



Officer Nominations

President Ken Sassaman has appointed the SEAC Nominations Committee for 2008. Committee members will identify candidates for two positions, that of President-Elect, who serves one year in that position and then three years as President, and Executive Officer II, who serves for two years. Nominations for each of these positions are sought. Names of nominees can be sent to any one of the committee members by June 30, 2008. Persons serving in both of these positions are on the SEAC Executive Committee, which convenes annually at the SEAC meeting, and, if called, at the SAA meeting.

The Nominations Committee is as follows:

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Electronic Voting

SEAC members, worried about voting this fall?

Well, you no longer have to be discouraged by paper ballots (at least in the SEAC elections). Starting this fall, voting is going electronic*

See the minutes of the Executive Board Meeting for details.

*NOTE: If SEAC doesn't have your email address, you won't get a ballot! Contact Rebecca Saunders (rsaunde@lsu.edu; 225-578-6562). If you want to receive a paper ballot, do the same thing.

SEAC 2008

The plans are made for great SEAC 2008. We have a fine hotel location, lots of good food choices, a super band, and a BBQ at the Schiele Museum. So all we need is for you to get your papers and posters ready and make your travel plans to join us in Charlotte! Look forward to see you, Alan May, Ann Tippitt, Janet Levy, Margie and John Scary.

SEAC Website Changes

SPORG.com, the company SEAC has used for a number of years for on-line membership and meeting registrations will suspend service in September. SEAC Board members have been working to find a suitable alternative for on-line transactions and preparations are underway to switch the SEAC website from a volunteer maintained website to a professionally managed site. Hopefully the new site will be up and running soon; and the fall meeting will be its first test run. Changes to look for are new on-line forms for registration and paper submission as well as a new way to pay for your

registrations. Many other organizations have made similar switches lately and SEAC members should find the new process more seamless and benefit from the improved functionality. Check the SEAC website for additionally information as it becomes available.

North Carolina Current Research

On January 24, and 25, 2008, Assistant State Archaeologist, John Mintz, with the assistance of Kenneth W. Robinson, Director of Public Archaeology at Wake Forest University, directed archaeological investigations at Bentonville Battlefield State Historic Site. Donnie Taylor, Site Manager at Bentonville provided field personnel and equipment. The goal of this investigation was to investigate ground penetrating radar images previously taken by Robinson and Kent Schneider to determine if an area was an unmarked cemetery. This area was long thought to contain the remains of several deceased Confederate soldiers. During the course of the investigation five trenches were mechanically excavated. These trenches measured approximately 30 feet in length and five feet in width and extended to an average depth of 10-12 inches below ground surface. Archaeological evidence of past mortuary behavior was observed in four of the five trenches. Once this information was recorded the trenches were covered. Plans are currently underway to produce interpretive signs and to protect this area from any future disturbance.

From February 26 through February 28, Mintz also directed archaeological investigations at three extant antebellum-era coquina and brick foundations located immediately north- east of Shepard's Battery at Fort Fisher State Historic Site. Assisted by Queen Anne's Revenge Project Manager Mark Wilde-Ramsing, personnel from Fort Fisher State Historic Site, the Underwater Branch (OSA), Wilmington District, US Army Corps of Engineers, and students from the University of North Carolina-Wilmington also participated in this exploratory project. An initial archaeological assessment, which involved limited test investigations, revealed that two of the three foundations were constructed of locally available coquina and one was constructed of locally manufactured brick. Coquina is a sedimentary rock that is mainly composed of seashells and coral. All three foundations evinced signs of post construction destruction, probably as a result of the naval bombardment of Fort Fisher during the Civil

War. A circa 1850s map of the area displays the location of four structures (exact function unknown at this time) in the immediate vicinity; to date the fourth structure has not been located nor archaeologically investigated. Due to time constraints the exact measurement and overall configurations were not determined. However, additional work is planned for the future.

Among a number of projects across the Carolinas, Environmental Services, Inc., recently spent four weeks conducting Phase II investigations at the Sandy Point plantation in Chowan County, North Carolina. Twenty-three different archaeological sites were included in the project, including the plantation house (built ca. 1810) and associated outbuildings, possible slave cabins, tenant houses, other historic period sites, and one prehistoric site. Artifacts recovered from the historic sites represent at least 250 years of occupation from the mid-eighteenth century to the present. The field portion wrapped up in the first week of March and the analysis is currently underway, which will be utilizing a landscape approach to examine changes in the use of the property over the past three centuries.

Finally, remote sensing with ground penetrating radar (GPR), shovel testing and limited excavations have been completed at the mass gravesite of Ramsour's Mill, the Revolutionary War skirmish of June 20, 1780. The study area consisted of a two-acre plot associated with the existing mass gravesite monument. The Lincoln County Historical Association sponsored testing conducted by the Schiele Museum Archaeology Program staff, with J. Alan May, Ph.D., serving as the principal investigator. Shovel testing revealed that the slope of the landscape has impacted the soils and artifact distributions. A dominance of historic artifacts was recovered from the surface of the area adjacent to a tree stump, northwest of the gravesite area. This accumulation of cultural material is the result of sheet wash and erosion from upslope, where a historic dwelling was once located. All recovered artifacts are associated with the mid to late 19th century occupation of the dwelling.

All academic institutions, cultural resource management firms, and individual researchers who work on North Carolina archaeological sites are welcomed and encouraged to submit summaries of their current work to this column. Please contact Tom Beaman at TBeamanJr@aol.com for more information.

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SEAC 2008

65TH ANNUAL MEETING

November 12-15, 2008

Hilton University Place – Charlotte, NC

CHECK THE SEAC WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION AND FORMS FOR REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSIONS:

<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annmeet.html>

Hotel:

The Hilton University Place is a completely non-smoking hotel about 8 miles northeast of downtown Charlotte, close to I-85. The room rate will be \$121 plus tax (about 16% currently). Parking is free. Reservations will be directly accessible from the SEAC website. Deadline for hotel reservations is October 19, 2008. The conference rate is valid during Nov. 11-16.

