SEAC NEWS and NOTICES

SEAC 2005

The 62nd annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference will be held November 2-6, 2005 in the Columbia-Marriott — Columbia, South Carolina. Keith Stephenson (SCIAA-SRARP) is the conference organizer along with assistance from the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists (COSCAPA).

Once again the meeting will include the student paper competition, with a tremendous collection of books and goods donated by the publishers and other exhibitors in the book room. Plans are also well underway for the SEAC reception at the South Carolina State Museum on Thursday night. The museum will be a short trolley ride away from our host hotel. The SEAC organizers are also please to announce that keynote speaker Albert Goodyear will be discussing his excavations into early human settlement at the Topper Site in Allendale County following the business meeting. Dr. Goodyear’s address will be followed by a question and answer session. The Friday night dance will be held at the conference hotel and will include the music of a local blue band.

The meeting will close on Saturday and everyone is invited to register for the “End-of-the-conference” Low Country Boil. The Boil will take place at Millaren Plantation starting at 3pm. The $20 cost includes the Low Country Boil, raw oysters, soft drinks, beer, wine, and tea. Please let us know in advance if you will be attending in the boil.

Meeting registration and on-line paper submission is open through the SEAC website at http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org. You can also register and submit papers via regular mail by using the forms included in this newsletter or download the forms on line.

SEAC Elections

It was announced at the 2004 Business meeting that Ken Sassaman was elected as SEAC President and Gerald Schroedl was elected Executive Officer II. Additional changes to the SEAC Board took place after the St. Louis meeting. Lynne Sullivan’s term as Editor expired in 2004, she will be replaced by co-editors Tristram R. Kidder and Gayle Fritz.

The Editor Snafu

During the SEAC election cycle for 2004, board members inadvertently neglected to instruct the Nominations Committee, consisting of Jay Johnson (Chair), Ann Early and David Anderson, to solicit a nominee for the position of Editor-elect. The Editor-elect serves one year as Editor-elect followed by a three year term as Editor. This oversight was realized just before the St. Louis meeting. Shortly after the meeting, the incoming President re-appointed the 2004 Nominations Committee with the assignment to recommend a candidate for Editor-elect. Just before the holidays, the committee announced to the board that Gayle Fritz and T.R. Kidder of Washington University had agreed to serve as co-editors. The board explored several options for formalizing their appointment, which normally consists of nomination by the Nominating Committee followed by the candidate running unopposed in the general election as provided by Article II, Section 3 of the Bylaws. It was decided to use the provisions of Article III, Section 6 of the Bylaws, which allows the board to make an interim appointment to a vacant office, which is then filled during the next regular election. The SEAC board has voted unanimously to appoint Gayle and T.R. as co-Editors-elect, and they will appear on the 2005 ballot.

We are very fortunate that these two capable members are willing to serve as SEAC Co-Editors and take on what is undoubtedly the most difficult and time consuming position in the Conference.

John O’Hear

Editors Note

Jane Eastman has stepped down as the associate editor for the newsletter. Jane has done a great job with the newsletter over the past few years and she is currently

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The 2005 meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference
November 2-6, 2005
Columbia, Marriott - Columbia, South Carolina
Hosted by the Council of South Carolina Professional Archaeologists

Conference Contact:
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E-Mail: stephensonk@sc.edu

Registration Fees:
Regular (member): $55
Regular (non-member): $65
Student (with copy of valid ID): $35
**On-Line Registration Fees slightly higher due to processing costs**
**Registration due by 20 October 2005 (after deadline or on-site registration add $5)**
**Refund policy: Abstract submission/registration fee refund requests made in writing and postmarked on or before 26 October 2005 will be issued less a $15 administrative fee. If a request for a refund is received/postmarked after 26 October 2005, no refund will be made. No refunds for "no shows".**

Conference Hotel:
Columbia Marriott
1200 Hampton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201
Local Number: 1-803-771-7000
Toll Free: 1-800-228-9790
SEAC Room Rate: $100.00 per night (single-quad)

Transportation:
The Columbia Marriott is in the heart of Downtown Columbia
Major Interstate’s into Columbia include I-20, I-26, and I-77
Columbia Metropolitan Airport is served by Delta, Northwest, Continental, United Express, U.S. Airways Express, and Independence Air.

Proposals:
The deadline for proposals for symposia, papers, and posters is 1 August 2005. On-line registration and abstract submissions are handled through SPROG via the SEAC website. You can still send in paper forms and checks, but organizers prefer that you utilize the on-line method of registration and payment. You do not have to be a member of SEAC to register, but you must have an active 2005 membership in SEAC to organize a symposium or to present a paper or poster at this meeting. Membership dues for 2005 can also be paid through this registration process.

Special Events:
Anyone wishing to have a group meeting or special event should contact Keith Stephenson as soon as possible, but no later than 1 August 2005.

The SEAC Reception will be held at the South Carolina State Museum. Reception is included in registration price. Trolley service will be available from the hotel to the Museum.

Keynote Speaker after the business meeting on Friday will be Albert Goodyear discussing the Early Human Settlement at the Topper Site in Allendale County, South Carolina. Question and Answer session to follow.

