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MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2001 ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Meeting Minutes
Daisy Hill Room, Burge Union
University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
February 23, 2001

The meeting was called to order at 1:12 PM by President Donald Blakeslee. Present were President Donald Blakeslee, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Mary Adair, Board Member Randy Thies, and 19 other members. A quorum was present.

The first item of business was the Secretary's Report. Donna Roper reported that the minutes of the September meeting and a summary of the Board meeting preceding it had been published in the last newsletter. There were no additions or corrections. Mary Adair moved and Randy Thies seconded that the minutes be approved. The motion was passed.

Mary Adair then gave the Treasurer's Report. She passed out a written version of this report and discussed the entries on it. The balance at that time was \$666.55.

The first committee report was by Virginia Wulfkuhle for the Education Committee. She had copies of posters for this year's Kansas Archaeology Week. She then noted that Jennifer Epperson had resigned from the committee and asked for

members. She noted that the Calendar of Events for Kansas Archaeology Week would be on the historical society web site and that there would be no lecture series as had been discussed. Turning to the Kansas Archaeological Training Program (KATP), she announced that it would be held during June and would be in Atchison. She finished with the usual call for material for *Kansas Preservation*.

Myra Giesen has resigned as Chair of the Action Committee since she is out of the country. Mark Latham has agreed to be the new chair. For the subcommittees, the Unmarked Burial Statute committee has not met, nor has the committee considering revisions to the Kansas antiquities statute, although Will Banks has been doing some research on that. The curation committee had not met either. Don Blakeslee asked for additional members of the subcommittee looking into revisions to the antiquities statute, and Bob Hoard joined the subcommittee.

The Finance Committee had not met and had no report.

For the Newsletter Committee, Donna Roper discussed the mini-journal *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. As always, she called for submissions for the 2001 issue.

There had been no Nominations Committee appointed, so Don Blakelee

indicated that the Board of Directors at the meeting earlier in the day had functioned as the Nominations Committee. Two positions are open this year: Secretary and the Board position currently held by Janice McLean. The Board nominated Donna Roper for Secretary and Marsha King for the at-large Board position. The floor was opened for additional nominations. Virginia Wulfkuhle moved that the membership accept the Board nominations. Jim Feagins seconded the motion. There was little discussion. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Because there is only one nominee for each position and a majority of the voting members were present at the meeting, there is no need for a mail ballot and Roper and King were declared elected to the positions for which they were nominated.

Copies of a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between PAK and the Kansas State Historical Society were passed out. A break was called at 1:33 to give the membership time to read the MOU. The meeting resumed at 1:42, at which time discussion of this MOU began. The MOU would replace the proposed By-Laws amendment to create *ex officio* membership status for the SHPO. Cathy Ambler spoke to the expansion of the MOU from the SHPO to also include the Deputy SHPO and the State Archaeologist. It was explained that any and all of them could at times be in conflict of interest relative to members of PAK.

There was considerable discussion of the wording of the MOU, especially numbers 3 and 4 of the "therefores." It was decided to drop number 3 and reword number 4. Bob Hoard then proposed dropping numbers 1, 3, and 4, and in number 2 changing the wording to "must recuse themselves on issues, etc." There was further discussion of some of the nuances of wording. Final wording will be worked out.

Randy Thies then moved and Brad Logan seconded a motion to table the proposed By-Laws amendment until the issue of the MOU is resolved. Bob Hoard called the question. It was passed unanimously on a show of hands.

Under New Business, Marsha King was introduced as the new KDOT archaeologist and congratulated on assumption of that position. She was called on to explain her new job. She started by saying that she had been there all of 2 weeks. She said that KDOT and the KSHS had a new agreement. Under its terms, KSHS would be doing only Phase 1 and 2 work and limited Phase 3 work and that they were planning now on contracting out more work. They would put in place open-ended agreements with various firms or universities. She also noted that there would be a large amount of work in the future. Archaeology for some of this new highway work might be about 2 years away, but then there would be about 4 or 5 years of work. Those who are interested in this work need to talk to her about it. Tim Weston then talked about the highway work from the KSHS perspective and said much of the same thing Marsha did. He explained that for much of this work, the KSHS would be no different than any other bidder or contractor. Marsha's new phone number is (785) 296-8414 and her e-mail address is marshak@ksdot.org.

In regard to a PAK web site, Janice McLean has volunteered to do one but she was not at the meeting to discuss it. Don Blakeslee reported on the discussion at the board meeting. She is looking into various locations to place the web site, their costs, and the names we could or could not have. She is leaning toward a free option called fortunecity and that there could be links here, including one to archaeology week. She would like suggestions.

Randy Thies discussed a recent visit he made to the Natural History in Dyche Hall at KU. Here he saw a little basket of replica arrowheads being sold for 50 cents apiece. He thought this had been resolved in the 1980s and was appalled because he felt it leads to a state of mind that it is okay and a good thing. He proposed that the president write a letter to the appropriate person here asking that it be stopped. Lauren Ritterbush so moved and suggested a similar letter be sent to Milford Nature Center. Jim Feagins seconded the motion. Mary Adair pointed out that lots of museums do it, pointing out that it is a replica and why it is not good to do this. There was more discussion. It was felt that the letter has to discuss the problems and have some meat to it. Don Blakeslee said he could draft a letter but suggested also making a general statement. He said he would draft the letter and post it on PAK-L and would make a statement on marketing of antiquities in general. Randy called the question on the motion. It was passed unanimously on a voice vote at 2:37.

