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Minutes of the October 1, 2004 Fall Meeting

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Manhattan Public Library, Manhattan, Kansas
October 1, 2004

The meeting was called to order by Brad Logan at 1:07 PM. Present were President Brad Logan, Secretary Donna Roper, Treasurer Myra Giesen, at-large Board Members Tim Weston and Margaret Wood, and a number of members and guests. A quorum was present.

Officer's Reports

The first item of business was the Secretary's report. Secretary Donna Roper reported that the minutes of February Annual Meeting had been published in the September 2004 newsletter (#14). She asked for additions or corrections to the minutes. There being none, Lauren Ritterbush moved the minutes be approved. Virginia Wulfschle seconded the motion. The minutes were accepted by a voice vote at 1:08 PM. Roper also noted that the Board of Directors had met several times since February and that summaries of all these meetings were in the newsletter. As always, signed original copies of all board meeting and general meeting minutes, as well as meeting agendas and treasurer's reports, are on file in her office. Finally, she noted the results of the election for officers and board and for the proposed Articles of Incorporation amendments.

The next item of business was the Treasurer's report. Myra Giesen distributed copies of the report. She noted that this treasurer's report is very detailed and she explained why. This reason had to do with our needing to break out our revenues and expenses by calendar year in connection with our filing for tax-exempt, 501c(6) status. She added that it was a challenge since we have never kept records on a calendar year basis and instead had tied financial reporting periods to meetings. However, she did succeed in getting it sorted out for the last five years (2000–2004). She then discussed particular items on the report. The ending balance on September 24 was \$3178.04. A few transactions made earlier on the day of the meeting are not reflected on the report or in that total. She then asked for questions.

Committee Reports

For the Action Committee, committee chair Mark Latham was not at the meeting. Brad noted that the committee had nothing to report.

The next committee report was for the Kansas Archaeology Month committee. Donna Roper reported that the theme will be Faces of the Past. The committee had met a couple of times. Fund-raising had been one topic of discussion.

In here somewhere, Myra Giesen said that she was passing around the membership list so that people could sign in. She also indicated that could correct their address or other contact information if necessary.

For the Education committee, Virginia Wulfschle reported that they had met several times. The committee now includes herself, Chris Garst, HC Smith, and Kirk S. Aimee Liethoff has left the committee since she has left the area for now. The committee is working on products for KAM. For 2005, they are thinking of doing a card rather than a brochure. They envision something that can be used as a bookmark, with the theme, contact information, and so forth. They also are thinking of posting an art assignment rather than a lesson plan on website. She said they will accept calendar items to post on website. They will not solicit, but they will be the central place for this information. She is going to post this on PAK-L. She was not pleased with last year's calendar because it was so thin. Virginia also noted that there was a suggestion made about having a statewide artifact ID day during the month. She said to let her know if people were interested and that they won't pursue it if there is no interest. The committee had met that morning with Lauren Ritterbush's Kansas archaeology class. At that time, they had discussed ideas and so forth for future KAMs. They will continue to work with the class. She then asked for questions. There was a discussion of images for the poster and a calendar.

The Finance Committee reported next. Committee chair Marsha King said she is revamping the solicitation letter. She noted that there is a chance we won't get any money from MWAC this year, so we need other donors. She is trying to come up with a list of business that deal with imaging to possibly approach them about donating. She noted several she had come up with and asked for names of other places. She also threw out the possibility of art museums. She also asked members for donations. Marsha continued by noting that one other thing she's been asked to do is that Donna has always done all the merchandise, and that's really a Finance committee job, so she asked for someone else to help with that. Tim Weston and Jim Feagins are other two members of committee.

