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MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2000 MEETING

General Meeting Minutes
Room 207, KSU Union,
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
September 29, 2000

The meeting was called to order at 1:33 PM by President Don Blakeslee. Present were President Don Blakeslee, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Members Janice McLean and Randy Thies, and 16 other members. A quorum was present.

The first agenda item was the Secretary's Report. Donna Roper reported that the minutes of the last meeting had been published in the Newsletter. She asked if they were any corrections or additions. There were none.

Mary Adair then gave the Treasurer's Report. The recent newsletter carried a Treasurer's report that superseded that from the Annual Meeting. Since then, there were several expenses so that the balance as of September 29 stands at \$524.48.

The meeting turned to committee reports. The first one was from the Education Committee. Virginia Wulfkuhle said that the previous Newsletter had mentioned some upcoming focus groups that

Cultural Resources did in conjunction with the Education Outreach department at the KSHS. She said she had copies of the summaries of those focus groups if anyone was interested. The general consensus of the teacher focus group was that schoolchildren should not be a primary target for the Kansas Archaeology Week poster, but the general archaeology focus group was very strongly behind the poster and felt it was a very effective means of reaching their target audience. So they have decided to go ahead with the poster and they are talking with a firm in Kansas City that may do some work on this year's poster *pro bono*. Bob Hoard and Mary Adair are working on some accompanying text material for a theme that contrasts prehistoric agriculture and modern agriculture. The calendar will be on-line and there may be a printed calendar if people get arrangements made in time. She put out some sign-up sheets for events and said she hoped at least each institution would take one. She also mentioned a PAK project to put together a Lecture Series for Kansas Archaeology Week.

Virginia said they also talked about possibility of news releases and showed an example from Wyoming of doing news releases throughout at least archaeology month to try to get local newspapers to print them. She put them out for people to look at and suggested people might sign up to write some news releases. She noted that she considers the months of March through May to be Kansas Archaeology Week "season" and said that they put on the calendar anything that occurs during those months. She again appealed to people for

articles for *Kansas Preservation*. She also had a copy of a book that she would like to have reviewed for *The Kansas Anthropologist*.

Don mentioned that last year PAK had provided some support for Kansas Archaeology Week and queried whether we want to support it again. Virginia indicated that the KSHS, Inc. still holds an account and accepts donations in support of Kansas Archaeology Week. There was a discussion of whether PAK can afford it. Mary said we can. Brad Logan moved that we contribute at least \$100 dollars, Myra Giesen seconded the motion. Al Johnson suggested an amendment that we set the contribution at \$100. David Hughes seconded the amendment. The motion, as amended, passed unanimously on a voice vote.

The Action Committee report was next. Myra Giesen indicated that the last *Newsletter* had a very good summary of committee actions. She reiterated who was on the committee and the subcommittees. She also noted that she was always looking for people to be on the subcommittees. She said she was going to be stepping down as committee chair since she would be out of the country for a while in 2001.

Before she deferred to the chairs of the subcommittees to give their reports, Myra talked a little about the Lecture Series PAK is planning for Kansas Archaeology Week. For this, Donna Roper will be project director and Mary Adair will be bookkeeper, and she (Myra) will provide support. She explained that we would be pursuing grant support from the Kansas Humanities Council to pay expenses for various lecturers to get to various cities in Kansas and present lectures on various aspects of Kansas archaeology. She explained who we were trying to line up to lecture and what cities we were trying to line up to sponsor lectures. There was a brief discussion of this project. Don Blakeslee also mentioned the Kansas Humanities Council

Speaker's Bureau that he participates in (as do several other members).

Don Blakeslee reported as the chair of the Antiquities Statute subcommittee. He indicated that the committee composition until recently was himself and Donna Roper but that Will Banks had indicated an interest in also being on the committee. The committee has not met since the last meeting.

Randy Thies then reported for the Unmarked Burials Statue subcommittee. The committee had met since the last meeting and a summary was printed in the last *Newsletter*. Issues for the committee include the definition of what is a cemetery.

Mary Adair then reported for the Curation subcommittee. This committee also had not met since the last meeting. She recapitulated the goals this committee has set and some of the things the committee planned to do.

David Hughes then reported for the subcommittee looking into instruction in community colleges. David Hughes and Lauren Ritterbush had met and discussed what they could do. They defined two concerns for the committee: 1) to encourage quality instruction and 2) to encourage instruction in archaeology. They are looking into who is teaching. He noted for example that Cowley County Community College has good instruction but that the rest are maybe not so good. Questions concern how often courses are taught and the availability of people to teach. There was some discussion of basic syllabi and plans that can be used for basic classes in Introduction to Archaeology and Kansas Archaeology. There was a discussion of preparing e-texts and placing them on the Web for use.

