mary Adair at the February 2000 PAK meeting. The tentative plan was a series of six presentations about topics of archeological interest to be given in Topeka or another

eastern Kansas location and repeated in Hays or another western Kansas location. Such a series might not be limited to lectures. Other events such as experimental archeology demonstrations, artifact identification sessions, or family field days could be included. Donna will pursue the possibility of a Kansas Humanities Council grant, while Celia and Bob will explore potential locations in Hays and Johnson County.

PAK sponsorship of a lecture series could mesh with compilation of the events calendar for the Kansas Archeology Week season in printed and/or on-line format. Greatly increased participation is needed to make a calendar worthwhile.

The committee also talked about the possibility of PAK assuming production of the Kansas Archeology Week poster if the KSHS does not continue it. The amount of money required, availability of donated graphic arts services, and tentative production schedule were touched upon, and Virginia was asked to find out what the KSHS commitment to a poster would be. Subsequently she learned that, should PAK decide to take on the poster, the KSHS would furnish the mailing list on adhesive labels. Assistance in preparing the mailing would have to be sought from the Kansas Anthropological Association.

To add a related note: As most PAK members are aware, the KSHS has been reconsidering all of its Kansas Archeology Week efforts, including a poster for 2001. Although State Archeologist Bob Hoard and the staff favored a poster to promote archeological awareness, they were charged with gathering first-hand data about the appropriate audiences, messages, and formats for archeological materials and programs. To this end, the KSHS Cultural Resources and Education/Outreach divisions sponsored two focus groups on June 21 and August 24. The first involved eight middle school teachers, who were asked to discuss how to incorporate

anthropology/archeology in classroom curriculum. The group seemed to conclude that classroom teachers are not the proper primary target for a poster. The second focus group consisted of seven representatives of county historical societies, museums, and libraries. The participants expressed strong support for the poster as an effective tool for their constituents. Thus, the KSHS Archeology Office is proceeding with development of a poster for Kansas Archeology Week, April 1-7, 2001.

Virginia A. Wulfsuhle  
Chair, PAK Education Committee  
KSHS Public Archeologist

**Start Planning Kansas Archaeology Week  
Activities NOW!**  
Get the information to Virginia for the  
Calendar of Events

**Notes from the PAK Action Committee  
(PAKAC)  
Myra Giesen, Chair**

As the Chair of the PAKAC, I am pleased to report to the membership that PAKAC continues to be active. For the new members, let me acquaint you with the purpose and composition of PAKAC. It is a standing committee of PAK responsible for identifying issues important to Kansas archaeology. The core membership is made up of Mary Adair, Don Blakeslee, Brad Logan, Donna Roper, Randy Thies, and me.

PAKAC has established four subcommittees to work on specific concerns in Kansas. The Collection and Curation Standards Subcommittee is chaired by Mary Adair with members Don Blakeslee, Myra Giesen, and Donna Roper. The Standards for

Instructors at Community Colleges Subcommittee is chaired by David Hughes with members Lauren Ritterbush and Janice McLean. The Unmarked Burial Statute Subcommittee is chaired by Randy Thies with members Mike Finnegan, Mark Latham, and Myra Giesen. The Antiquities Commission Statute Subcommittee has two members: Don Blakeslee (Chair) and Donna Roper.

If you are interested in being part of the existing subcommittees or wish to see PAKAC become active on other issues, please contact me at 785-843-0160.

### **Action Committee Subcommittees**

The Standards for Instructors at Community Colleges subcommittee does not have a report for this Newsletter. They do, however, plan to meet in September and will have a verbal report at the fall meeting.

The Antiquities Commission Statute subcommittee has no report for the Newsletter.

The Collection and Curation Standards subcommittee has met twice. The following report was received from committee chair Mary Adair.