There will be an end of the conference Low-Country Boil at the Millatee Plantation starting at 7pm on Saturday. The Low-Country Boil will cost $30, (includes Low-Country Boil, raw oysters, soft drinks, wine, and beer) advance reservation are required.
2005 SEAC Meeting Registration
Deadline for Submissions 20 October 2005

Name: __________________________________________
E-mail: __________________________________________ Affiliation: ____________
Address: __________________________________________
City: __________________ State: ____________ zip: __________
Phone: ______________________ Alt Phone: ____________

Are you submitting (deadline 1 August) a: ___ Symposium ___ Individual Paper ___ Poster

Registration:

____ Regular Member ......................................................... $55.00
____ Non-Member ............................................................. $65.00
____ Student (with valid ID) ................................................ $35.00
____ Regular Member (late registration) .............................. $60.00
____ Non-Member (late registration) ................................. $70.00
____ Student (with valid ID; late registration) .................... $40.00

Events:

____ Yes  ____ No: Will you be attending the Museum Reception (Included)
____ Millaree Plantation Low-Country Boil ...................... $20.00

Registration checks should be payable to SEAC 2005. For on-line registration visit:

Submit forms and payment to:
SEAC 2005 – Keith Stephenson
Savannah River Archaeological Research Program
P.O. Box 400
New Ellenton, South Carolina 29809
2005 SEAC Paper or Poster Proposal
Deadline for Submissions 1 August 2005

Type: _____ Individual Paper _____ Symposium Paper _____ Poster

Authors' Name: ________________________________________________________________

E-mail: ____________________________________________________ Affiliation: __________

Address: ________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: ___________ Zip: ______________

Phone: ___________________ Alt Phone: ___________________

Paper Title: ________________________________________________________________

Co-author: ___________________ Affiliation: ________________________________

Key Words: ________________________________________________________________

Are you an active member of SEAC _____ yes _____ no

TYPE in the space below an abstract of no more than 100 words’

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Email: stephensonk@sc.edu Fax: 1-803-725-9723
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Organizer’s Name: ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________

E-mail: ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________

Address: ____________________________

City: ____________________________ State: ____________________________ Zip: ____________________________

Phone: ____________________________ Alt Phone: ____________________________

Symposium Title: ____________________________

Co-organizer: ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________

Presenters in order (Max of 10)

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Discussants (Max 4 with maximum 8 presenters):

1) ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________
2) ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________
3) ____________________________ Affiliation: ____________________________
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**NOTE: If you have more than 13 presenters and discussants combined then please divide your symposium into two sessions and submit two forms.

Include typed abstract on a separate sheet of paper (Maximum 100 words)

Submit this form to:
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Name: ________________________________

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Institutional $75.00 Life $500.00 Family Life $550.00

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New Ellenton, SC 29809
Phone: 803-725-5216

*Note* Student membership is open to graduate, undergraduate, and high school students. A photocopy of your student ID must accompany payment. The SEAC membership year is January 1 - December 31. Members will receive the complete set of issues of the journal and the newsletter for one year. Membership payments received after October 31 will be applied to the following year. Back publications may be purchased from Eugene Furaco, Associate Editor for Sales.
SEAC PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE
FALL, 2004

SEAC NEWSLETTERS:


Vol. 21, No. 3 (Jul. 1979) Current research, biographical sketches of some SEAC officers, recent publications, etc., 30 pp.

Vol. 21, No. 4 (Oct. 1979) Current research, biographical sketches of some SEAC officers, amendments to the SEAC constitution, etc., 14 pp.


Vol. 27, No. 2 (Oct. 1985) “Archaeological Parks and Their Importance in Public Education” by M. Kwas. proposed amendments to SEAC constitution, current research, recent publications, etc., 18 pp.


Vol. 40, No. 2 (Oct. 1998) Minutes of executive committee meeting, SEAC Articles of Incorporation and By-laws, current research, etc., 28 pp.


SEAC BULLETINS:


20/21. Proceedings of the 33rd Southeastern Archeolog-


SEAC SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS:


MISCELLANEOUS PUBLICATION: Conference on Southern Pre-history. This volume contains the proceedings of the first Southeastern Archeological Conference held in Birmingham, Alabama, in 1932. Originally issued by the National Research Council in 1933, it was reprinted by SEAC in 1976. iv + 97 pp., illus., biblio.

SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGY:
Vol. 2(1) (Summer 1993), 5 articles 2 comments, 1 review, 70 pp.
Vol. 2(2) (Winter 1983), 6 articles, 4 reviews, 89 pp.
Vol. 4(1) (Summer 1985), 4 articles, 3 reviews, 78 pp.
Vol. 5(2) (Winter 1986), 5 articles, 7 reviews, 78 pp.
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Vol. 6(2) (Winter 1987), 8 articles, 4 reviews, 78 pp.
Vol. 9(2) (Winter 1990), 6 articles, 2 comments, 2 reviews, 78 pp.
Vol. 10(1) (Summer 1991), 3 articles, 1 report, 1 comment, 4 reviews, 78 pp.
Vol. 10(2) (Winter 1991), 4 articles, 5 reviews, 74 pp.
Vol. 11(2) (Winter 1992), 4 articles, 1 report, 4 reviews, 78 pp.
Vol. 12(2) (Winter 1992), 4 articles, 2 reports, 7 reviews, 86 pp.
Vol. 18(1) (Summer 1999), 2 articles, 3 reports, 9 reviews, book notes, 84 pp.
Vol. 19(1) (Summer 2000), 4 articles, 2 reports, 3 reviews, 94 pp.
Vol. 20(1) (Summer 2001), 7 articles, 6 reviews, 98 pp.
Vol. 21(1) (Summer 2002), 10 articles, 2 reviews, 111 pp.
Vol. 21(2) (Winter 2002), 14 articles, 5 reviews, 154 pp.
Vol. 22(1) (Summer 2003), 7 articles, 12 reviews, 130 pp.
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finishing a double issue of the newsletter for 2004, which should be mailed soon. I was asked by President O’Hear to help get the Spring 2005 newsletter distributed to the membership. I have subsequently been asked and agreed to serve as associate editor for the newsletter under T.R. and Gayle. I look forward to serving in the position, and I am always looking for ways to improve the newsletter for the membership. Any submissions or suggestions for the fall newsletter can be emailed to mmoon@srarp.org.

SEAC State Coordinators
In past years the SEAC Newsletter editor has relied on contacts in each state to help gather information about current research and activities for publication in the newsletter. As the new newsletter editor I would like to ask that these state contacts drop me an email to let me know who you are and how to contact you. Also, if you would be interested in being the contact for your state, please let me know. I hope to have a complete list by September to include in the fall newsletter. Thanks for your help! Send email to mmoon@srarp.org.

2005 Nominations
Nominations are open for the office of Executive Officer I, currently held by John Blitz. Executive Officers serve a two-year term and are voting members of the SEAC Executive Committee. The 2005 Nominating Committee includes: Sissel Schroeder (Chair), Steve Davis, and John Worth. Members who want to submit a name for consideration should contact any member of the Nominating Committee before the deadline of July 1, 2005.

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Salt Exhibit Wins SEAC Public Outreach Grant
The Southeastern Archaeological Conference is pleased to announce the winner of the 2005 SEAC Public Outreach Grant. Kerry Reid, director of the Clarke County Historical Museum, Grove Hill, Ala., and Ashley Darnas, Ph.D. candidate, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, won for their proposal for a traveling exhibit titled “White Gold: The Importance of Alabama’s Salt Through Time.” The exhibit will be built during the summer, and will be open to the public in September.

SEAC Public Outreach Grant
The Southeastern Archaeological Conference, in order to promote public awareness of archaeology in the Southeast, supports a program of small grants to finance public outreach projects. SEAC will provide an annual grant, not to exceed $1,000 per year, to an applicant through a competitive application process. Projects proposed for grant funding should promote public awareness of archaeology in the Southeast through any of a variety of educational and outreach activities. Examples of suitable projects might include: teacher workshops, printed material for public consumption, exhibits, workshops for adults or children, Archaeology Week/Month activities, Project Archaeology workshops, Elderhostel programs, archaeology fairs, public fieldtrips, or other public-oriented projects. Information and application information about the grant are available on line at http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/grant.html. Dead lines for the next grant cycle are December 1, 2005.

New Information for SEAC Student Members
The SEAC Student Web presents a collection of practical resources for the student archaeologist, such as tips on grant-writing and presenting papers at conferences. The link is accessible from the Archaeology Web Sites for the Southeastern U.S. page on the main SEAC Web site, or can be reached directly from http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/seac/

On-line Membership Registration
Last year, members were able to sign up for the St. Louis meetings through SFORG, an on-line company that allows small groups like ours the ease of the internet. In 2005, participants will again be able to submit abstracts and on-line registration through SFORG. A new twist this year is that you can also renew your SEAC membership through the site. Instructions are available on our site at http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/onlinemembership.org.
Student Paper Competition
Information on the SEAC Student Paper Competition is on the SEAC Student Web Site. Last years winner was Victor D. Thompson from the University of Kentucky. He took home over $7000 in books, gifts, and services from SEAC Book Room vendors. Thanks so much to the vendors and readers who make this special award possible. We look forward to more great papers in Columbia!

SEAC Officers’ Reports

Secretary’s Annual Report
Claudine Payne, Secretary

MINUTES OF THE 2004 SEAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE YEAR-END MEETING

The 2004 fall meeting of the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference was called to order by President Margaret Scarry at 6:20 pm, October 20, 2004 in the Diplomat Room of the St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Downtown, St. Louis, MO. In attendance were John Blitz, Ann Early, Gayle Fritz, Eugene Fututo, Pamela Johnson, John Kelly, Mary Kwas, Rob Moon, John O’Hear, Claudine Payne, John Scarry, Margaret Scarry, Keith Stephenson, Lynne Sullivan, Mary Beth Tubritt, and Paul Welch.