Registration:

Advance registration will be by check or on-line by credit card. On-site registration will be by check or by cash.

	Regular	Student
Up to Oct. 10	\$65	\$50
After Oct. 10	\$75	\$60

Proposals for papers, posters, and symposia:

Full information and submission forms are available now (or very soon) on the web page. The deadline for submission of papers, posters, symposia, and special events is **Thursday, August 21, 2008**.

Information about the Student Paper Prize will also be available on the web page. Anyone may benefit from the guidelines for giving effective papers currently available on the student section of the SEAC web site:

<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/student/Effective%20Presentations.html>.

All papers are 20 minutes long; boards for posters will be 8 ft x 4 ft. Half-day symposia should have no more than 11 participants, including discussants. You must be a paid-up member to give a paper.

Media:

We will supply digital projectors for PowerPoint presentations. Organizers and presenters must supply laptops: more information about this available soon. There will be two, ancient, carousel slide projectors in reserve if necessary.

Book room:

Contact Janet Levy (jelevy@uncc.edu) no later than August 27, 2008, if you want to have a table or tables in the Book Room. Please let her know the number of 6-foot tables you would prefer and the minimum number you can work with. All exhibitors are expected to donate to the Student Paper Prize.

Special Events:

Plan to attend a reception (free except for cash bar) at the Levine Museum of the New South (<http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org/>) in downtown Charlotte on Thursday evening. Their permanent exhibit is "Cotton Fields to Skyscrapers: Charlotte and the Carolina Piedmont in the New South." Transportation will be provided.

The Spongetones return for another great dance on Friday night. Get a preview on MySpace at: <http://www.myspace.com/spongetones>.

Join us for a closing barbecue, Catawba Indian village, 18th century Back Country Farm, and temporary exhibit, "Swamp Things," at the Schiele Museum of Natural History (<http://www.schielemuseum.org/>) in Gastonia on Saturday afternoon. There will be a moderate charge for food, but transportation will be provided.

COMPLETE INFORMATION AND FORMS AVAILABLE NOW (OR REALLY SOON) ON THE SEAC WEB PAGE. <http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annmeet.html>

Tennessee Current Research

The Louis-Berger Group, Inc conducted two projects this year for the Tennessee Department of Transportation. In June 2007, they completed an archaeological survey of corridor realignments along State Route 52 in Fentress County. One archaeological site (40FN259) was recorded above Falling Water Branch. This site was recorded as a prehistoric lithic scatter and was recommended as ineligible to the National Register of Historic Places due to a limited artifact assemblage and ground disturbance.

In September 2007, Berger also completed archaeological testing and evaluations at ten sites along State Route 52 in Overton County. The sites investigated include three multi-component open air sites, five rockshelters, two dark zone caves, and the site of a possible historic period burial. The Archaeological Research Laboratory at the University of Tennessee conducted the survey of the caves. Over 35,000 artifacts were recovered during the project, 94% of which is lithic debitage. An in-depth lithic analysis compared the lithic technologies employed at rockshelters and open sites, but revealed very little difference between them. Five rockshelters and one open site were recommended as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Project highlights include a dense Woodland feature cluster, a rockshelter containing over 8,000 artifacts per 1x1-meter unit, and historic rockshelter masonry. Berger identified no human remains or evidence of a grave shaft at the possible historic burial location. In January of this year, two papers on the results of this project were presented at the 20th Annual Current Research in Tennessee Archaeology Conference in Nashville.

Over the last two years, the Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, in south central Kentucky and north central Tennessee, has been re-evaluating archaeological sites located on the Upper Cumberland Plateau within the boundaries of Big South Fork. To date, out of 1,362 sites, 1,177 were relocated and 1,111 were determined to be in fair to good condition. This work was done by National Park Service Rangers and through cooperative agreements with the University of Tennessee's Archaeological Research Laboratory and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology at Middle Tennessee State University. Having this baseline information will allow the NPS Rangers to gauge

disturbance and establish patrols to more effectively protect these resources.

Big South Fork is also finishing the last year of a two year soil survey project. During this project, several prehistoric archaeological rockshelter sites were selected for investigation. NPS archaeologist Lacey Fleming, along with Middle Tennessee State University archaeology students Robin Bombardi and Jennifer Clinton, excavated these sites so that the USDA soil scientists could do their analyses. At the 'Broken Screen Rockshelter', a one meter square revealed a prehistoric hearth between 46 and 60 centimeters below the surface. At 50 centimeters, a notched Kanawha-type projectile point was found adjacent to this feature. A charcoal sample returned a 2-sigma C14 assay (Beta-234761) of 10,200-9,880 BP – or a conventional date of 8,900 ± BP. The test unit also produced a large pocket of debitage just below the hearth, but the following two levels were sterile. A short report of these investigations is in progress.

Dr. Tanya Peres, also of Middle Tennessee State University, is continuing research on human-animal interactions in the Middle Cumberland Region of Tennessee. During the fall semester, Dr. Peres and zooarchaeology students analyzed faunal materials from the Fernvale Site (40WM51), in collaboration with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology. Fernvale is a multi-component site spanning the Late Archaic through Mississippian periods. Faunal remains were recovered from test units and features, several of which were correlated with two structures. Additionally, two dog burials were analyzed by MTSU alumnus Lacey Fleming. These analyses will be included as a chapter in the final site report. In addition, Dr. Peres continues to analyze the faunal remains from the Castalian Springs Site (40Su14), excavated under the direction of Dr. Kevin Smith, MTSU, Emily Beahm, University of Georgia, and several seasons of MTSU Field School students. Several different activity areas have been excavated and are currently under analysis.