### **Report from the subcommittee on Curation Standards Mary Adair, Chair**

The subcommittee, which consists of Mary Adair, Cathy Ambler, Don Blakeslee, Myra Giesen, Bob Hoard, and Donna Roper, has met twice, once in February and again in June. The goals of the subcommittee were identified to be: 1) a determination of the existence of current curation standards, including those created by federal or state entities and those that may be associated by museum accreditation; 2) an understanding of the number of institutions in Kansas presently curating archaeological collections; and 3) the

creation of curation guidelines that could potentially become a part of the revisions to the Kansas Antiquities Commission statute.

As a means of achieving these goals, our first task was to compile a reference of curation standards from Kansas institutions, Federal agencies, and out-of-state institutions. These references would identify the issues that should be addressed in our guidelines, especially since we want to make sure that any suggested standards not differentiate between federal, state, and private collections. Our second task was to determine where archaeological collections were curated in Kansas. Aside from our own institutions, we were unsure of the breadth of collections at other academic institutions, local museums, and county historical societies. We were also curious about where out-of-state contractors curated collections generated from investigations of sites in Kansas. We decided the best way to achieve this task was to send out a questionnaire to all institutions affiliated with the Kansas Museum Association (KMA). This is also a good way to introduce PAK. We even discussed the feasibility of organizing a workshop on curation standards at the November KMA meeting. We also decided a questionnaire letter should be sent to contractors, introducing PAK and asking where collections were curated at the completion of the contract. We were particularly concerned about retaining all of the documentation associated with systematic collections.

As we proceed with our tasks, each of us are busy at our respective institutions/agencies dealing with the costs of curation. Many times we are asked to defend our curation budgets. Hopefully, the guidelines developed by the subcommittee will demonstrate the balance between research benefits and costs.

**Report of the PAK Action Committee on  
the Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act  
Randy Thies, Chair**

The committee met on 29 August 2000 at the Kansas History Center in Topeka. The entire committee was present: Mike Finnegan, Myra Geisen, Mark Latham, and chairman Randy Thies. During this first meeting of the committee, several issues were discussed, focusing on ways that the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Act ("the UBS law") could be improved. The discussion emphasized various problems that individuals had encountered in applying the law, the need for wording that would "fit" with NAGPRA, and Native American concerns that had been voiced in recent NAGPRA meetings.

It was decided to have the chairman contact the State Attorney General to check on the legality of increasing or changing Native American membership on the board by including non-Kansas tribes. If the law cannot be changed, then ex officio Board membership for such tribes was thought advisable. The group also agreed on the need to press the Attorney General for a formal opinion as to the definition of a cemetery. The current lack of such a definition was seen as presenting a

problem or "gray area" in applying the law. The committee found it advisable to have NAGPRA mentioned specifically in the UBS law as a required procedure to be followed whenever Indian remains are found, and to have NAGPRA's definition of "funerary objects" inserted into the "Definitions" section of the law, so that the state law would be more in accord with NAGPRA. It was also thought that "user friendly" wording would be advisable so that the law could be more easily understood by those who used it. Similarly, the creation of a flow chart or brochure dealing with "what to do if burials are discovered" was considered to be a worthwhile undertaking for the future. Finally, it was agreed that the matter of "concurrent jurisdiction" should be researched to find out if the UBS law could be applied to federal lands in Kansas, particularly with regard to the reporting of finds of human remains. The sending of letters to appropriate federal agencies was suggested as one solution to this problem.

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**NAGPRA Grant**

Mary Adair

Many PAK members have been either directly involved with or informed of the goals and progress of the NAGPRA grant awarded to the University of Kansas and Kansas State Historical Society in 1999. If not, this summary will bring you up to date on the latest developments. The primary goal of

the grant was to engage in consultation with Native American tribes associated with Kansas through aboriginal settlement or current land holdings to develop a consultation plan for the repatriation of the human remains and associated funerary objects determined to be culturally unidentifiable. The institutions and agencies

