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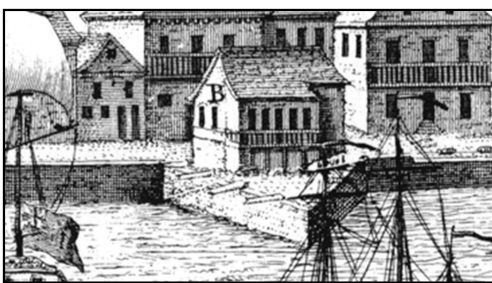
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## 2012 SEAC PUBLIC OUTREACH GRANT

The 2012 Southeastern Archaeological Conference Public Outreach Grant was awarded to the Historic Charleston Foundation, Walled City Task Force, for their project Archaeology of the Walled City of Charleston, South Carolina: Interpretation at Tradd Street. The Walled City Task Force was formed in 2005 by Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley, Jr., and involves archaeologists, historians, preservation leaders, representatives from city departments, and concerned citizens. Its purpose is to "further the study, identification, protection, and interpretation of the Walled City of Charleston." The grant project was submitted by Martha Zierden, Curator of Historical Archaeology at the Charleston Museum.

Charleston, SC, was the only English walled city in North America. The town was completely fortified by 1711. The location of a redan - a V-shaped projection in the wall - was located at Tradd Street and exposed in 2008. (see page 23 for pictures). Public interpretation was ongoing during the excavations, but a continuing interpretive presence



was desired to reach the 4 million annual visitors to Charleston, as well as to build local constituency. The \$2000 SEAC grant, along with funds from the Task Force, will be used to develop on-site interpretation, including wayside exhibits, coordination of internet resources, and printing of brochures. The project will be Charleston's first outdoor, on-site archaeology exhibit, and will help to underscore the importance of place and of buried historic features. Visit the SEAC web site for more information about this and other SEAC Public Outreach Grants.

*Image above: Bishop Roberts' 1739 prospect shows the brick curtain line and fortification protecting Charleston. This close-up shows the redan, or salient angle at Tradd Street, surmounted with four cannon. A year later, this section of the town was destroyed by fire (Courtesy of the Carolina Art Association).*

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This year, SEAC members will elect three people to positions on the Executive Committee. The offices are President-Elect, Treasurer-Elect, and Executive Officer II.

The President-Elect will serve two years, then will become President, succeeding T.R. Kidder in 2014, for a two year term. The Treasurer-Elect will serve a one year term, then will succeed current treasurer Karen Smith in November 2012, and will serve 3 years as Treasurer. The Executive Officer II will serve a two year term, starting in November 2012. Duties of these Executive Committee members are outlined in Article IV of the SEAC Constitution, the current version of which, along with the current By Laws, was published in the April 2011 SEAC Newsletter.

Chairperson of the 2012 Nominations Committee is Sarah Sherwood, and committee members are John O'Hear and Elizabeth Horton (contacts below). SEAC members are invited to suggest nominees to the Committee. The Deadline for receiving suggestions is 1 July 2012. After that date, the committee will consider recommendations, may solicit additional candidates, and prepare a final slate over the course of the summer. A call for votes will be sent to members in early Fall. We encourage our members to take advantage of the electronic voting that will be available at that time (see page 6 Electronic Voting).

### 2012 Nominations Committee

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## INFORMATION FOR CONTRIBUTORS

The SEAC Newsletter publishes reports, opinions, current research, obituaries, and announcements of interest to members of the Conference. All materials should be submitted to the Associate Editor for the Newsletter. Deadlines are March 1 for the April issue and September 1 for the October issue. Submissions via e-mail are preferred. Style should conform to the detailed guidelines published in *American Antiquity*, Volume 57, Number 4 (October 1992).

## CREDITS

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## A Letter from SEAC President Ann Early

For my Spring column, I was going to talk about the wonderful, diverse, research we highlight in our journal. Unfortunately, the spirit we refer to around here as our Lady of Perpetual Distraction arrived a short time ago with a major real-world archeological problem, and good intentions fled out a back door.

In their search for ever simpler forms of life that seek cash worthy items like abandoned used clothes, broken appliances, Civil War bullets, and rat chewed attic contents, and who are willing to carry on in front of the cameras, TV producers have caught wind of people who dig things out of the ground for cash. In late February, "Diggers" debuted on the National Geographic Channel. By the time you're reading this Spike TV will have premiered "American Diggers." National Geographic's version features two men with metal detectors in search of adventure and items worth money. We watch them dig artifacts out of what seems to be an intact 18th-19th century habitation layer at a South Carolina plantation, partly in the dark, then sells the items to a collector/museum manager. Judging by the website, "American Diggers" promises more excitement because they'll use heavy machinery as well as metal detectors. They boast making \$500,000 a year in relic sales. But, not to worry they tell us, it's all legal.