**MINUTES OF THE SEAC BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 2, 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 5:05 by SEAC President Kenneth Sassaman in the Lecture Auditorium of the Knoxville Convention Center. Host Boyce Driskell welcomed SEAC on behalf of the University of Tennessee and the UT Archaeological Research Laboratory, and thanked the planning and program committee members for their hard work. Boyce then introduced Tim Burchett, Tennessee State Senator (Knoxville) and Deputy Speaker of the Senate, who welcomed SEAC members to Knoxville and pointed out a few Knoxville's assets.

OLD BUSINESS

Reports of Officers:

Secretary's Report, Rebecca Saunders (see Executive Board Meeting minutes).

Treasurer's Report, Keith Stephenson (see Executive Board Meeting minutes). After the details of SEAC's financial health were described, Treasurer Stephenson formally passed the torch (the money tie) to Treasurer-elect Victor D. Thompson.

Editor's Report. Gayle Fritz (see Executive Board meeting minutes).

Reports of Standing Committees

Investment and Finance Committee. Paul Welch presented the following summary report from the Investment and Finance Committee (see Executive Board Meeting for further details):

The Life Fund ended FY07 with a healthy profit. The balance was roughly \$125,000. This balance includes one new Life Member payment of \$500, plus \$15,000 in interest earnings. The return on investments was about 13% for FY07.

FYI: Yesterday's big drop in the stock market is in FY08 and does not effect the FY07 statements.

During the history of the Life Member Fund, the Board has never withdrawn any money from the Fund's

earnings. However, in light of the Fund's surprisingly rapid growth over the past 10 years, the Board has begun discussing using some of the Fund's earnings to support a small research grant program, which President Sassaman will tell you more about a bit later in this meeting.

Public Outreach Committee: Secretary Saunders summarized the report submitted by Committee Chair Mary Kwas (see Executive Board meeting minutes). In addition, she read this report filed by Mary for the Business meeting:

The 2007 Grant Winner

The 2007 SEAC Public Outreach Grant went to Carl Steen and the Diachronic Research Foundation, Columbia, SC, for the Johannes Kolb Archaeology and Education Project in Darlington County. Funds were requested to support a Public Archaeology Day in association with a two-week field project at the Johannes Kolb site on the Great Pee Dee River. Funds helped pay for a public interpreter, a primitive technology specialist, a professional photographer to enhance the project's web site, and educational flyers. This annual event reaches about 500 visitors to the site, and has the potential for reaching additional people through their web site. A summary report of the project, two educational assessments, and photographs of the event can be viewed on the SEAC web site.

I would also like to point out that reports and photographs of winners from previous years can also be found on the SEAC web site.

2008 Grant Cycle:

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 provides an annual grant of \$2,000 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 field trips, or other public-oriented projects.

The 2008 Grant Cycle is now beginning, and submissions are requested. Information about the SEAC Public Outreach Grant including a history of the grant, description, requirements, and a grant application can be found on the SEAC web site.

All submissions must be received by the committee chair no later than December 1.

Student Affairs Committee: Theresa McReynolds reported on the substantial progress of the Student Affairs Committee (see Executive Board meeting minutes).

NEW BUSINESS

Future Meetings: (see Executive Board meeting minutes); Alan May and Phil Carr described accommodations and other features of the upcoming meetings in Charlotte, North Carolina and Mobile, Alabama, respectively.

Resolutions:

Thanking the conference organizers and others, presented by President Sassaman:

Whereas the 64th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference has been an outstanding success in continuing our mutual interest in sharing archaeological knowledge and fostering collegiality;

And whereas conference organizers Boyce Driskell, Kandace Hollenback, Judith Sichler, David Anderson, and Sarah Sherwood, as well as our hosts of the Department of Anthropology, University of Tennessee have provided this opportunity with generosity, professionalism, and class

And whereas a cadre of student volunteers and sponsoring agencies have enhanced the experience through goodwill and logistical talent;

Be it hereby resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its deepest gratitude to the organizers, sponsors, and volunteers, and congratulate all for a job well done.

Thanking Keith Stephenson, presented by President-elect David Anderson:

Whereas Keith Stephenson has honorably, honestly, and most importantly humorously presided over SEAC's flush (and fettle) accounts for the past three years,

including maintaining the excellent financial health of our organization, and whereas he has presented both accurate and entertaining reports on his activities at the annual business meeting, Now therefore let it be resolved that the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference offer our sincere thanks to Keith for a job well done. You, and your reports, will be missed!

Honoring Maureen Myers, presented by Adam King:
Whereas Maureen Myers has served as Executive Officer with good humor and dedication,

And whereas while lending her strong voice to our organization she maintained her obligations as a devoted mother, productive researcher, and graduate student, Therefore, let it be resolved that we, the membership of SEAC, thank Maureen for her dedication to SEAC.

Thanks to Theresa McReynolds, declared by Kenneth Sassaman.

While not presented as a formal resolution, President Sassaman thanked Theresa McReynolds for her excellent work on the Student Affairs Committee.

Further Resolutions. While resolutions are often presented honoring SEAC members who passed away since the last meeting, there were none this year. President Sassaman observed that any year SEAC doesn't lose a member is a good year.

Awards

SEAC Student Paper Competition. Prior to the announcement of the winner by Renee Walker, President-elect Anderson named the previous winners (listed in the back of the program) and presented the following:

The first-place prize for the 2007 SEAC Student Book Prize included 315 volumes, six vessel replicas, a framed mica cut-out replica, two framed prints, a six foot finger-woven scarf, miscellaneous cards, and a cloth bag. The estimated value of the first-place prize was \$6002.50. This year the second-place prize was offered consisting of a lifetime membership in SEAC, as well as back issues of the journal Southeastern Archaeology, for an estimated value of \$800. SEAC extends its gratitude to the following donors for their continuing support of the Student Paper Competition.

Special thanks are due, as always, to Judith Knight for coordinating much of the donation effort.