Donna Roper reported for the Media committee. Newsletter #14 had just gone out. Donna apologized for the slight delay from the usual schedule, noting that she had just completed some fieldwork. She thanked the KSHS for again providing printing. She commented on the electronic distribution, once again noting that regards this an opt-in way to receive it and asking members to clearly indicate whether they wish to receive the newsletter electronically or as a paper copy. She also noted that it is getting time to start submitting material for the 2004 volume of *Current Archaeology in Kansas*. She said she had prepared an

information for authors page. It is in the newsletter and she will try to get Janice to get it on the website. Regarding the website, Janice McLean was not at the meeting. Donna noted that Janice has done some updating and would be doing some more. Donna also discussed some proposals she had made at the Board meeting earlier in the day regarding additional publication series. She had proposed two publications. One would be a series of popular booklets, perhaps similar to what the Nebraska State Historical Society publishes. She suggests these could be about specific sites or they could be about “culture” or other themes. If done right, they could help raise funds for KAM. The other series she suggested is a monograph series—a Memoirs or Occasional Papers sort of thing. She suggests there probably is a pool of things out there that would be suitable for this and that it could be easily enough arranged to make this a peer-reviewed series. There was a brief discussion . Virginia Wulfsuhle commented that a monograph series would not be money-making. Donna suggested that would not be the objective for monograph series, although it would be for the other series. Jim Dougherty has volunteered to look into how some other places that do publish the popular booklets sort of series do it and how well it does for them.

The meeting took a break at 1:56 PM. It resumed at 2:10 PM. During the break, Donna had shown to several members some images from her recently-completed excavation of the Meadowlark cemetery in Manhattan. At Brad’s suggestion, she made an impromptu presentation about this after the meeting resumed.

Old Business

The first item of old business was PAK’s tax-exempt status. Brad summarized work done to apply for this. He concluded that the application now has been submitted and that we should hear within 150 days. He noted that it was a long process to do this. There was some discussion.

There followed a brief discussion of archives. Officer’s and committee chairs are compiling records, correspondence, and so forth, and there may be a better place for this than in our offices. KSHS is willing to keep this but there is the matter of organizing it. Will Banks suggested asking the advice of archivists as to how best to do it. Lauren Ritterbush commented that has done this with Plains Anthropological Society and discussed how that organization had done it. A discussion followed. The feeling was that this needs to be in one place and not given to some place like KSHS archives where it would be hard to access. A further discussion concerned the quality of paper and so forth and do we compile copies or originals.

New Business

The first item of new business concerned the appointment of a nominations committee. For the 2005 election cycle, Tim Weston goes off the board and Myra Giesen’s term as Treasurer ends. Brad said that he will appoint a committee.

The meeting then discussed membership. Some have expressed concern about the recruitment of members. Myra has information on membership. She showed a breakdown of membership category, and noted a marked decrease in student membership. We need ways to

recruit students. She noted that the Board, during their meeting, had talked about having a membership committee and asked for volunteers to be a member of committee. Jim Dougherty and Lauren Ritterbush volunteered. Donna suggested people who are out-of-state and doing archaeology in Kansas be contacted too. It was suggested that amateurs are another target audience.

The meeting then discussed the latest Dan Fox incident. Brad gave some background to who Dan Fox is. He recently has popped up at Fort Hays State University where he was trying to get on to teach archaeology. Virginia had a further story, from an artifact ID day at Kanopolis the previous weekend, where she had talked to a person who had run into Fox. Fox is in the mid-Kansas area right now. He is making a living on dealing artifacts and is hiring people to hunt artifacts for him. There was a discussion of how to find out more about this and what we might be able to do. Don Blakeslee suggested that if FSHU hired him we report them to the Regents. It also was noted that if he is on Federal lands in the Hays area, then we ought to alert rangers and others. Scott Hall noted that Fox is on a proscribed list on Fort Riley. It was noted that we would try to get that list and alert FHSU about this.

In a related matter, Don Blakeslee says that Wichita has a Museum of Ancient Treasures that is privately owned by a physician. He described it as a mess in terms of its organization and so forth. He said that everyone who is watching in Wichita is connected with a museum, so they are suggesting that someone from outside, like PAK, alert the city to standards. They feel someone ought to go to city and indicate that this isn't professional. The museum is in a city building and they have made a deal. Brad asked for Don to submit information to him to work on. It was suggested to start quietly by alerting city commission. The museum is not selling artifacts. Don will get all the info to Brad who will follow up.

Will Banks updated members on the Kansas archaeology volume. The manuscript is submitted, peer reviewed, and so forth. It goes to the press's review board early in October. It will go out for a final review once the final manuscript is received. At this point the only possible problem is a need for \$3000–5000 to help pay for cost. He said they are hoping to get these funds through the KSHS. If so, they may sign a publishing contract soon after than. Bound volumes would be delivered in 8 to 10 months.