Donna Roper then mentioned a Midwest Archaeological Center manuscript project, whereupon Don Blakeslee brought up a Kansas bibliography, and Cathy Ambler and Bob Hoard mentioned web access to information. There was a discussion of a bibliographic data base.

In other New Business, Cathy Ambler announced a position opening at the KSHS. It is entry-level in the SHPO office and is to be posted the next week. Virginia Wulfkuhle

reminded people about the KAA and the availability of a contract job with the KATP this summer. There was a discussion of the KATP plans, what sites are involved this year, and what the deliverables of the contract would be. Mary Adair asked about GIS, indicating that there is a contract at KU to work on this and that they hope to have it available by next year. HC Abu Daqeh and Aimee Rosario announced that Wichita State University will have an Archaeology Day at Town East Mall in Wichita. They asked for suggestions and advice. They also announced that the Lambda Alpha student symposium will be 9:00-5:30 on March 3. Randy Thies announced that the atlal shoot at the KSHS was successful.

Mary Adair brought up a topic of some concern to various members. She indicated that she knows that everyone is busy, but that we are concerned that PAK continue. We want to get more people involved and she discussed involvement. She noted that students are eligible. HC Abu Daqeh asked how students could be more involved and Mary reviewed committees on which they could serve. There was considerable discussion of this issue.

Randy Thies moved adjournment. Virginia Wulfkuhle seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:21 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

PAK FALL MEETING
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5
1:00-4 PM, APSE
MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY
UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS
LAWRENCE

SUMMARY OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2001 BOARD MEETING

The PAK Board of Directors met for a little over an hour prior to the 2001 Annual Meeting. Much of the meeting was devoted to developing the agenda for the general meeting. The nominations were an important item since no nominations committee had been appointed. As reported in the meeting minutes above, the Board developed a slate of nominations to present at the general meeting, with a call for nominations from the floor to follow.

FALL MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The fall PAK meeting will be held from 1:00-4:00 PM in the Apse of the Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee information was submitted for this newsletter. Committee reports will be presented at the fall meeting in October.

A large item was the discussion of the proposed By-Laws revision to create an *ex officio* membership category. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), however, had meanwhile been drafted. This MOU would be between KSHS and PAK and would simultaneously address the historical society concerns and obviate the need for a By-Laws revision. The board discussed the wording and agreed to take the draft to the membership.

New Business items were enumerated and the order in which they would be discussed was established. See general meeting minutes.

Don't Forget:

Kansas Archaeology Week
April 7-13, 2002

Plan events and get the information to
Virginia for the Calendar of Events

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Review Committee

The next NAGPRA Review Committee meeting is scheduled for November 17 through 19, 2001 at Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts. The meeting notice has been sent to the Federal

Register, but no notices National NAGPRA has sent to the Federal Register since around the last week of May have been published. The notice must be published 30 days in advance of the meeting, but if and when this might happen is unclear at this point.

National NAGPRA

Discussions continue regarding where National NAGPRA should be located within the Department of the Interior. These discussions, or their conclusion, may affect the November Review Committee meeting. The National NAGPRA staff is now down to

four temps, of which three are known to be seeking other positions. Whether staff will exist to plan and produce the November meeting remains uncertain. In addition, permanent National NAGPRA hires are contingent upon the location of the National NAGPRA program.



Cheney Reservoir Survey

The Oklahoma-Texas Office of the Bureau of Reclamation and Wichita State University signed a cooperative agreement this spring, for the complete archeological survey of all federal lands at Cheney Reservoir. On June 30th through July 25th, a field crew from WSU surveyed about 1670 acres in Reno, Sedgwick and Kingman Counties, Kansas. The crew was generally 5 full time people on weekdays, and varied with between 8 and 25 students and volunteers on weekends. Temperatures during the project were frequently over 100 degrees. Donald Blakeslee was Principal Investigator on the project with graduate students Holly Abu Daqeh as Field Supervisor, and Steven R. Roberts doing cartography, GIS/GPS services. Graduate students Colleen Nicholas, Jim Dougherty, and Wade Parsons were other full time crew members. The crew carried GPS units, and the beginning and end points were recorded for at least one person on each transect. This made it very easy to create high quality maps of the exact spacing and direction of transects, and the exact boundaries of the areas surveyed. Updated maps on the progress of the survey were e-mailed to Bob Blasing at Reclamation on a regular basis while the crew was in the field, and were posted on a web site. Total traverse distance the crew walked was 452,266 meters

or 1,484,000 feet or 281 miles. It is anticipated that work on the project will continue in 2002. To see pictures or to get more information, visit the web site at http://www.geocities.com/srobertswsu_2000/Cheney/Page_1x.html

Personnel News from the Kansas State Historical Society:

Ramon Powers has announced his impending retirement as the Executive Director of the Kansas State Historical Society. A search committee has been formed to review applications for the position. The committee will narrow the field to three candidates and forward those names to the Governor. The Governor will make the final selection.