Those donating items to the book prize included: The University of Alabama Office of Archaeological Research; The University of Alabama Press; Center for Archaeological Studies, University of South Alabama; Ancient Hands/Marty Hawthorn; Ancient Society Books/Larry Conrad; David Anderson/Jenalee Muse; Tamara and Larry Beane; Center for American Archaeology; Center for Archaeological Investigations, SIU Carbondale; Coastal Environments, Inc.; Boyce Driskell; Florida Museum of Natural History; University of Florida Institute of Archaeology and Paleoenvironmental Studies; University Press of Florida; University of Georgia Department of Anthropology; Gustav's Library; Illinois Department of Transportation Archaeological Research Program; Louisiana Archaeological Society; Louisiana Division of Archaeology; McClung Museum, University of Tennessee; Mississippi Department of Archives and History; New York State Museum Publications; North Carolina Archaeological Council; Research Laboratories of Archaeology, University of North Carolina; Phyllis and Dan Morse/Morse Books; North Carolina Archaeological Council; Oklahoma Archaeological Survey; Society of Bead Researchers; South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology; Southeastern Archaeological Conference; Southeast Archeological Center National Park Service; University of Tennessee Press; Virginia Department of Historic Resources; Susan Wilson/Fingerweaving by Susan--Easily Amused Enterprises. **Thanks to all of these people!**

Renee Walker thanked the other judges of the Student Paper Competition Award Committee, Marvin Smith and Richard Weinstein. Renee noted that there were 12 submissions and that all were of good quality. Then she put an end to the suspense:

The second prize went to Clete Rooney of the University of Florida for his paper *Beyond Kingsley: Reconceptualizing the Archaeology and Anthropology of Fort George Island, Florida*.

First prize went to Glenn Strickland, of the University of Mississippi for his paper *The Archaeological Unifying Constant: Interpretations of a Late Mississippian Mound Group through Digital Spatial Modeling*.

Special Recognition

Gerald Schroedl then read the following Resolution in Honor of J. Bennett Graham:

Whereas J. Bennett Graham served the Southeastern archaeological community for 32 years at the Tennessee Valley Authority,

Whereas during this time he was directly responsible for the management of the Tennessee Valley Authority's cultural resource management programs,

Whereas the Tennessee Valley Authority's management area covers a large portion of the southeastern United States,

Whereas during J. Bennett Graham's tenure the Tennessee Valley Authority conducted hundreds of cultural resources projects,

Whereas among these were the Tellico, Normandy, and Columbia projects, which have made significant and lasting contributions to archaeological research in the Southeast,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference recognizes J. Bennett Graham for his long service and many contributions to archaeological resource management at the Tennessee Valley Authority,

And be it further resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference acknowledges with great appreciation J. Bennett Graham's role in the conduct of Southeastern Archaeological research.

Dr. Graham received the award with brevity—he said that he was “touched and honored” by the Resolution.

C.B. Moore Award. T.R. Kidder presented the C.B. Moore award with these comments:

The C.B. Moore award for “Excellence in archaeology by a young scholar in Southeastern archaeology or associated studies” was initiated by Stephen Williams and has been presented annually at the Southeastern Archaeological Conference since 1994. This award, which recognizes some of the best and most accomplished archaeologists among our ranks, is voted on by past recipients of the award and members of the Lower Mississippi Survey. The award is funded entirely by the LMS and costs SEAC nothing. The only expense incurred is your time.

The recipient is acknowledged by the presentation of a replica of the Moundville Cat Pipe and joins a growing list of the Southeast's most talented scholars.

The recipient is recognized for contributions in fieldwork, publication, and service to the archaeological community.

It is a great pleasure to announce that the recipient of the 2007 C.B. Moore award is Gregory D. Wilson.

Greg received his Ph.D. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2005. He is a past winner of the SEAC student paper competition and has published three articles in Southeastern Archaeology, multiple book reviews, and his book, *The Archaeology of Everyday Life at Early Moundville* is due out soon from the University of Alabama Press. His fieldwork spans eastern North America and includes a stint in Peru. Greg has served as a member of the SEAC Student Affairs Committee and serves as a reviewer for a number of professional journals.

Please join me in congratulating Gregory D. Wilson for his accomplishments which are acknowledged by the C.B. Moore award.

Lifetime Achievement Award. David Hally (the other members of the committee are Ian Brown and Bill Marquardt) presented the Lifetime Achievement Award, "SEAC's greatest award" to Charles Faulkner. Continuing a tradition of hugging the recipient of the award, established last year with Hester Davis, Hally hugged Faulkner.

Dr. Faulkner recovered nicely and accepted the award, noting that he was thankful for the opportunity to be an archaeologist at the University of Tennessee and to have had wonderful students and colleagues.

David Anderson announced a reception in Dr. Faulkner's honor, funded by the "love and generosity" of Dr. Faulkner's friends and colleagues.

Other new business

Electronic Voting. Secretary Saunders announced the switch from paper to electronic voting for all SEAC elections, which will be instituted at the next election (see details in the minutes from the Executive Board meeting). Folks who would like a paper ballot should contact Saunders at 225.578.6562 (LSU Museum of Natural Science).

Student Research Grant-in-Aid Program. President Sassaman reported the creation of a Student Research grants program, to be funded by interest income generated by the Life Member Fund (see minutes from the Executive Board meeting). Details of the program are still being worked out; Sassaman called for proposals for granting programs.

Additional New Business: President Sassaman called for additional new business from the floor. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Saunders, SEAC Secretary

MINUTES OF THE FALL 2007 SEAC EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 31, 2007

Attending: Dave Anderson, Phil Carr, Dave Cranford, Boyce Driskell, Gayle Fritz, Lynn Funkhouser, Eugene Futato, Al Goodyear, Dave Hally, Meg Kassabaum, T.R. Kidder, Lucinda Langston, Janet Levy, Rob Moon, Maureen Myers, John O'Hear, Claudine Payne, Tom Pluckhahn, Theresa McReynolds, Brett Riggs, Kenneth Sassaman, Rebecca Saunders, Margie Scarry, Keith Stephenson, Victor Thompson, Anne Tippitt, Renee Walker, Paul Welch.