Marsha King reported for the Finance Committee and said that they hadn't done anything. Donna Roper then said in this regard that Al Johnson had asked her to work with the Education Committee to develop grants to help

support Kansas Archaeology Week. She said that she had met with the committee and taken out of it that the small amounts of money we might be able to generate would not make a difference—what really was needed was quite large amounts of money. The emphasis therefore is on obtaining support for the lecture series.

Donna Roper reported for the Newsletter Committee. We have had quite a bit of newsletter activity since the last meeting. The first issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* was completed and released in June. She apologized for some formatting errors that appeared in it. She then stated that she was sorry Jennifer Epperson from George Butler Associates (GBA) was not there so we could personally thank them for the printing. GBA had indicated they might support up to about \$100 in printing costs, but in fact they supporting the entire print run to the tune of around \$160. They also worked out the nice cover from our design. She of course also appealed for people to get material to her for #2. She mentioned the regular newsletter: one was recently released and the next one should be scheduled for about mid-January to have notice of the Annual Meeting which should be in February. Al Johnson asked about new memberships resulting from this. Mary Adair helped address this question. Donna said she was trying to get announcements in other newsletters and that the Board had discussed using issues of *CAK* at the Plains Conference as inducements for membership.

This brought us to New Business. Don first asked Bob Hoard to introduce himself. Bob stood up and introduced himself. He indicated that as part of his duties he would be involved with Kansas Antiquities Commission and the Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Board. He then discussed his thoughts on a need for a need for a volume on Kansas archaeology and indicated that he would be willing to

coordinate it. He presented some thoughts on a timeline and logistics for doing it, although there are no hard and fast plans as yet. He mentioned the possibility of a popular publication.

Don commented that all this discussion shows the health of PAK. As incoming President, he then thanked retiring President Al Johnson for guiding the organization through its first years. The meeting attendees gave Al a round of applause at this point.

Don then briefly summarized some high points of the morning's Board meeting. One thing the Board decided might be a good idea would be to add various of the tribes to the mailing list to receive *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, starting with the next issue. He asked for comments on this and there was a brief discussion. Al Johnson mentioned Haskell and queried whether we might invite someone on the faculty to participate. Various alternatives were discussed. David Hughes moved that the membership authorize the printing of 10 copies of each issue of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* for distribution to friends of Kansas archaeology as is deemed appropriate. Bob Hoard seconded the motion. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

It was announced that Janice McLean had volunteered to do a PAK Web page.

The Board also discussed a means to find an efficient way to get information to students at the various institutions. One way is to have the e-mail addresses of the officers of student organizations at the universities.

The Board also discussed the matter of *ex officio* status for the SHPO archaeologist. It will take a By-Laws change to have the individual in this position as an *ex officio* member of the organization. There was considerable discussion of this matter. Cathy Ambler presented the agency view. Various members expressed their own opinions. Al Johnson wondered if the By-Laws wording should allow for other

organizations to also have *ex officio* members if necessary. There also was a feeling the wording should include the provision that *ex officio* membership does not preclude committee membership. The decision was that we would draft some wording for a revision, put it in the next *Newsletter*, and formally discuss it at the Annual Meeting in February.

It was time for announcements. Cathy Ambler had two announcements. The first was that Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall had brought suit against the KSHS, Inc. and Ramon Powers. The suit is the result of a request by Dick Bond, the President of the state Senate. They have requested the organization be placed in receivership by the Governor. The second announcement

concerned the formation of a curation committee within the agency.

Bob Blasing announced he had copies of a report of investigations at McGee Creek in Oklahoma. Those interested in this should speak to him

Myra Giesen announced the resolution of the Kennewick case. She also announced the Ancient Peoples of Colorado conference, scheduled for October 10–11, 2000 in Denver.

Brad Logan moved the meeting be adjourned. David Hughes seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

**PAK ANNUAL MEETING
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2001
1-4 PM, DAISY HILL ROOM
BURGE UNION
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE**

SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2000 BOARD MEETING

Since President Don Blakeslee gave a summary of the September 29, 2000 Board of Directors meeting at the General Meeting that same afternoon, the meeting minutes above also serve, to a large extent, as a summary of the Board meeting. Don did not, though, and for obvious reasons could not, discuss the first item of Board business and that was a means of recognizing Al Johnson upon his retirement from KU at the end of the calendar year. See next news item for the resolution of that. The Board also discussed

Current Archaeology in Kansas and it was here that Don brought up the idea of mailing copies of *CAK* to various of the tribes as a courtesy. The size of a print run also was discussed, which was, in a sense, a discussion of how many copies we thought we ought to print beyond what is needed for mailing to members. Membership inducements were discussed. Don asked Janice McLean for thoughts on what PAK could do for students. Janice also volunteered to do a Web page, at least to look into it at this point and report at the next meeting. The issue of *ex officio* membership for Will Banks was discussed and the Board voted to bring the idea of a By-Laws change to the membership in the afternoon, with

the intent to formally introduce it at the Annual Meeting in February and vote on it in the spring. The general meeting agenda was developed.