Announcements

Will Banks successfully defended his Ph.D. dissertation and was awarded honors.

Brad Logan announced that its Lauren Ritterbush's birthday.

Anne Bauer announced that tomorrow is Tim Weston's birthday.

Bob Blasing announced that the 2005 Flint Hills would be in Council Grove and Cottonwood Falls, possibly at Tall Grass Prairie National Preserve. No date has been set yet.

Randy Thies said that there is a renegade group in Pittsburg that is an archaeology club and does a lot of digging. Virginia said that a woman from that organization come to KATP and

she seems educable but doesn't know what follow-up was. More stories about this were told. This is not a new organization. More discussion followed.

There being no further business or announcements, Marsha King moved adjournment, and Randy Thies seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna C. Roper
PAK Secretary

Board Meeting Summary

The Board of Directors met prior to the October 1 Fall Meeting. The Board previewed the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports that would be presented at the general meeting. There was considerable discussion of treasury matters since we are in the midst of obtaining tax-exempt status and this will place some new reporting requirements on us. There also was a discussion of membership. In essence, this anticipated what was discussed at the general meeting and is reported in the minutes of that meeting. There was a brief discussion, inquiry really, as to the status of the search for a new Executive Director at the KSHS. Tim updated the Board on the status of that search. The Board discussed Kansas Archaeology Month and plans for that, including the status of t-shirts and fund-raising items. The Board also considered the matter of our permanent address. We had earlier discussed getting a PO box in Manhattan, but Donna said she hadn't done that because she had decided it just was not convenient, and indicated that she was willing to have the address be her home address. After some discussion, it was moved, seconded, and passed, that we do that. Myra will look into how we do an address change with our registrations and so forth. For the record, PAK's official address is now 1924 Bluehills Road, Manhattan, Kansas 66502. Donna asks that when that address is given out, and it certainly can be, that it not be added that it is her home address. Donna discussed some thoughts she had regarding publications. That is also reflected in the general meeting minutes. The Board did discuss several issues related to this.

2005 Annual Meeting Announcement

The 2005 Annual Meeting of the Association of Professional Archaeologists of Kansas will be held from **12:00 to 2:30** PM on Friday, February 25, 2005 in the Blair Room at the Capital Federal Center for Learning (a.k.a. Living Learning Center) at Washburn University, in Topeka. The agenda will include Secretary's and Treasurer's reports, reports of the standing committees, a discussion of KAM 2005, and a discussion of PAK's tax-exempt status. Contact the President, Brad Logan (blogan@ksu.edu) or the Secretary, Donna Roper (droper@ksu.edu) to have other items placed on the agenda. As always, time will be available for any new business that comes up after the agenda is set and for announcements.

****** Please note the earlier than usual start time.** This is being done so members can attend the Explorations in Archaeology program at KUMA in Lawrence later in the day. Feel free to brown-bag your lunch to the meeting.****

Margaret Wood has provided directions to the meeting place as follows:

From Manhattan to Washburn:

- Merge onto I-70 E/US-40 E. 45.3 miles
- Take the MACVICAR AVENUE exit- EXIT 359. 0.2 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto NW MACVICAR AVE. 2.2 miles
- Proceed on MacVicar past 17th Street
- Take a left into the first parking lot and proceed toward the clock tower.
- Park in lot near clock tower
- Walk toward clock tower
- When you get near entrance look to your right and proceed under overhang.
- Enter through two metal doors to your right under sign “Capital Federal Center for Learning”
- The Meeting is in the Blair Room which will be to your left. If you get confused there is a reception desk in the lobby (you will see it).