The meeting was called to order by President Kenneth Sassaman at 7:35.

OLD BUSINESS

SECRETARY'S REPORT, submitted by Rebecca Saunders.

The minutes from the last meeting were accepted as published in the most recent Newsletter (motion to accept, Sassaman; second, Maureen Myers).

The results of the last election were presented. For Executive Officer 1, the candidates were Thomas Pluckhahn, Kandace Hollenbach, and Edmond (Tony) Boudreaux. Thomas Pluckhahn was elected. Charlie Cobb was ratified as the new journal editor.

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT, submitted by Keith Stephenson.

I am glad to report that SEAC continues to have a sound financial status. As of the end of Fiscal Year 2007 (FY07), SEAC has \$213,399.80 in financial assets. Of this total, \$87,036.99 is in liquid assets (with \$55,006.98 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Working Fund checking account; \$27,553.62 in the Merrill Lynch Low Duration Fund account [up from \$25,123.48 at the end of FY06]; \$3,523.65 in the Life Fund Money Market account, and \$952.74 in the Associate Editor for Publication Sales account), and \$126,362.81 in long-term investments (various Life Fund accounts; see 'Investment and Finance Committee Report'). Over the course of the year, SEAC's total financial assets increased by \$8,914.71 mostly due to investment returns in the Life Fund account.

SEAC had a total income of \$32,788.54 in the EMA Working Fund account including \$29,000.00 from membership renewals; \$2,053.41 in dividends/interest from the Working Fund and Low Duration Fund accounts; a \$500.00 transfer from the Associate Editor for Publication Sales account; \$227.13 in royalties; \$73.00 from rental of the SEAC mailing list; \$885.00 from Illinois Transportation Archaeological Research Program (ITARP) to cover printing costs for 75 additional journal copies of SA Vol. 25 No. 2, and \$50.00 in donations (Table 1).

SEAC had EMA Working Fund account expenditures totaling \$44,251.34. This amount includes one Life membership in the amount of \$500.00 transferred to the Life Fund account; \$487.45 for duplication and postage of membership renewal notification forms; \$31,165.79 in publication costs for the SEAC journal and newsletter (\$23,875.55 to publish and distribute SA Volumes 25 No. 2 and 26 No. 1—or more precisely, \$22,990.55 when the \$885.00 reimbursement by ITARP for extra journal copies is deducted; \$2,208.79 for Reprints of SA Vol. 25. Nos. 1 and 2, and Vol. 26 No. 1; \$2,847.00 for editorial services, and \$2,234.45 to print and distribute Vol. 49 Nos. 1 and 2 of the SEAC Newsletter); \$553.19 for duplication and postage of the election ballot; \$150.00 in annual banking service fees; \$3,980.00 for the FY05 and FY06 CPA financial statements and IRS filing; \$2,000.00 to the Public Outreach Grant award; \$79.30 for Web Hosting; \$49.00

Table 1. Fiscal Year 2007 Accounting

INCOME		Working Fund	Life Fund
Dues		\$29,000.00	
Student 2007	\$2,175.00		
Student 2008	60.00		
Regular 2007	17,535.00		
Regular 2008	245.00		
Family 2007	1,920.00		
Family 2008	40.00		
Institution 2007	6,450.00		
Institution 2008	75.00		
Life	500.00		
	29,000.00		
Life Fund Investment Returns			\$15,963.40
Merrill Lynch EMA Interest/Dividends		2,053.41	
Journal Publication Sales		500.00	
Royalties		227.13	
Mailing List Rental		73.00	
ITARP/Emerson for extra copies of SA Vol 25(2)		885.00	
Contribution/Donation		50.00	
Total income		32,788.54	
EXPENDITURES			
Transfer to Life Fund Account		500.00	500.00
Treasury Office Expenses		487.45	
Dues Renewal Notification Form Duplication	76.28		
Dues Renewal Notification Form Postage	418.36		
Publications		31,165.79	
SA Journal Printing and Mailing	23,875.55		
SA Reprints Printing and Mailing	2,208.79		
SA Editorial Services	2,847.00		
SA Newsletter Printing and Mailing	2,234.45		
Election Ballot Mailings and Postage		553.19	
Merrill Lynch EMA Annual Fee		150.00	
CPA Financial Statement		3,980.00	
Fiscal Year 2005	1,990.00		
Fiscal Year 2006	1,990.00		
Public Outreach Grant Award		2,000.00	
SEAC Web Site Annual Fee		79.30	
SPORG Service Annual Fee		49.00	
SEAC 07 Startup Funds		1,000.00	
SEAC 07 Conference Center Deposit		4,185.00	
FY06 Mid-Year Board Meeting Refreshments		101.61	
Total Expenditure		44,251.34	
Net income		(\$11,462.80)	\$16,463.40

for the SPORG annual fee; \$1,000.00 for SEAC 06 startup funds; a \$4,185.00 deposit for the SEAC 07 Conference Center; and \$101.61 for the FY06 Mid-Year Board Meeting refreshments (Table 1).

Overall, organizational expenditures exceeded income by \$11,462.80. However, when a breakdown in numbers is considered, the net-income deficit is not as severe as it appears. First, several service costs generated during previous fiscal years were billed and paid in FY07 including \$650.15 for article Reprints of SA Vol. 25 No. 1 and \$1,990.00 for the FY05 CPA financial statement and filing. Secondly, these amounts coupled with \$5,185.00 in start-up funding and deposits extended to the SEAC 07 Annual Conference reduce the net-income deficit to \$3,635.65. Finally, this amount is accounted for by an increase of \$2,952.73 in the production cost of the journal over FY06, (\$20,037.82 in FY06 vs. \$22,990.55—with the \$855.00 ITARP reimbursement deducted—in FY07; note that this difference in annual production cost is attributed to the expanded size and content of the journal during FY07, which certainly makes for a better journal, rather than any actual increase in printer's cost over previous fiscal years).