making these determinations included the University of Kansas, Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas State University, Wichita State University, Kansas City District Corps of Engineers, Kansas-Nebraska Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation, and Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife. The tribes involved included the Pawnee Nation, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Kaw Nation, Three Affiliated Tribes, Osage Nation, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, Sac and Fox of the Mississippi in Iowa, Sac and Fox Nation of Missouri, Sac and Fox Nation of Oklahoma, Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. With grant funding, representatives of institutions/agencies and tribes met for several days in November 1999 and May 2000. The meetings gave everyone involved a chance to get acquainted, discuss important related issues, and construct a plan for repatriation. At the May meetings we drafted and approved a Memorandum of Agreement for the repatriation of "culturally unidentifiable" Native American human remains and associated funerary objects listed on the inventories of the institutions and agencies and submitted to the National Park Service, in compliance with NAGPRA. The highpoints of the agreement are:

- 1) The University of Kansas, Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas State University, Wichita State University, KC District Corps of Engineers, Kansas-Nebraska Area Office of the Bureau of Reclamation, and Region 6 of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife agree to repatriate all "culturally unidentifiable" Native American human remains and associated funerary objects recovered from sites in Kansas.

- 2) Repatriation will be to the 14 tribes involved in the consultation; there will be no lead tribe.

- 3) Reburial will occur on US trust land on the Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation's reservation.

- 4) Support of this agreement will be sought from additional tribes who have a connection to Kansas during the historic period. A show of support, by way of an official letter, is believed to be important in seeking approval from the NAGPRA Review Committee.

A timeline for the implementation of the agreement was also discussed at the May meetings. It is our collective goal to have the final agreement, all supportive letters, all associated documentation, and a draft notice of Inventory Completion, ready for publication in the Federal Register, complete by April or May 2001. All of this information will be assembled in a package for the approval of the NAGPRA Review Committee at their spring 2001 meeting (scheduled for May 31, June 1-2, 2001 in California). Assuming no set-backs along the way or at the Review Committee meeting, repatriation can occur 30 days after the notice is published in the register. Any costs associated with transporting the remains and objects to the reburial location, or with the reburial itself, will be the responsibility of the tribes.

At this time, I am in the process of getting approval of the first draft from all 14 tribes involved. Some tribes could not attend the May meetings and may want to edit parts of the agreement. All comments and/or approval letters are due back to me by September 30, 2000. I will compile any changes and circulate the revised draft to all tribes and institutions and agencies. After another 90 day review and (hopefully) a unanimous approval, a final agreement will be drafted and signatures will be sought. The task of seeking letters of support from additional tribes will be initiated later this year. There is still work to be done before the agreement is finalized and repatriation can occur. The University of Tennessee recently informed me that they will return collections borrowed from the University of Kansas in the late 1960s. The "culturally unidentifiable" human remains

will be included in KU's inventory and will be included in the repatriation agreement. If anyone would like additional information or a

copy of the draft agreement, please contact me.



### **Personnel News from the Kansas State Historical Society:**

The new State Archaeologist, Bob Hoard, took up his duties on June 1, 2000. At our request, Bob has provided a brief biographical sketch to introduce himself:

Born in Chicago, I was raised in Omaha, Nebraska and earned a B.A. in Anthropology with a Biology minor from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. By the time I graduated from Nebraska I had done work in Florida, North Dakota, Missouri, Utah, New Mexico, and Colorado. A desire for a more diverse academic grounding led me to the University of Oregon in Eugene for my master's degree. While in Oregon, most of my field work was in the Great Basin, but I also worked in the Willamette Valley and spent three months excavating and mapping the monumental ruins on the island of Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. I also married my wife Mary (née Harvey) while living in Oregon (though the wedding was in Nebraska, the date carefully scheduled to avoid a home football game). We now have three children: Anna, 13; Patricia, 10; and John (Jack), 6.