From Wichita to Washburn:

- Merge onto I-35 N toward OKLAHOMA CITY/KANSAS CITY (Portions toll). 78.0 miles
- Merge onto I-335 N (Portions toll). 50.0 miles
- Merge onto I-470 W via EXIT 177 toward US-75/SOUTH TOPEKA (Portions toll). 1.1 miles
- Take the BURLINGAME RD exit- EXIT 5. 0.2 miles
- Turn RIGHT onto SW BURLINGAME RD. 1.7 miles
- SW BURLINGAME RD becomes SW 27TH ST. <0.1 miles
- Stay STRAIGHT to go onto SW WASHBURN AVE. 1.0 miles Map
- Turn LEFT onto SW 17TH ST. 1.0 miles
- Turn Left onto MacVicar
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From KC/Lawrence to Washburn:

- Take I-70 West to MacVicar Exit
- Turn Left on MacVicar
- Proceed on MacVicar to 17th St.
- Proceed through 17th/MacVicar intersection
- Take a left into the first parking lot and proceed toward the clock tower.
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Election Announcement

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

Dues Reminder

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

Current Archaeology in Kansas

The 2004 volume of *Current Archaeology in Kansas* is finished and has been printed. As of the release of this newsletter, the punching and binding process is complete and many, but not yet quite all, copies have been distributed. Thanks to all the authors who contributed, this is the largest issue yet in terms of both number of articles and number of pages. It's also the most heavily illustrated issue we have ever had. We are very grateful to the Kansas State Historical Society for printing it, and especially Bob Hoard who nursed it through the more-difficult-than-usual printing process. I also appreciate Lauren Ritterbush's helping with punching and binding. If you do not have your copy yet, you should soon. If you don't have it in a week or so, though, contact me.

Kansas Archaeology Month

Plans for Kansas Archaeology Month 2005 are shaping up. The theme is Faces From the Past. Michael Irvin has designed a stunning poster, using an image of an anthropomorphic figurine from the Trowbridge site (14WY1) in Wyandotte County. In place of the standard 2- or 4-page brochure, the Education Committee has designed a bookmark-style information card with

several images of faces from the past, and contact information. As of this newsletter, materials are either at the printer or about to go to the printer. Volunteers from the KAA are set to prepare the mailing on February 12. Fund-raising was successful and we will be able to maintain the pace of mailing to about 5200 addresses. We should note, though, that donations are variable from year to year and that sales of t-shirts, hankies, and used books are critical to being able to produce a color poster and a brochure/bookmark and mail to the same number of addresses from year to year.

We had discussed designing a wall calendar based on the Faces from the Past theme and selling it to help raise funds for KAM. Although work on selecting images began during the summer of 2004, it did not come together soon enough to make it feasible to produce a 2005 calendar and have it in time to market it effectively before the new year. To avoid wasting the work, it was decided to go ahead with producing the calendar but make it a calendar for 2006. The plan will be to have it in the spring of 2005 so it can be sold during Kansas Archaeology Month and throughout the rest of the year. Anne Bauer is working on the calendar's layout and production. She recently said she hopes to have a mock-up by the time of the February PAK meeting. Come to Washburn U. on the 25th and come face to face with the past!

Education Committee Report Virginia A. Wulfkuhle

The Education Committee has not met due to its far-flung membership. Only recently did it become evident that the Kansas Archaeology Month budget could cover printing costs of a companion piece to the 2005 poster. Consequently, the two Topeka members of the committee, Chris Garst and Virginia Wulfkuhle, are rushing to design an information card/bookmark that will elaborate on the "Faces from the Past" theme. They are coordinating KAA volunteers for the poster packet mailing on February 12 at the Kansas History Center. Additional ideas are being discussed for possible PAK web site offerings.

Committee chair Wulfkuhle (vwulfkuhle@kshs.org) awaits submissions for a calendar of events that will be forwarded to Janice McLean for posting on the PAK web site. The following information is needed for a complete calendar item:

- date and time
- type of event
- title
- sponsor
- brief description
- location, including street address
- admission charge or free
- contact person or institution for more information, including telephone number and e-mail address, if available.

Apart from conferences, only one event is scheduled so far: KSHS Artifact Identification and Archeology Lab Tour Day on April 9. Wulfkuhle and Garst also plan to install a case exhibit in the lobby of the KSHS Center for Historical Research.