In FY07, the publications cost per member was \$30.53

(total SEAC publications cost at \$31,165.79—less the \$855.00 ITARP reimbursement—allocated among 992 members). This represents an increase of \$2.35 over last year's cost of \$28.18 per member.

Membership

SEAC numbers remain strong with a standing total of 992 membership renewals and new memberships for 2007 (Table 2). This represents a nine member increase over 2006, and also the highest membership rate since FY01 with its peak at 1,019. Regrettably, there were 181 dues-paying members in 2006 that did not renew for 2007;

however, this loss was buffered by 106 new members

	FY07	FY06	FY05	FY04	FY03
Student	149	152	147	155	126
Regular	508	502	515	484	515
Family	49	44	44	35	42
Life	144	142	141	141	141
Family Life	31	31	32	32	31
Institution	87	89	85	89	86
Complimentary	24	23	22	23	22
Total	992	983	986	959	963

in 2007 (including 54 Student, 48 Regular, 2 Family, 1 Institutional, and 1 Complimentary) together with 77 memberships that had lapsed in 2006 or before, but were renewed in 2007.

In regards to Life Fund accounting (per the request of Paul 'Greenspan' Welch, Chair of the SEAC Investment and Finance Committee), SEAC has 144 Life memberships and 31 Family Life memberships. During my term as treasurer, numerical differences in each of the Life membership categories reflect circumstantial changes as well as three new Life memberships, one of which was via the 2006 Honorable Mention award in the Student Paper Competition, an award that will continue annually.

In sum, there was an increase in Family memberships but a slight decrease in Institutional memberships. It would be good to see Institutional memberships increase in the coming year as these, along with Regular memberships, are the bread and butter of Treasury revenue. So, I do urge all SEAC members at University and Research Institutions to be sure your facility subscribes to the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. I also note that student memberships are down slightly from last year, but at the same time an increase in Regular membership over last year is a possible indicator that some students actually graduated to become Regular members! Let's continue putting pressure on our student colleagues to become members at the very reasonable rate of \$15.00 annually.

Table 3 shows the projected Fiscal Year 2008 budget. Anticipating 810 paid members for 2008 in the Student, Regular, Family, and Institution categories, dues revenue will net \$29,100.00. This amount along with additional income totaling \$2,875.00 from typical annual income-generating sources likely will bring the annual proceeds to \$31,975.00. On the other hand, estimated expenditures generated through standard yearly service costs will total \$33,768.30, resulting in a projected net-income loss of \$1,793.00. This deficit is attributed to anticipated increases in publication costs and postage rates.

INCOME		Working Fund
Dues		\$29,100.00
Student 2008	2,325.00	
Regular 2008	18,025.00	
Family 2008	2,000.00	
Institution 2008	6,750.00	
	29,100.00	
Merrill Lynch EMA Interest/Dividends		2,000.00
Journal Publication Sales		500.00
Royalties		300.00
Mailing List Rental		75.00
Total Income		31,975.00
EXPENDITURES		
Treasury Office Expenses		450.00
Publications		28,500.00
SA Journal Printing and Mailing	23,000.00	
SA Reprints Printing and Mailing	1,500.00	
SA Editorial Services	2,000.00	
SA Newsletter Printing and Mailing	2,000.00	
Election Ballot Mailings and Postage	28,500.00	550.00
Merrill Lynch EMA Annual Fee		150.00
CPA Financial Statement		1,990.00
Public Outreach Grant Award		2,000.00
SEAC Web Site Annual Fee		79.30
SPORG Service Annual Fee		49.00
Total Expenditure		33,768.30
Net Income		(\$1,793.30)

EDITORS REPORT, submitted by Gayle Fritz.

Volume 26.1 (Summer, 2007), was published August 22, 2007, containing ten articles and eight book reviews. It is 167 pages long.

Volume 26.2 (Winter, 2007) was sent to the copy editor in early September, and we received it back earlier this week (Oct.30). Authors of the nine articles have been alerted to look for their edited papers and to expect page proofs from Allen Press before Christmas. We are determined to send these files to Allen Press at least a month before last winter's issue was sent, so that it will be published no later than early February.

Below is a complete report of manuscripts processed during 2006 and so far during 2007:

2006 Manuscripts: Total manuscripts received: 36 (including several forwarded by Lynne Sullivan from late 2006).

Accepted: 21 (All but two after revision and resubmission).

In Vol. 25(1): 1

In Vol. 25(2): 0 (this was the thematic American Bottom volume)

In Vol. 26(1): 7

In Vol. 26(2): 8

For Vol. 27(1): 5

Pending: 8 (Author asked to revise and resubmit, but has not done so)

Rejected: 7

2007 Manuscripts: Total Manuscripts received: 14

Accepted: 1 (without revision, will be in Vol. 26(2))

Pending: 11 (5 authors asked to revise and resubmit, but have not done so)

(6 papers have at least one review not yet submitted)

Rejected: 2

Concerns:

The submission rate has dropped off precipitously between 2006 and 2007, which is troublesome and something that needs to be discussed. Another concern is that fewer than expected authors have actually revised and resubmitted, even when strongly urged to do so. Several papers received at least one review that recommended more work than the author was probably prepared to carry out, but in most cases the reviews were encouraging and did not ask for a huge amount of revision. We have contacted the authors who have not resubmitted in order to prod them along. In addition, we strongly urge all SEAC members to send us papers for review.

ASSOCIATE EDITOR REPORTS

Renee Walker, Book Reviews. More books arrive than can be reviewed, and reviewer turnaround is a problem. Renee vows to nag.