OLD BUSINESS

Reports of Officers
Secretary’s Report

Claudine Payne presented the minutes of the mid-year Executive Committee meeting in Montreal and thanked former Secretary David Anderson who graciously took and transcribed the minutes in Claudine’s absence from that meeting. One correction was offered. Editor Lynne Sullivan asked to add her thanks to Rob Moon, SEAC webmaster, to the mid-year Editor’s Report. The correction being made, John O’Hear moved and John Blitz seconded that the minutes as amended be accepted. The motion passed.

Claudine then presented the results of the 2004 SEAC election. A total of 258 valid votes were received. Kenneth Sassaman was elected President-Elect, and Gerald Schroedi was elected Executive Officer II.

A discussion ensued regarding the mailing of the ballots. For the past several years, ballot mailing has been done by the Treasurer. Future ballots will be mailed by the Secretary as directed in the By-Laws.

Treasurer’s Report

In the absence of Adam King who just recently became a father again, Treasurer-Elect Keith Stephenson presented the Treasurer’s Report (see full report elsewhere in the Newsletter).

Keith relayed Adam’s recommendation that we reinvest a portion of the Working Fund in low duration funds. John Blitz moved that SEAC invest no more than 50% of the Working Fund balance in low duration accounts. Gayle Fritz seconded. The motion passed.

John O’Hear moved that the Treasurer’s Report be accepted. John Blitz seconded. The motion passed.

Editor’s Report

Lynne Sullivan presented the Editor’s Report (see full report elsewhere in the Newsletter).

Newsletter Editor Jane Eastman reported that the Spring 2004 newsletter which was delayed will be combined with the Fall newsletter.

Book Review Editor Renee Walker suggested placing information about books available for review on SEAC’s website.

Sales Editor Eugene Fututo presented the sales report (see Treasurer’s Report).

Webmaster Rob Moon reported that the SEAC website averages 30 hits a day, which totals to 10,000 a year. He also noted that SPORG worked well for this year’s meeting registrations.

John O’Hear moved to accept the Editor’s Report. Gayle Fritz seconded. The motion passed.

Reports of Standing Committees

Investment and Finance Committee Report

Chair Paul Welch, Lynne Sullivan, Al Goodyear, Adam King, ex officio. Paul reported that the Life Fund has a current balance of $80,656.75. This compares to $74,386.75 one year ago. This is an 8.4% increase, all of which was return on investments (there were no new Life Members during the year). All the accounts are tracking their respective targets and are fulfilling their designated roles in our portfolio. No rebalancing of the accounts is needed at this time.

Nominations Committee Report

Chair Jay Johnson, Ann Early, David Anderson. Ann reported for Jay that the Nominations Committee enjoyed success in asking people to serve and in creating a diverse slate of candidates.

Student Affairs Committee Report

Chair Pamela Johnson, Jamie Waggoner. Pam reported that the committee sent out information about the Student Paper competition. The committee also coordinated a student symposium, “New Approaches to
Old Problems,” which will take place on Friday morning. Fifteen students are participating. Some discussion ensued regarding attracting and serving student members. The Board agreed that it would be good to re-institute a student reception during the conference.

Student Paper Competition Committee
Chair Paul Welch, Renee Walker, Ken Sassaman. Paul reported that the Committee received seven entries in the Student Paper Competition. The committee was unanimous in selecting a first choice who will be announced at the Business Meeting. The number of entries were down slightly from previous years. Discussion ensued regarding getting the word out to students, including sending announcements to departments and placing the announcement on our website.

Lifetime Achievement Award Committee
Cheri Ann Early. Margie Scarry noted that several worthy nominations were received this year, and that the Board voted by email to present only one award. Ann recommended that the Board formalize the maximum number of Lifetime Achievement Awards to be presented in any given year. After some discussion, John O’Hear moved that SEAC award one Lifetime Achievement Award in any given year, that the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee submit a ranked list to the Board, and that deliberations remain confidential. Motion was seconded by John Blitz. The motion passed.

Native American Liaison Committee
Chair Kent Reilly, Gayle Fritz, Bret Riggs. President Scarry opened discussion on the possibility of SEAC involvement in a proposed “summit meeting” between Native Americans and archaeologists that is decoupled from NAGPRA issues. After some discussion, Margie recommended that the Native American Liaison Committee address the issue in committee.

Public Outreach Committee
Chair Mary Kwas, Rita Elliot, Claudine Payne. Mary reported that the committee had streamlined the guidelines and requirements in response to concerns by the Executive Board. The committee decided to retain the requirement of a summary report but reduced it to a 500-word report to be submitted to both the Executive Board through the Public Outreach Committee and to the newsletter editor, as well as requiring a brief report on the evaluation of the project and an accounting of expenditures. Information on the grant has now been posted on the SEAC website by Rob Moon. Lynne Sullivan will include information on the grant as a permanent page in the journal. An announcement was also sent to the SEAC newsletter and to the SAA’s Public Education Committee list serve.