There is news that yet another producer plans to film people looking for saleable loot in historic buildings, rather than in the ground. "Scavengers" producers are looking for "abandoned" buildings, surveying some State Archeologists for likely settings. Will they carry chainsaws and crowbars? Where's the phone number for the National Trust?

Not to be outdone, some citizens have gone to their legislators to get laws passed allowing them to scavenge artifacts from land heretofore untouchable; underwater sites in Alabama, 'public areas' in Kentucky. No doubt there are more attempts that haven't been publicized yet.

This is mostly about money; for the program developers and participants, for the networks, for the hopeful advertisers, and for the relic hunters. Programs about scavenging, and about buying and selling, are the most popular items on TV week after week. The two Antiques Roadshow series top their respective network rankings here and in Britain. Ironically, Roadshows try hard to offer context and history as well as value, and do highlight laws from time to time. Little wonder producers are deep in the bushes looking for the next best thing, complete with 'wacky' hosts.

All the National level archeological organizations are considering ways to respond to this onslaught on archeological and historic properties. How do we counter the 'money comes first' ethic? What are our priorities? What should be the message? How do we make the case that these adventures destroy sites, deny us all chapters in national and local histories, and tap dance around legal and ethical issues? How do we convince landowners, and legislators, that historic sites shouldn't be mined for the momentary profit of a few, or for a few TV ratings?

And, what should each of us do in our professional lives to address this challenge?

## 2012 Membership Dues and Contact Information

SEAC is now accepting dues for the 2012 Membership Year. Dues can be paid online securely through PayPal by going to the Membership page of the SEAC website. Please note that electronic membership applications must be submitted with a corresponding PayPal payment for the membership to be effective. Paper applications submitted by mail are also accepted if accompanied with a check or money order. Please include your current email address, and keep it up to date, to make sure you receive prompt access to electronic voting and Conference news. To join/renew online or to download a membership application, visit the membership page of the SEAC website at [www.southeasternarchaeology.org/secure/membership.asp](http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/secure/membership.asp).

## Nominations Solicited for C.B. Moore Award

Nominations are open for the *C. B. Moore Award for Excellence in Southeastern Archaeology and Associated Studies by a Young Scholar*. A maximum 200-word nomination statement and a CV for nominees should be emailed to the SEAC immediate past president, David G. Anderson ([dander19@utk.edu](mailto:dander19@utk.edu)), by August 15, 2012. The award is open to all who have been conducting southeastern archaeology and who have completed their Ph.D. within the previous ten years from the date of award. Beginning with 2011, all nominations received will remain active until the eligibility period ends or the nominee is selected. Those who submitted nominations in the past are encouraged to resubmit or update the information.

The winner will be determined by whichever candidate receives the most votes among a committee of (1) all past C.B. Moore Award winners; (2) all voting members of the SEAC Executive Committee at the time of the election, and (3) one member of the Lower Mississippi Archaeological Survey (LMS), to be appointed by members of the LMS. In the event of a tie, each candidate tied for first place will receive the award. In the event a member of the SEAC Executive Committee is a past C.B. Moore Award winner or the designated LMS representative, or both, s/he shall have only one vote.

## Nominations Solicited for SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award

The SEAC award for lifetime achievement consists of a handsome plaque and recognition at the annual business meeting. The award is given to a senior scholar who has made significant and sustained contributions to southeastern archaeology during her/his career. The nomination is in the form of a letter from a person (or persons) who knows the nominee well. A curriculum vitae should be included if it is not readily available on the internet. Multiple letters of support are both welcomed and encouraged, and may be in hard-copy or electronic form.

Please send nominations to Ian W. Brown, chair of the selection committee, by **JUNE 30, 2012**.

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35487-0210  
[ibrown@bama.ua.edu](mailto:ibrown@bama.ua.edu)

## Book Reviewers Needed

SEAC needs reviewers for new publications in archaeology and history. Reviewers will receive a new review copy and are expected to submit a maximum 1200 word written review to be published in *Southeastern Archaeology*. Reviews are expected to be submitted within three months of receipt of the book. A list of books available for review and details regarding formatting and submissions are online at <http://employees.oneonta.edu/walkerr/homepage/seacbookreviews.htm>. This link can also be accessed from the Announcements page on the SEAC website. For more information, contact Dr. Renee Walker, SEAC's Associate Editor for Book Reviews, at [walkerr@oneonta.edu](mailto:walkerr@oneonta.edu).