Eugene Futato, Sales. Eugene reported that there were 56 mailouts. The SEAC sales department began the year with an initial balance of \$1004.20. Of this balance, \$500.00 of sales income was turned over to the treasurer, postage cost \$201.78, and there was a \$0.18 check service charge. The net balance is \$952.74.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT, submitted by Paul Welch.

The table below shows where the Life Fund accounts stood at the close of business on Oct 29, two days before

the end of the Fiscal Year. The total is \$125,424.13, up from \$109,899.41 at the end of FY 2006. Growth in the Fund includes \$500 from one new Life membership, plus \$15,024.72 return on investment (13.7% growth), for a total increase of \$15,524.72 for the fiscal year to date.

	Fund Totals	% of Inv	Target
Index 500	\$74,868.87	61.40%	62.00%
Intl Growth	17,010.87	14.00%	12.00%
Small Cap	14,482.79	11.90%	12.00%
Health Care	9,157.14	7.50%	8.00%
REIT Index	6,395.56	5.20%	6.00%
	121,915.23	100.00%	100.00%
Money Mkt	3,508.90		
Total	125,424.13		

The mutual funds are all close to their target allocations, with a slight overweight in the International Growth account. The Committee believes that it is not necessary to rebalance the stock-fund portfolio at this time.

[Note: comments on the sections below were postponed for discussion under New Business]. However, the Committee does recommend selling some of the stock funds and holding the proceeds in the money market account, as a buffer in case the market continues to slide downward. Because of declining stock prices our Fund has lost nearly 10% of its value in the past month, and we think there may be worse times ahead. We believe it is prudent to “cash in some of our chips” before things worsen. We have discussed cashing in between \$10,000 and \$20,000, most of which would come from the Index 500 account. However, the amount that we would recommend is affected by decisions the Board may take with respect to President Sassaman’s proposal to use some of the Life Fund earnings for a grant program.

The Committee discussed ways to fund the proposed grant program, and discussed what amount of money would be prudent to commit to the program at this time. As to the mechanism, we unanimously recommend funding the program by transferring a lump sum of FY07 Life Fund earnings to the Working Fund, and spending that money in annual grants over a period of years. The “grant fund” would be replenished by transferring additional sums from Life Fund earnings in later years. According to our Bylaws, the amount of money that can be removed from the Life Fund account in any one fiscal year is limited to the amount earned in the previous fiscal year. At the moment (two days before the fiscal year ends) the FY07 fiscal year earnings are \$15,000. In order to maintain growth in the Fund we recommend retaining at least half of these earnings in the Fund. Transferring out \$5,000, which could then fund an annual \$1,000 grant for the next five years, is

a plan that the committee supports. Over the next five years, we expect that there would be at least one year in which annual earnings would allow the Board to transfer out more money to replenish the grant program. Of course if earnings accelerate over time, additional amounts could be transferred to expand the grant (or some other) program.

To summarize, this report contains two recommendations, one for “cashing in some chips” and holding the proceeds in the Life Fund money market account, and one for an amount to transfer out of the Life Fund if the Board approves using FY07 earnings to fund a grants program. We unanimously recommend that the total of these two amounts not exceed \$20,000.

As always, the committee recognizes that it is our task only to offer advice. Decisions about the Life Fund remain in the hands of the SEAC Executive Board.”

General Discussion. There was some discussion of whether to, and how to, set up money for a Grants Program. This discussion was curtailed—for discussion under “New Business.”

NATIVE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REPORT

Brett Riggs. Brett detailed his activities over the past six months. This consisted primarily of canvassing the tribes to see what their members would like SEAC to do. The results of these consultations are:

1. reconstitute the advisory panel of Native American archaeologists, as an ad hoc committee; the panel could liase between SEAC and Native American tribes

2. create a reciprocal representation with USET (United Southern and Eastern Tribes). Next year their meeting is in Cherokee, so it is close at hand. SEAC could do the same with National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

3. Formalize educational initiatives: develop materials for use in K-12 . The Eastern Band has funding for this and is ready to move forward. Brett suggests SEAC provide funding, for hiring graduate students, for example.

4. panel discussion, plenary session, “What can archaeologists do for Native Americans.” A number of tribes are interested. UNC just hired Clara Sue Kidwell, who has offered to chair such a session. Brett would like to find some funding for travel and lodging to support the session, perhaps from federal sources, e.g.,

the Forest Service. Brett has discussed this with the 2008 program committee.

Brett also noted that future goals include setting up a scholarship to assist with tuition for Native American in an archaeological program.

General Discussion: The scholarship possibility could be revisited when we discuss initiatives for spending some interest generated by the Life Fund.

STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE, submitted by Theresa McReynolds.

Theresa reported that the students organized four events for this meeting: Two are regular, annual events: the student reception and a scheduled workshop, which this year is “Careers in CRM”. Student affairs is also trying out lunchtime workshops at the 2007 meetings. There are two this year, “Publishing in Archaeology” (T.R. Kidder will chair) and “Getting into Grad School,” with Margie Scarry. Ken Sassaman and David Anderson are facilitating.

Introduction of new members. Theresa recruited: David Cranford as the new Student Affairs Committee chair. Meg Kassabaum is the “chair-elect.” She will rotate in as a full chair after one year.

Theresa also noted that the Committee needs to recruit a new webmaster to replace David. She also introduced the two new undergraduate members of the Committee, Lucinda Langston and Lynn Funkhouser.

STUDENT PAPER COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Renee Walker (Marvin Smith and Rich Weinstein also served as judges. David Anderson estimated the value of the prize).

Renee reported that there were twelve submissions. The winners will be revealed at the Business Meeting.

LIFE TIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Dave Hally, Bill Marquardt and Ian Brown.

David Hally reported that there was only one submission, Charles Faulkner.

NEW BUSINESS

CURRENT MEETING.

Boyce Driskell presented a report on the state of the 2007 meeting. Boyce noted that despite buying extra food so that members could essentially eat dinner at SEAC functions, the conference will break even if 600 persons register.