Major changes to the grant are that it is no longer bound to the meeting location, it can be used at any time during the year, and the submission cycle deadline is December 1 for a March announcement. Mary asked whether the Executive Board wished to consider raising the grant award amount from $1,000 to $2,000. After some discussion, the Board agreed to keep the award amount at $1,000.

NEW BUSINESS

John Kelly reported on the current meeting. There were 632 pre-registrants, and he expected the total registration to reach 800. John also noted that we met the room block set by the hotel, and management opened up about 20 more rooms per night. At this year’s meeting, all meeting rooms will have PowerPoint equipment available, which is good since there was a jump of 60-70% in the number of PowerPoint presentations. There was a short discussion of the use of SPORG for pre-registration, and John reported that it worked well.

Keith Stephenson updated the board on the 2005 meeting in Columbia, SC, reporting that everything is on schedule. He also reported that the meeting manual is being updated.

Mary Beth Trubitt discussed plans for the 2006 meeting in Little Rock. She presented a draft hotel contract for the DoubleTree Hotel in downtown Little Rock for Nov. 8-11, 2006. During discussion, the board recommended an increase in the room block which Mary Beth agreed to arrange.

Margie Scarry reported that a contract for convention center space had been signed for the 2007 meeting in Knoxville and that a hotel contract was in the process of being signed.

President Scarry noted that the Register of Professional Archaeologists had asked to be allowed to present an award at the Business Meeting. She agreed to the request, noting the precedent set by the presentation of the C.B. Moore Award by the Lower Mississippi Survey at the Business Meeting.

Resolutions to be presented at the Business Meeting were discussed.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

MINUTES OF THE 2004 SOUTHEASTERN ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING

The 2004 Business Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference was called to order by President Margaret Scarry at 5:15 pm in Salon C of the St. Louis Marriott Pavilion Downtown, St. Louis, MO. President
OLD BUSINESS

Reports of Officers

Secretary's Report

Secretary Claudia Payne presented the Secretary's Report. She noted that the minutes of the mid-year Executive Committee meeting in Montreal have been approved by the Executive Committee and will appear in the upcoming newsletter. She then thanked the Nominations Committee and all the candidates who stood for office this year. A total of 258 valid votes were received. Kenneth Sassaman was elected President-Elect, and Gerald Schroeder was elected Executive Officer II.

Treasureer's Report

Treasurer-Elect Keith Stephenson presented the Treasurer's Report for Treasurer Adam King (for details, see Treasurer's Annual Report elsewhere in the Newsletter). Adam/Keith reported that SEAC is in sound financial health, even though SEAC membership has dropped slightly to 959 from 963 last year. However, there has been an increase in student members. SPORP which was used for registration will also now be used for dues. The Investment and Finance Committee, chaired by Paul Wolch reports that SEAC's investments are doing well. And finally, as incoming Treasurer, Keith accepted transfer of the "coveted money tie" worn by all recent Treasurers.

Editor's Report

Editor Lynne Sullivan reported that the Spring 2004 issue of Southeastern Archaeology has been mailed and the Winter 2004 issue is in progress. She encouraged new submissions, and noted that "revise and resubmit" continues to be the most typical reviewer response. She also encouraged electronic submissions of papers in an effort to see if this process will cut costs and speed response time. Lynne reported that the Spring Newsletter was delayed and consequently will be combined with the Fall newsletter in a double issue. Lynne thanked Eugene Futato for his work as Book Review Editor (he has gotten 27 book reviews this year), Annie Blankenship for assistance with journal related correspondence, and Bob Moon for his work on the website. (For additional details, see the full Editor’s Report elsewhere in this newsletter.)

Reports of Standing Committees

Public Outreach Committee

Chair Mary Kwan presented the following report:

The Public Outreach Grant Program began after SEAC received a request to fund an Intrigue of the Past grant. The program was established to "promote public awareness of archaeology in the Southeast." Preference was given to grants for activities held in conjunction with the Conference, but could cover teacher workshops, public symposia, field trips for the public, printed material for the public, and other public outreach activities. Advertising and interest in the grant was better some years than others, but 6 additional awards were made in the years following 1994.

After several years of declining applications for the grant, a Grant Review Committee was formed in 2001. The committee studied the history of the grant and made recommendations to the Executive Board to reorganize the grant program and cycle. The Executive Board approved these changes, and a new grant cycle will begin December 1 for the 2005 award year.

Basic changes to the grant are that it is no longer tied to the meeting time or location. The grant-funded activity can be held at any time throughout the year and in any state in the Southeast. The application and reporting requirements for the grant have also been formalized, and all recipients will be expected to provide a summary report, suitable for publication in the newsletter.

Information on the grant, which includes the requirements, an application, and a history of the grant with a list of past recipients now has a home on the SEAC website. Applications can be submitted at any time, with a deadline of December 1 for the following year. The award, which currently stands at $1,000, will be announced by March 1.

I would like to encourage all of you to review the information on the website about the grant, and let others in your states know that this grant is available for educational activities. We hope to receive your applications in the near future.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meetings

Current Meeting.

John Kelly and Tim Baumann updated the membership on the meeting, noting that 317 papers, 70% of which used PowerPoint, were presented, along with 31 posters.