PAK RECOGNITION OF AL JOHNSON

At the September 30, 2000 meeting of the PAK Board of Directors, the board voted to formally recognize Al Johnson upon his retirement from the University of Kansas. Accordingly, at a retirement reception in Lawrence on December 15, 2000, PAK President Don Blakeslee presented Al with a plaque that reads:

Presented to Dr. Alfred E. Johnson in recognition of his many contributions to our discipline from his friends and colleagues in the Professional Archaeologists of Kansas. December 15, 2000.

NOTICE OF 2001 ANNUAL MEETING

In accordance with Section VII.A. of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas, to be held from 1 to 4 PM on Friday, February 23, 2001, in the Daisy Hill Room of the Burge Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports from the chairs of the standing committees (Action, Education, Finance, Newsletter), as well as the report of the Nominations Committee for the 2001 election. A proposed By-Laws revision will be presented and discussed. Several other items of New Business are accumulating. Contact the President, Don Blakeslee (316-978-3195; blakesle@twsvvm.uc.tvsu.edu) or the Secretary, Donna Roper (785-776-3772; droper@ksu.edu) to place other items on the agenda. Elections will be conducted by mail ballot following the meeting. Positions to be

filled this year include Secretary and the Board position currently held by Janice McLean.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED BY-LAWS REVISION

In accordance with Section X. of the By-Laws, notice is hereby given of a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas. The revision entails only an addition to the wording of Section VI. E. and is given below. This revision was discussed at the fall meeting in September 2000 and will be formally introduced and discussed at the Annual Meeting. Approval will be by a two-thirds (2/3) majority on the mail ballot taken following the Annual Meeting.

Proposed By-Laws Addition

Section VI.E. (proposed change is an addition to the end of the section as it currently reads):

Ex officio membership shall be offered to those individuals whose jobs place them in a review capacity. Such individuals may include, but not necessarily be limited to, the SHPO archaeologist at the Kansas State Historical Society. Granting of *ex officio* membership in cases other than the SHPO archaeologist will require the concurrence of a majority of the Board of Directors. Individuals holding *ex officio* membership are not precluded from serving on committees.

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Dues Reminder

Just a reminder that 2001 dues are now due. Membership is \$15 for Regular Members, \$10 for Student Members, and \$7.50 for Subscribing Members. Dues should be sent to the Treasurer, Mary Adair. A 2001 dues renewal form will be found at the end of this newsletter—Mary might

appreciate it if you use it in sending your dues since it helps her keep a paper trail of who has paid. Remember, annual elections will be held by mail ballot following the Annual Meeting in February and only the ballots from paid-up members can be counted.

PAK-L

In the winter newsletter a year ago, I (dcr) attempted to tell members how to subscribe

to PAK-L and managed to botch the instructions. I'll try again. To subscribe to PAK-L, send the message `Subscribe PAK-L <your name>`

to: listserv@majordomo.twsuvm.uc.twsu.edu. The listserv is maintained at Wichita State University and the list owner is David Hughes.

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KANSAS ARCHEOLOGY WEEK CALENDAR LISTINGS NEEDED

April 1-7, 2001 is Kansas Archeology Week. The poster and accompanying brochure, prepared by the Kansas State Historical Society, focus on the theme, "A Millennium of Kansas Farming: Storage Pits to Grain Elevators." Kansas Anthropological Association volunteers will assemble poster packets on January 27 at the Kansas History Center. Around February 1 materials will be distributed to Kansas schools (librarians and teachers of social studies, history, and gifted students), libraries, museums, historical and genealogical societies, county extension agents, selected National Resource Conservation Service personnel, and members of the Kansas Anthropological Association, Kansas Council for the Social Studies, Kansas Museums Association, Professional Archaeologists of Kansas, and other related organizations.

Major funding for the Kansas Archeology Week materials is provided by the Kansas State Historical Society, Emma Balsiger Foundation, National Park Service Midwest Archeological Center, U.S. Bureau of

Reclamation, Kansas State University Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work, Kansas Anthropological Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Kansas City Archaeological Society, Professional Archaeologists of Kansas, and University of Kansas Museum of Anthropology.

PAK gives money to the Kansas Archeology Week fund, but the most valuable contribution that its members can make is organizing activities for the calendar of events, which will be posted on the KSHS web page at <http://www.kshs.org/resource/archeolo.htm>. Last year's calendar was somewhat thin and rather embarrassing, so please consider participating this year. A talk, slide presentation, informal display, formal exhibit, open house, artifact identification session, artifact lab session, skills demonstration, career day presentation, award ceremony —any of these and many other things are appropriate. Programs to be presented at regularly scheduled meetings are entirely acceptable. Remember that the Kansas Archeology Week season extends from March through May and even beyond. A form showing the needed information is attached with an example entry. There is no deadline for

submissions, but the sooner your event is listed, the more people will hear about it.