## ICOMOS Conference

The ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management will hold its 2012 annual conference in Cuzco, Peru, November 27-30. The theme of the conference is Archaeological Heritage Management at the 40th Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention. To learn more, visit [www.icomos.org/ica/m/cuzco\\_home.html](http://www.icomos.org/ica/m/cuzco_home.html).

# SEAC 2012

## 69<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL MEETING

### November 7-10, 2012

#### Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center

#### Baton Rouge, Louisiana

#### Hotel

The Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center overlooks the Mississippi River on Lafayette St. in downtown Baton Rouge. It is within walking distance of several restaurants, bars, and local historical attractions, and only a few minutes from other eateries within the city and near the LSU campus. The flat rate for a standard single- or double-occupancy guest room is \$145.00/night, plus tax, with rates of \$155/night for a triple-occupancy room and \$165/night for quadruple-occupancy room. Room rates are guaranteed through **October 8, 2012**; after that, reservations will be accepted based on availability and at the hotel's prevailing rates. **PLEASE NOTE:** LSU revised its previous football schedule and now has a home football game scheduled for Saturday, November 10. It is highly likely that rooms not booked by SEAC attendees will be taken by out-of-town football fans. To compensate for this possibility, blocks of additional rooms have been reserved at two back-up hotels, the Hotel Indigo Downtown Riverfront (across the street from the Hilton) and the Belle of Baton Rouge Hotel (about 5 blocks away). If you wish to stay at the conference hotel, you will need to act quickly. **DON'T DELAY, BOOK TODAY!!** You may book online from the Annual Meeting page on the SEAC website or through the registration link below. You also may call the hotel directly at (225) 344-5866 or Hilton reservations at (800) 955-6962. Reference the group code **SAC** when making your reservation.

Reservation link: [http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BTRCPHFSAC20121107/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/B/BTRCPHFSAC20121107/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG).

#### Conference Registration

The last day for advance conference registration is **October 24, 2012**. After that date, you must register on-site by cash or check only. Cancellations must be received by October 24<sup>th</sup> for a refund, minus 10% processing charge. No refunds will be made after October 24<sup>th</sup>. Registration rates are as follows:

	Member	Student Member	Nonmember
Advance Registration	\$70	\$45	\$80
On-site Registration	\$90	\$60	\$100

#### Program: Papers, Posters, Symposia

The deadline for submitting abstracts for papers, posters, and symposia is **August 31, 2012**. Abstracts may be submitted as Contributed Papers, Contributed Posters, Symposium Papers, and Symposium Posters. Symposium organizers must also submit abstracts for sessions and list all participants. Individuals participating in symposia must submit abstracts independently of organizers, indicating the symposium in which they are participating. All abstracts are limited to 100 words. Half-day symposia are limited to 11 papers, including discussants; full-day symposia (in two parts) are limited to 22 papers, including discussants. The size of Poster Symposia is negotiable. Members with ideas for alternative session formats should contact the Program Chair (Dr. Rebecca Saunders: [rsaunde@lsu.edu](mailto:rsaunde@lsu.edu) or 225-578-6562) **prior to August 31, 2012**, to discuss details.

Paper presentations are limited to 20 minutes. A digital projector, screen, and laser pointer will be provided in each room. Symposium organizers and session chairs will be responsible for supplying a laptop computer loaded with Microsoft Office PowerPoint software. Requests for other types of audio-visual equipment should be directed to the Program Chair no later than one month in advance of the meeting. Poster sessions will run approximately 4 hours each. Poster size should not exceed 4 x 8 ft. Visit the SEAC website (<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html>) for online submission of registration and abstracts.

### **Student Paper Competition**

Students are encouraged to enter their SEAC paper in the 2012 Student Paper Competition. The purpose of the competition is to foster student participation in the annual meeting. The prize for first place consists of books on southeastern archaeology to be awarded at the meeting. The prize for second place consists of a Lifetime membership in SEAC and back issues of the conference's journal *Southeastern Archaeology*. Consult the SEAC website or the flyer in this issue of the SEAC Newsletter for details.

### **Student Volunteers**

A limited number of student volunteer positions are available. For working 8 hours, registration costs will be reimbursed. Volunteers will assist with registration and/or provide technical assistance during sessions. Volunteer positions are available on a first-request basis. To volunteer, contact the Program Chair.

### **Book Room**

Please contact the Arrangements Chair (Rich Weinstein: [rweinstein@coastalenv.com](mailto:rweinstein@coastalenv.com) or 225-383-7455) at least two weeks in advance of the conference to reserve a table (or tables) for display in the book room.