2005 Meeting in Columbia

Keith Stephenson, on behalf of the Council of South Carolina Archaeologists, invited the membership to attend the Nov 2-4, 2005 meeting in Columbia, SC.
Resolutions

John O'Hear read the following resolution: Whereas the 2004 joint meeting of the 61st Southeastern Archaeological Conference and the 50th Midwest Archaeological Conference in St. Louis, Missouri has been, by all measures, a resounding intellectual and social success, and furthermore, whereas the organizers solicited significant financial and other support from many organizations and firms, including:

- Allied Archaeology
- American Research Group Ltd.
- The Archaeological Conservancy
- Archaeological Research, Inc.
- Cahokia Mounds Archaeological Society
- Cahokia Mounds Museum Society
- Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site
- Center for the Study of the First Americans, Texas A & M University
- Central Mississippi Valley Archaeological Research Institute
- Cultural Resources Management Program, Fort Bragg, NC
- Environmental Compliance Consultants, Inc.
- Fever River Research
- Michael and Neatherry Fuller
- Gateway Archaeology
- Illinois Archaeological Survey
- Illinois State Museum Society
- Indiana University Press
- John Miner and Associates, Inc.
- The Kent State University Press, Kent State University Library
- Mid-Continental Research Associates
- Midwest Archaeological Research Services, Inc.
- Missouri Archaeological Society
- Missouri Association of Professional Archaeologists
- Missouri Historical Society
- Mount Pleasant Archaeological Society
- National Park Service Midwest Archaeological Center
- SCI Engineering, Inc.
- University of Alabama Press
- University of Missouri-St. Louis
- University Press of Florida
- University of Tennessee Press
- Washington University.

And furthermore, whereas through unceasing planning and coordination by the organizers, the members were afforded a ringside seat at the exciting final games of the National Baseball League and the opportunity to act as participant observers in the colorful and noisy rites of intensification associated with these games, Therefore Be it Resolved that the members and Executive Committee of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference give our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to the hosts, the Department of Anthropology at Washington University and the Department of Anthropology at the University of Missouri-St. Louis, to our two co-organizers, John Kelly and Timothy Baumann, and especially for Timothy Baumann’s work as our program chair and to Poster Session Coordinator Patti Wright, Student Paper Competition Coordinator Paul Welch, Bookroom Coordinator Judith Knight, Volunteer Coordinator Valerie Altizer, and also to the people on the local arrangements committee who worked so hard, including Tim Bauman, Mark Essay, Gayle Fritz, William Isenring, Cheryl Jen Lueckelia Kelly, John Kelly, and Greg Paulus for a job very well done.

Lynne Sullivan read the following resolution: Whereas Adam King diligently served SEAC as Treasurer for the past three years, and Whereas Adam kept the requisite financial books in good order, Therefore Be it Resolved that SEAC thank Adam King for his fine service as Treasurer.

John Blitz read the following resolution: Whereas Gayle Fritz has rendered a valuable service to SEAC as Executive Officer II, and Whereas Gayle has discharged her duties with characteristic competence and charm, Therefore Be it Resolved that SEAC express gratitude to Gayle and thank her for her service.

Claudine Payne read the following resolution: Whereas C. Margaret Sancy has thoughtfully, efficiently, and cheerfully executed her duties as President of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference for the past two years, and as President-Elect for two years before that, Therefore Be it Resolved that the members and Executive Committee of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extend our thanks to her for a job very well done.

Awards

Register of Professional Archaeologists Presidential Recognition Award

On behalf of the Register of Professional Archaeologists, President Charles Niquette presented an RPA Presidential Recognition Award to Bruce Rippeteau for his work on Register archives and the preceding SOPP archives.

C.B. Moore Award

On behalf of the Lower Mississippi Survey, T.R.
Kidd presented the 2004 C.B. Moore Award, presented annually to a Distinguished Younger Scholar in Southern Studies, to Thomas Pluckhahn, for his research at Kolomoki.

SEAC Student Paper Competition
John O’Hear, who co-ordinated the prize for the Student Paper Competition, first thanked the contributors for their efforts which are valued this year in excess of $7,000. Paul Welch then presented the Student Paper Competition Award with the following remarks:

The winner of the Student Paper Competition this year was one of the 7 entrants in the competition (the eight paper was submitted but was ineligible because the paper had not been submitted for inclusion on the meeting program). The three judges were Renee Walker, Kenneth Sassaman, and myself.

The quality of this year’s papers was higher than normal. I wish I had written SEAC papers as good as these when I was a student. Despite the overall high quality, all three judges agreed on the top paper. This year’s winner is the appropriately named Victor D. Thompson, of the University of Kentucky.

Thompson’s paper is “The Formation and Function of Shell Rings: A Case Study from Sapelo Island.” His paper combines a geophysical survey with ground-truth excavations to assess the extent of occupation inside as opposed to on top of, or outside, one of the shell rings at Sapelo Island. He compares the result of his work at this site with results obtained by other archaeologists at other sites, and presents a simple demographic model that could account for the known variability. His paper has a clear objective, presents relevant data in an understandable fashion, draws appropriate conclusions, and puts those conclusions in a wider context, all in 20 minutes. This is exactly the sort of paper that the Student Paper Competition was intended to encourage.

SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award
President Scarry introduced Gayle Fritz to present SEAC’s 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award. Gayle made the following remarks: “It’s a great pleasure to announce that this year’s recipient of the SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award is Patty Jo Watson. It’s fitting that she receive the award here where she taught for 25 years of her career. She retired from active teaching at Washington University in St. Louis in 2002, and with Rod, moved to Montana in May. She has been a pillar in the archaeological community in the greater St. Louis area, and we will miss her terribly; many friends and colleagues are here to welcome her back and celebrate this award. To do the honors, here is former student Janet Levy.”

Janet Levy offered the following remarks in presenting the award: “I am very pleased to take part in this presentation to Patty Jo Watson of the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award in Southeastern Archaeology. I am speaking not only for SEAC’s officers and members but also as a representative of numerous students, colleagues, and friends of Patty’s, many of whom are in the audience today. I think we were all pretty surprised when Pat actually retired and left St. Louis; so, as Gayle has said, it’s appropriate that we have come back to St. Louis to honor her with this award.

Pat has been working in archaeology for 50 years, and, of course, she has made contributions to the archaeology of the Middle East and of the southwestern U.S. as well as to archaeological theory. But, tonight, we want to honor her specifically for her contributions to archaeology in the Southeast, including scholarship and teaching and mentoring.

For many years, Pat has conducted field research and published on the late Archaic and early Woodland and, occasionally, later periods in the mid-south, focusing on human use of caves and shell middens; and on the beginnings of horticulture and domestication and their implications for social life. The research has been supported by the Illinois State Museum, the National Geographic Society, NEH, NSF, and, of course, by Washington University as well. The research has resulted in a long string of publications that I won’t repeat here. All I can say is that her research productivity and continuing plans for new publications might well fuel a much younger scholar.

Beyond publications alone, Pat has contributed to southeastern archaeology by championing the use of flotation, encouraging multi-disciplinary research, focusing on the independent beginnings of horticulture and domestication in the Southeast; and incorporating gender in these analyses. She’s both a dirt archaeologist and a theoretical scholar, and that’s a pretty rare combination.

In addition to being a distinguished scholar, Pat is an extraordinary teacher and mentor, and I am now speaking from the heart. I’ve never known her when she wasn’t seeking support for students, developing research projects with students, reading manuscripts by students, writing manuscripts with students, and providing advice to an unending string of students, former students, colleagues, and other archaeologists. And a whole bunch of us are here tonight and very pleased to be.

Dr. Patty Jo Watson, professor emerita at Washington University, is an exemplar of the best in American archaeology. On behalf of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference, I am pleased to present you with the 2004 Lifetime Achievement Award in Southeastern Archaeology.”

There being no other new business, President Scarry turned the meeting over to new President John O’Hear, who adjourned the meeting.
Respectfully submitted,
Claudine Payne, SEAC Secretary

Treasurer’s Annual Report
Adam King, Treasurer

Let me begin with a disclaimer. The fiscal year has not ended, so some of the numbers presented here are likely to change somewhat with the final report. The general budget trends and the assessment that we are in sound financial health are not likely to change.

As of the end of fiscal year 2004 we had $169,771.40 in total financial assets. Of that total, $91,304.40 is in liquid assets ($63,736.34 Working Fund EMA account, $25,000 in a Merrill Lynch Low Duration Fund Account, $21,889.80 Life Fund Money Market Account, $378.20 associate editor for sales’ account) and $78,466.95 is in long-term investments (various Life Fund accounts). Over the course of the year, our total financial assets increased by $4203.15, thanks again to capital gains in the life fund.

We had a total income of $31,263.75 in the Working Fund (see Table 1). $28000.00 was contributed by dues, $278.31 by interest and dividends on the Working Funds account and Merrill Lynch Low Duration Fund Account, $750 in publication sales, $102.55 in royalties, $187.60 in mailing list rentals, $1000 in advertising in the journal, $905.29 in profits from the Charlotte meeting, and $35 in donations.

Working Fund expenditures totaled $32,860.70. Of that total, $28,239.95 was spent on producing Southeastern Archeology, $1687.45 was spent on the Newsletter, $106.81 went to routine office expenses, $493.20 to bank charges, $1790 for the CPA audit and tax filing, and $20 for the corporate filing fee. A total of $164.89 was spent on the Lifetime Achievement Award, $594.00 was spent for web hosting, and $99 was paid to SPORGE for meeting registration services.

Overall, our expenses exceeded income by $1596.95. However, that loss was more than made up for by $6,270.00 in gains in the Life Fund, leaving the organization with a net increase of $4673.05.