Jennifer Epperson joined the Historic Preservation Office in late July. She is involved in review and compliance activities.

Calendar of Events

October 5, 2001 – 1:00-4 PM PAK fall meeting, Apse, Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas

October 31-November 1-3, 2001 – Plains Conference, Holiday Inn Downtown, Lincoln, Nebraska

November 17-19, 2001 – NAGPRA review committee meeting, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (but see above)

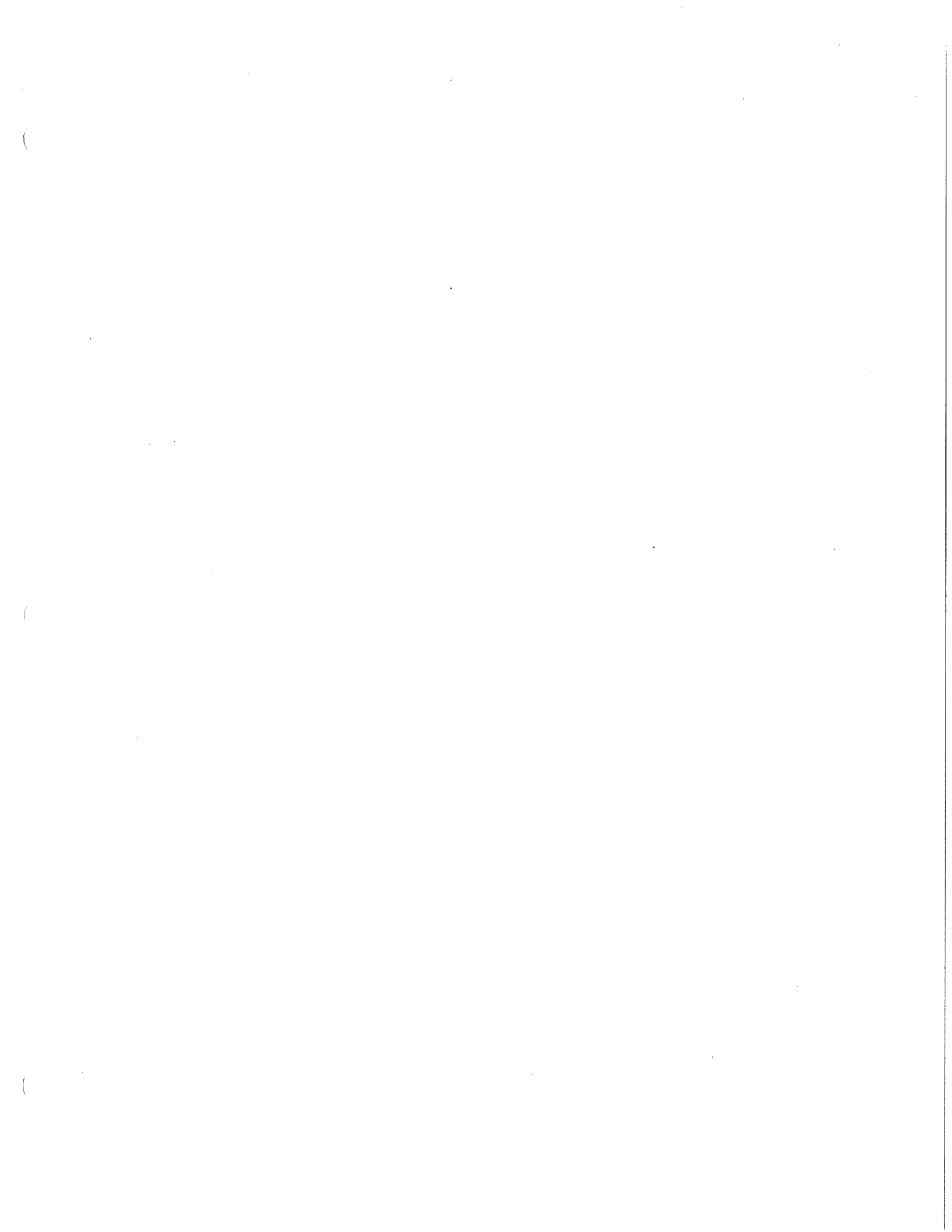
March 20-24, 2002 – Society for American Archaeology, Adams Mark Hotel, Denver, Colorado

Spring 2002 – Flint Hills Conference – Kansas State University, Manhattan – date and other details to be announced; Conference Chair: Donna C. Roper

April 7-13, 2002 – 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

And One More Call for Articles for *Current Archaeology in Kansas*

It is not too late to submit articles for the 2001 number of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. I have some but would like more to get the journal nearer to the size of last year's issue. I am planning on having this done by mid-October or at least in time to have it available at the Plains Conference. So, please, get me articles by early or mid-October at the latest. I promise you I will be heckling prospective authors between now and then and at the fall meeting.



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