Personnel Changes

Bob Hoard has submitted the following from the Kansas State Historical Society:

Jennifer Epperson, SHPO Archaeologist with the Kansas State Historical Society, will have resigned on January 12, 2005, after a tenure of three and a half years. While in her position, she assisted the Army at Fort Riley in completing a Programmatic Agreement for Section 106 compliance, coordinated a revision of the SHPO Guidelines for archeological work, assisted in the analysis of human remains, worked on the fine tuning of the GIS archeological coverage, and assisted a variety of applicants through the federal review and compliance process. Her careful eye and pointed wit will be missed. Jennifer plans to continue her archeological career in the Southwest.

Also from the Kansas State Historical Society:

Most members probably know by now that Jennie Chinn has been named as Executive Director. In this position, she is also the Kansas State Historic Preservation Officer.

Many will also know that Dick Pankratz retired as Director of the Cultural Resources Division in December. Christy Davis is serving as interim director of the division and is Deputy SHPO.

Randy Thies has taken a leave of absence from the KSHS. Randy will be going to Iraq to serve as an evidence technician with a team of investigators working with mass graves to gather evidence against Saddam Hussein. Randy will be based in Baghdad.

Calendar of Events

February 25, 2005, 12:00–2:30 PM – PAK Annual Meeting, Blair Room, Washburn University, Topeka; further details elsewhere in this newsletter

Spring Semester – Explorations in Archaeology Series at Museum of Anthropology, University of Kansas, Lawrence – every other Friday beginning January 28 – see schedule below

March 11–12, 2005 – 27th Flint Hills Conference; Council Grove and Cottonwood Falls – see announcement and call for papers elsewhere in this newsletter

April 2005 – Kansas Archaeology Month; theme: Faces from the Past
March 31–April 3, 2005 – 70th Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Salt Lake City, Utah

Fall 2005 – 63rd Plains Conference, Edmonton, Alberta; mid-October

Reminders:

1. Annual Meeting at Washburn U. on February 25
Note the Noon Meeting Time
2. Dues are Due – send them to Myra Giesen

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Explorations in Archaeology

Spring 2005 Schedule

Explorations in Archaeology is open to all individuals interested in archaeological research!

Date Name Topic

1/28 Emily Williams - Whooping Cough Among Western Cree and Ojibwa Fur-Trading Communities in Subarctic Canada

2/11 Ivana Radovanovic - Paleolithic and Mesolithic in Serbia: The State and Perspectives of Research

2/25 Shannon Ryan - Central Plains Boatstones and Bannerstones: Forms and Possible Functions

3/11 Bobbi Rahdar - Traditional Care of Collections by Indigenous People: A Panel Discussion

4/8 Myra Giesen - NAGPRA: Get the Facts!

4/22 Dan Amick - *Distinguished Archaeologist Talk*
What Were Great Basin Crescents Used For?
Archaeological and Experimental Approaches
to Determining the Function of these Enigmatic
Stone Tools

5/6 Brenden Asher, KU Undergraduate Archaeology:
Tina Rigdon, Senior Honor Research Projects
Veronica Harper, Chris von Wedell

Meetings held at the KU Museum of Anthropology classroom
from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

Twenty-Seventh Annual Flint Hills Archaeological Conference

March 11-12, 2005

Hosted by the Bureau of Reclamation

Conference locations in Council Grove: (Thursday evening reception) Kaw Mission State Historic Site, (1st day) Hays House Restaurant 112 W. Main, Council Grove and (2nd day) the Grand Central Hotel, 215 Broadway, Cottonwood Falls

Please confine your presentation to a maximum length of no more than 20 minutes. Also abstracts should be as concise as possible; no more than 250 words. **The deadline for abstracts is March 4, 2005.** Thanks! If you have questions, please call: (405)606-2919 or (e-mail): rblasing@gp.usbr.gov. Please fill out the information below & send by e-mail or snail mail to: *Bob Blasing, Conference Chair, 4149 Highline Blvd Suite 200, Oklahoma City, OK 73108.*

ABSTRACT

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Institution(s) _____

Address: _____ Day phone: () _____

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_____ E-mail: _____

A-V Equipment needs (please circle): slide projector, overhead projector, VCR, Powerpoint*, or none.

Note—For those using Powerpoint, please **also send a copy of your program on disk or CD.*

Title of Paper: _____

Abstract _____

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