In fiscal year 2004 publications cost $31.21 per member. This is a dramatic increase over last years $23.25 per member. However, this reflects the fact that the costs of producing three issues of the journal instead of the usual two came out of this year’s budget. This happened because the invoices for second issue produced last year did not arrive until Fiscal Year 2004 had already started. Those figures also reflect the fact that the costs of producing only one issue of the Newsletter are included in this year’s accounting. If the costs of the additional journal are subtracted and the costs of the second issue of the

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newsletter are added in, then the costs per member is about $23.15

The Life Fund
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Memorandum
As of October 14, SEAC has a total of 959 memberships. This represents a drop of 3 members from 2003 and marks a fourth year of decreases in overall
membershipl. Institutional memberships rebounded somewhat, and happily student memberships are up. However, regular memberships dropped appreciably. Keep in mind that the dues year does not close until the end of the month, so these figures are likely to go up a bit.

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**Fiscal Year 2005 Budget**

Tuning the budget for fiscal year 200 (Table 4), based on current membership numbers and assuming other income levels similar to this year we stand to make a profit of about $3500.

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**SPORG**

Starting in Fiscal Year 2005 we will be taking dues on-line through SPORG. The minimal fees charged will be passed directly to those using the service. The nice thing about SPORG is that they automatically collect the membership information in a database that we can access. If all members renewed through SPORG then our membership database would be created and maintained by SPORG—potentially a nice benefit for new and prospective Treasurers. The downside of asking all members to renew through SPORG, even if they pay by a check that is sent directly to the Treasurer, is that SEAC will be charged a fee on that transaction. Those fees are 1.5% plus $.50 per transaction, or about $1.00 to $1.50 depending on the membership category. That could add up to hundreds of dollars in fees. We could certainly absorb those fees if it was deemed important enough to relieve the Treasurer of some work. My recommendation at the moment is to ask those paying by check to do it the old-fashioned way and not go through SPORG.

Respectfully submitted,
Adam King, SEAC Treasurer

*Editors Note: Minor formatting changes were made to the tables submitted by the Treasurer for publication, these changes did not impact the information presented to the membership and recorded by the Secretary.*

**SEAC Editor’s Report**

**Lynne Sullivan, Editor**

The Summer 2004 issue (Volume 23, No. 1) of Southeastern Archaeology was mailed in August. It includes eight articles and seven book reviews, for a total of 123 pages. The Winter 2004 issue (Volume 23, No. 2) is in progress and will contain ten articles and up to ten book reviews. We plan for it to appear in late January or early February.

There already are enough accepted papers to fill the Summer 2005 issue. A special section is planned for Winter 2005. The journal currently is in good shape in terms of submissions, but we need to continue to encourage authors to send manuscripts to fill future issues. Only seventeen new manuscripts have been submitted to the editor’s office so far in 2004.

“Revise and resubmit” continues to be the most typical, initial reviewer response. Papers that are revised and resubmitted usually are accepted for publication, but two rounds of revisions are not unusual. The message here for authors is to stick with the revisions. But, don’t expect your editor to justify either the “bull-headed consistency” or the “flip-flopping” of the reviewers. They can say what they want, and may even claim to find weapons of mass destruction in your paper. Nevertheless, diplomacy generally tends to work better than warfare with reviewers.

We have now contacted three printers other than Allen Press (our current printer) to see if we could get a financially better deal. One printer was not suitable for our
seeds. A second was not forthcoming about the kinds of services they provide (did not answer my questions—not a good sign). A third would require SEAC to turn over monies from the institutional subscriptions, with the agreement that the press would generate more subscriptions for us through extensive advertising. This press acknowledges that the costs to SEAC initially would increase, but in the long run would decrease. Another archaeological journal has gone with this press after going through a competitive bid process. I suggest that SEAC take a “wait and see” position to see how this journal fares. In the meantime, unless there are suggestions about specific presses we should investigate, I recommend that we stay with Allen Press for the foreseeable future. Allen provides us with a service package that makes it easy for a small editorial office to produce a high-quality publication. The addition of services from a professional copyeditor also is proving to be a HUGE help, especially since issues now are regularly in excess of 100 pages.

Most of SEAC now is done electronically—from submissions to proofs. Something to consider is making the review process more automated. Rather than authors submitting four paper copies of articles, they could submit electronic versions of papers that the editor could send on to reviewers. The savings in mailing costs would be substantial. If the Board has no objections, I may experiment with this process and report back.

We have encountered some problems with the mailing database. Some individuals (including me!) are not getting their newsletters and some institutions are not getting their journals. Treasurer Adam King keeps the database and sends it to the mailing companies. He has been investigating this problem. We are not sure why some addresses of paid-up subscribers apparently are getting dropped. Any subscribers who are missing newsletters or issues of SEA should contact Adam to make sure their information is correct in the database. If everything checks out, Eugene Piattoni, Associate Editor for Sales, will then send the missing publications.

Renee Walker continues her fine work as Book Review editor, having secured 27 book reviews in her second year. Jane Eastman also continues to do a fine job as newsletter editor. Anne Blankenship, UT graduate assistant at McClung Museum, and the museum clerical staff provide much appreciated help with all the SEA correspondence. Thanks also to Eugene and to Adam for back issue sales, helping with figuring out how many copies to print, and for paying the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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