FUTURE MEETING VENUES:

2008 Charlotte: Anne Tippitt and Alan May. The report by Ann Tippitt included the information that there are many new amenities since the meetings were last held in Charlotte, both in the hotel and in the surrounding community.

2009 Mobile: Phil Carr reported on the progress of the planning for Mobile, at the Riverview Hotel, which has been completely renovated since Katrina. Phil was able to bring room rates to \$124 (down from \$139). Phil distributed the proposal and other materials to voting members of Board.

For 2010, there are two proposals: Jacksonville or Greenville. Ken called for a statement of preference for a venue; Jacksonville was agreed upon.

ELECTRONIC VOTING, Saunders.

Following up on preliminary research conducted by former secretary Claudine Payne, I contacted Vote. Now, the organization used by both SAA and ROPA. Vote-Now prepared a "service" estimate on the basis of membership (874 non-institutional, 788 email addresses) that included four packages, Pro-Bronze, -Silver, -Gold, -Platinum; a Pro-Custom package is also possible. All packages include: ballot set-up and testing, candidate profile links, and email notification, with two follow-up email reminders (sent only to those that have not yet voted) with voter access codes and links to members. The least expensive package, Pro-Bronze, includes the aforementioned custom email with access codes to all members, and the two email reminders to members that have not voted. More expensive packages include first class letters, and the most expensive includes two additional reminder letters to members that have not voted.

Saunders recommended the Bronze package, at \$912.00, with a new customer discount of 10% (\$91), \$821.00, or \$0.94 per member.

General Discussion. The board discussed the cost per member of a traditional SEAC mailed ballot vs. the electronic voting option. According to Treasurer Stephenson, the last ballot cost about \$0.59 a member. A motion was made (Kidder) and seconded to test electronic balloting for a three year trial period. The effectiveness vs. cost would be reviewed at that time. The motion was passed unanimously.

It was resolved that the new system would go into effect with the next mid-term elections, that the new system would be announced in the upcoming Spring newsletter, and that those who desired a paper ballot could request one at that time.

STUDENT RESEARCH GRANT-IN-AID PROGRAM, Sassaman

In discussion with members of the Investment and Finance Committee, in October 2007, Sassaman circulated a proposal for a Student Research Grant-in-Aid Program, modeled after Sigma Xi's, to be funded with earnings from the Life Fund. The grants would be on the order of \$1000-2000.

General Discussion. Discussion revolved around what kinds of research activities would be supported, and funding. Ultimately, the following motion was proposed (Kidder) and seconded (Sassaman): The Southeastern Archaeological Conference will create an award of \$1000/yr minimum from the interest revenues of the Life Fund.

Sassaman will solicit proposals from the Executive Board for the kinds of research the awards program will support. The proposals will be reviewed at the mid-year meeting.

To support the award, Welch suggested that the board request that the Investment and Finance Committee move \$5,000 of interest earnings from the Life Fund to the Operating Funds. Moved-Anderson; Second-Fritz. Passed unanimously. Clarification: the \$5000, even though now mixed with general operating funds, will be considered a "Board Designated Fund." The transfer of funds fundamentally moves money from an account that is controlled by the bylaws to an open-ended, fungible account controlled by the board. The money does not have to be spent in one year.

OLDBUSINESS-SEAC OUTREACH COMMITTEE
(Kwas, reported by Saunders). We accidentally skipped over the report of the Outreach Committee. Saunders summarized the report prepared by Kwas:

Committee members:

Mary Kwas, chair

Rita Elliott

Claudine Payne

Rebecca Saunders, board liaison

Thomas Foster, Department of Anthropology, Northern Kentucky University, will rejoin the committee for 2008. Tom recused himself from the committee for 2007 to avoid conflict of interest in a submission.

Status of the 2006 Winner: Marksville Project, Chip McGimsey:

The final report for this project has been received. A summary report was submitted to the SEAC newsletter, and the report is also posted on the SEAC web site.

Status of the 2007 Winner:

The 2007 Public Outreach Grant was awarded to the Johannes Kolb Project, Carl Steen, Diachronic Research Foundation, Columbia, South Carolina. The final report for this project has been received. A summary report was submitted to the SEAC newsletter. The summary article, two educational assessments, and photos from the project are now posted on the SEAC web site.

Status of the 2008 Grant Cycle:

The 2008 Grant Cycle is now beginning, and submissions are requested. Announcements have been sent to the SAA Archaeology for the Public web site, SAA Public Archaeology Interest Group listserv, Society for Historical Archaeology, Southeastern Museums Conference, National Association for Interpretation, and state archaeological societies in the Southeast. Deadline for receipt of submissions is December 1.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE,
Welch

The Investment and Finance Committee in the guise of Paul Welch, suggested moving \$10,000-\$15,000 out of stock funds into a less risky money market account. So moved: Kidder. The Board settled on \$15,000. Second, Myers. The vote was unanimous.

NON-SEAC AWARDS AND EVENTS THAT TAKE PLACE AT ANNUAL MEETINGS, Sassaman

The board has approved the presentation of the C.B. Moore Award during the SEAC Business Meeting while recognizing that the award itself is totally under the control of the LMS.

Other awards given at the Business Meeting must be approved by the Board.

NEW MEETING REGISTRATION SERVICE,
Rob Moon

Rob noted that SPORG, which handles our meeting registration, has been bought by "Active Network" and within the year SPORG will be shut down. The new service supported by Active Network costs thousands of dollars. Though a less costly "Active Network Lite" version is possible, Rob suggested another company, ABC Register, but it may require money up front. In any event, these changes may require an increase in membership dues.

FUTURE PROGRAM BOOKLETS, Dave Anderson:

Dave noted that Gerald Schroedl has suggested that future program booklets list folks who have been members for 20, 30, etc. years.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Saunders, SEAC Secretary



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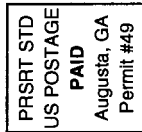
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