Virginia A. Wulfkuhle
KSHS Public Archeologist & PAK Education
Committee Chair



Personnel News

From the Kansas State Historical Society:

Marsha King has been offered and has accepted the newly-created position of Archaeologist II with KDOT. She plans to complete her current project at KSHS and then take up her KDOT position in the first half or so of February.

Christine Garst started her job as the new Archaeology Laboratory Director on January 9, 2001.

From the University of Kansas:

Alfred Johnson retired from the University of Kansas and the Museum of Anthropology at the end of 2000.

Mary Adair became the Interim Director of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas on January 1, 2001.

Museum Exhibits at KUMA

December 6, 2000–April 8, 2001 — Rock Art

An exhibit resulting from research by students enrolled in a course on rock art taught jointly by Al Johnson and Prof. Lee Mann from the Art and Design faculty at KU. The exhibit features rock art in the Plains and Southwest.

January 27–August 5, 2001 — Blackbear Bosin: Artist and Collector

Paintings by Bosin along with objects from his collection of Native American artifacts.

April 28–August 5, 2001 — Plains Indian Beadwork

Late 19th/early 20th-century objects from the Museum collection, with exhibit labels and graphics by students in the Museum Anthropology class.

September 8–October 21, 2001 — Thirteenth Annual Lawrence Indian Arts Show

A juried exhibit featuring work by contemporary American Indian artists from across the United States.

October 26–November 29, 2001 — Los Dias de Los Muertos (The Days of the Dead)

Using objects or replicas of objects, the exhibit illustrates this important festival.

KUMA hours are Monday–Saturday 9–5; Sunday 1–5. Telephone (785) 864-4245.

Participation in KATP Field School Welcomed

PAK members are invited to participate in the Kansas Archaeology Training Program field school, sponsored by the Kansas State

Historical Society and the Kansas Anthropological Association. This year's project is scheduled for June 2–17 and will include survey and test excavations at targeted areas in the Atchison-Doniphan vicinity. An announcement is forthcoming in the January-February issue of *Kansas Preservation*. Visitors and volunteer workers are always welcome. If you interested in assuming a responsible role, please contact Virginia Wulfkuhle.

Archaeological Conservancy

The Archaeological Conservancy has recently bought the Indian village site west Larned that was burned by General Hancock in 1867. The site actually was bought by the Fort Larned Old Guard with the Conservancy provided the majority of the funding. The Conservancy also has been trying to purchase the Lewis or Larned site but have not been able to reach an agreement with the landowners. (Thanks to Bob Blasing for tipping me off about an acquisition at Larned and Betsy Crawford-Gore at the Santa Fe Trail Center in Larned for supplying the details.)

Call for Research News

Don't forget that within the next few months it will be time to be putting together the second number of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*, our annual Newsletter Research Issue/mini-journal. The first issue was a good issue and seems to have been well-received. It attracted a number of Subscribing Members and perhaps a few new members in the Regular or Student membership class, and we made an effort to get it to the university libraries or other libraries accessed by archaeologists in Kansas and in some of the border states. This information is getting out there and is available for use. So please be thinking about submissions for this year's journal. Those of you who teach, urge student contributions too.

Calendar of Events

February 23, 2001 – PAK Annual Meeting; 1–4 PM, Daisy Hill Room, Burge Union, University of Kansas, Lawrence. Contact Don Blakeslee or Donna Roper if you have items for the meeting agenda.

March 15–18 – 23rd Flint Hills Conference/43rd Caddo Conference; Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History, University of Oklahoma, Norman. Contact Lois Albert (405) 325-7211, lealbert@ou.edu or Sue Richter (405) 325-1199, srichter@ou.edu; or visit the conference website at <http://www.snomnh.ou.edu/caddoflint>. A call for papers should be sent sometime in January.

April 1-7, 2001 – Kansas Archaeology Week; see other portions of this newsletter for more or visit the KSHS website <http://www.kshs.org>. Watch for poster and information mailing in late January (if you're on the PAK mailing list, you're on the archaeology week poster mailing list).

April 18–22, 2001 – Society for American Archaeology Annual Meeting, New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans, Louisiana. Visit <http://www.saa.org/Meetings/index.html> for information or see preliminary program recently mailed to members.

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

October 31, November 1–3, 2001 – Plains Conference, Holiday Inn, Lincoln, Nebraska (this is the familiar hotel—its just changed its name.) Conference Chair: Rob Bozell.

2001 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

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