In an effort to get back to the Plains, or at least close, I enrolled at the University of Missouri-Columbia, where I worked under Michael J. O'Brien and W. Raymond Wood. There I became interested in archeometry and materials science, and carried out two studies

on lithic source determination from Great Plains sites while working at the Missouri University Research Reactor. Other work involved evaluating the performance characteristics of prehistoric pottery, particularly limestone-tempered wares. After completing my dissertation, I spent eight years managing cultural resources compliance work for the Missouri Department of Transportation. I began as the State Archeologist for the Kansas State Historical Society on June 1, 2000.

My interests in archeology are broad. My initial focus was on Paleoindian studies, particularly on who, if anyone, was present in the Americas before Clovis times. Eventually I became interested in the factors responsible for the apparent dearth of sites from Hypsithermal climatic episode, particularly changing settlement patterns and site burial. More recent interests have focused on the Late Woodland in Missouri and the evolution of technology related to early horticulture.

I believe that humans and the artifacts they create are subject to the selective pressure of the social and physical environment they live in. Because of this, it is important to look at the variation as well as the central tendencies in artifact design in explaining why things are the way that they are (or were), and why they change. Also, I am a materialist, and thus rely as much as possible on quantifiable evidence from artifacts and try to use this information to answer questions about culture change. While this is my chosen analytical approach, I accept that

archaeological data is used in many ways, and recognize the value of other interpretive approaches.

I am an advocate for borrowing applications from other disciplines to test archaeological assertions. To this end I have used neutron activation analysis to characterize the composition of materials to determine their source, engineering stress tests to compare the relative strength different pottery types, petrographic thin sections and X-ray analysis to quantify temper particle size and volume, and X-ray diffraction to determine the clay composition of pottery. I also believe that remote sensing has great possibilities when properly applied.

I spent several years doing lab work, and in doing so became convinced that it is important to make use of curated materials. We have vast artifact collections whose potential often is unexplored. In the 1990s we saw an emphasis toward responsible curation, I would like to see us utilize those collections in this decade.

Within the next few months I plan to make a concerted effort to contact as many Kansans interested in archeology as I can. I want to hear what their interests are, and what they see as the important goals we need to achieve through archeology. If you have a comment, please feel free to contact me at: rhoard@kshs.org, by mail at Kansas State Historical Society, Cultural Resources, 6425 S.W. 6th Avenue, Topeka, Kansas 66615-1099 or by phone at 785.272.8681, extension 268.

I look forward to working with you.

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The following news release received from the KSHS will be of interest to PAK members:

### Newly-Created Position to Lead Private Society

Ken Metzger, Ph. D., joined Kansas State Historical Society, Inc., August 1 in the newly created position of chief executive officer of the Society's private operations. Dr. Jim Hoy, president of the Society announced the appointment. Dr. Metzger will work in partnership with Dr. Ramon Powers, executive director of the Society's state operations.

The Society is a partnership between the State of Kansas and private citizens concerned with learning about Kansas history, educating Kansans and visitors about the state's heritage, and preserving the heritage for future generations. The Society was established more than 125 years ago and has a 99-member Board of Directors. Overall policy direction is set by the Board's Executive Committee, chaired by Nancy Holt.

Dr. Metzger comes to the Society from Haskell Indian Nations University, Lawrence, where he has served for more than 15 years. His most recent responsibilities at Haskell were to coordinate planning and evaluation of programs. Previously, Metzger led Haskell's strategic planning activities that produced a ten-year educational growth plan including a transition from junior college status to accreditation as a four-year university with multiple degree programs.

Earlier in his career, Dr. Metzger was an assistant professor of philosophy at Southeast Missouri State University. He holds advanced degrees in philosophy and business from the University of Nebraska and the University of Kansas.

Fund-raising will be one of Dr. Metzger's primary goals. He also will provide support to the Society's Board of Directors and Executive Committee.



"I am excited and humbled by the opportunity I have been given," Dr. Metzger said. "The Kansas State Historical Society is an unusual partnership of the State of Kansas and the private citizens of our state. The State agency, through the professional work of its staff members, offers important educational services to our citizens -- not only at its headquarters in Topeka but at fifteen historic sites throughout the state and through programs that reach out to young people in our schools.

"The public-private partnership can prosper if each side is fully committed to making this happen. There is great potential for the private side of the Society to provide additional financial support in partnership with Kansans who care about our heritage. My immediate goal is to take steps to lead this charge. This starts with innovative ways to tell our story that make people interested in learning more about the history of our state.

"Those familiar with fund development know that major progress does not occur overnight. However, it is time for the Society to move forward with a sense of thoughtful urgency so that Kansas citizens and organizations do their fair share in support of the important work of the Society."

Members of the private Society receive *Kansas History*, a quarterly scholarly journal, and *Kansas Heritage*, an award-winning quarterly magazine, among other benefits. The private Society helps to support programs and services on Kansas history for the state Society. The state's sites include the Kansas Museum of History, Center for Historical Research, and fifteen state historic sites.

The Kansas State Historical Society is headquartered at 6425 SW Sixth Avenue, Topeka, KS 66615-1099; 785-272-8681; TTY 785-272-8683; [www.kshs.org](http://www.kshs.org).

The Kansas State Historical Society does not discriminate on the basis of disability in admission to, access to, or operation of its programs. The Society requests prior notification to accommodate individuals with special needs or disabilities.

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And several other changes at KSHS:

Office assistant Vickie Moulden left the Cultural Resources Division on July 7. Some of the tasks assigned to her were processing archeological site forms and maintaining the CRD web page. Her position is being advertised.

Marie Brockway became the assistant director of the KSHS Historic Sites Division on July 31. She has been director of the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum, Education, and Cultural Center near Warner, New Hampshire. In addition to her historical and cultural experience, Marie has a background in education. In 1995 she worked with the Nez Perce tribe in Idaho to develop school curriculum materials on the wolf reintroduction project in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. A native of New Hampshire, Marie has lived in other places including Idaho, Missouri, and Germany.

### Calendar of Events

September 29, 2000 – 1:30-4 PM PAK fall meeting, Rm. 207, KSU Union, Kansas State University, Manhattan – details on p. 10, or call Donna Roper, (785) 776-3772, [droper@ksu.edu](mailto:droper@ksu.edu)

November 9-12, 2000 – Plains Conference (joint with Midwest Conference, Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minnesota)

November 13-15, 2000 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Conference on Federal Partnership Opportunities for Federally Associated collections, Austin, Texas; for more information, go to <http://museums.doi.gov/fedcoll/fedcoll3/fed3>.

html or for a program, go to  
<http://www.io.com/~tam.doicontents.html>

December 11-13, 2000 – NAGPRA review committee meeting, Sheraton Music City Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee

April 1-7, 2001 – Kansas Archaeology Week; plans still being worked out – see next newsletter for more details, but meanwhile be a part of the planning and arrange an event in your area

May 31, June 1-2, 2001 – NAGPRA review committee meeting, Konocti Harbor Resort and Spa, Kelseyville, California

#### **And a note on a transition:**

They say that the true test of a new democracy is not in electing its first President, but in that President completing their term and a second President being elected and assuming office. In this sense, PAK has just proved itself as a democratic organization. So often in newly democratic nations, though, the transition means the stepping-down and retirement from active duty of a person who has been leader, a visionary, and a founder, and one's pleasure in the orderly transition is tempered by one's regrets at seeing that leader move on. And so it is with PAK, as Al Johnson completes his term as PAK's first President and turns the office over to our second President, Don Blakeslee. Much of the impetus for the founding of PAK came from Al and his vision has played a large role in shaping what the organization has become. His completion of his term as PAK President will be followed in December by his retirement from the University of Kansas. I'm sure all PAK members will join together in expressing our appreciation to him for all he has done for Kansas archaeology and wishing him well in his retirement. Thanks, All



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