### **Special Events**

The usual Thursday-evening reception will be held at a nearby downtown venue (likely the Louisiana State Museum) with plenty of food and drink. The Friday-night dance will be held in the hotel's ballroom, again with plenty to drink. Other special events are still in the planning stages, but include a reception by the Student Affairs Committee and Saturday afternoon field excursions. Check the SEAC website later for details.

### **Travel**

If driving, Baton Rouge can be reached via I-10 from either the east or the west, or I-55 or U.S. 61 for members coming from the north. The Hilton offers overnight valet parking at \$19/day and non-overnight valet parking at \$9/day. There is also a public parking garage within a few blocks of the hotel.

For those flying, Baton Rouge Metropolitan Airport is located about 8 miles (15 minutes) north of downtown and is served by several major airlines, including Delta, American, Continental, and US Airways. The Hilton provides free shuttle service between the airport and the hotel, plus free transportation within a 5-mile radius of the hotel.

**VISIT THE SEAC WEB SITE FOR CURRENT CONFERENCE INFORMATION**  
<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/annualmeeting.html>



## **Resolution in Memory of Thomas C.C. Birchett, 1946-2010**

The members of this Conference were saddened by the death last November of Tommy Birchett, an archaeologist with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and a long-time member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference. Tommy was born in Vicksburg, Mississippi, on December 27, 1946, and received his BA and MA degrees from the University of Mississippi. In 1975, when in graduate school, he attended a field school in underwater archaeology in Maine and this began a life-long interest in riverine and marine archaeology. After college, he worked for a short while as a park ranger at Mesa Verde, and, in 1979, he began his career as an archaeologist with the Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg. There he was one of the first archaeologists with the Corps to recognize the importance of submerged historic resources on our western rivers. Tommy was instrumental in incorporating underwater archaeology into Corps projects and his early arguments for implementing remote-sensing surveys in these projects have become standard practice throughout the nation. In 1994, he left the Corps of Engineers and worked for a short period of time with Coastal Environments, before rejoining the Corps here in Jacksonville, where he brought his energetic and conscientious concern for underwater resources. In 2008, he transferred to the Mobile District, to be nearer his family. There he ended a 31-year career during which he always placed the protection and proper treatment of cultural resources at the forefront. Along the way, he maintained a strong interest in the history of his home town and state, serving as president of the Vicksburg Foundation for Historic Preservation, as well as the state president of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Be it hereby resolved that the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference acknowledge Tommy's contributions to archaeology and extend their condolences to his family, particularly his wife Phyllis and his son Mark, and to all of his many friends and colleagues for their loss.

—Charles Pearson  
Baton Rouge, LA

*Editor's Note: This resolution was to be read by Charles Pearson at the 2011 Business Meeting in Jacksonville, FL, but was inadvertently left off the program.*

### **A Note from Ann Cordell**

I guess most of you know by now that Ray Crook died on January 18, 2012. In response to inquiries about contributing to his memory, the family requested that any donations be made to the Coastal Georgia Historical Society on St. Simon's Island. Ray was their consulting archaeologist and they want to follow through on plans to

build an archaeology center on the island. I was advised that donations should be made out to the Coastal Georgia Historical Society, with "Ray Crook" on the memo line, and sent to this address:

Coastal Georgia Historical Society  
P. O. Box 21136  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

If anyone wishes to write to Ray's wife, her contact information is:

Myrna Crook  
620 Sea Island Rd #163  
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

### **2012 Election News: Phasing Out Paper Ballots**

Since 2008, SEAC elections have been conducted electronically, with very successful results. Paper ballots have been mailed to the few members who do not use email, as well as to those whose email address on record with SEAC proves inoperable. As of the last election, only 26 members (3.0% of eligible voters) lacked email accounts. After surveying those members and discussing the results, the Executive Committee has decided to institute a new process for paper balloting, with the objective of phasing out paper ballots completely within the next five years.

Starting with the 2012 election, paper ballots will be mailed to members who lack email accounts, but not to those whose electronic ballots bounce. Because mailing ballots to people after their electronic ballot bounces is a service of the electronic voting provider, eliminating this service will save SEAC money. A printable ballot form will be posted on the SEAC web site at the same time as candidates' information is displayed, with instructions on who may use it. People who do not receive electronic ballots because their email address is not up-to-date in SEAC membership records can print out the on-line ballot, which will include instructions for a mailing protocol to forestall duplicate voting.

This year's election will be held September 26-October 24. Electronic balloting instructions will appear in SEAC members' in-boxes on the morning of Wednesday, September 26. If your dues are up-to-date and you do have an email account but you do not receive a ballot that morning, go to the SEAC web site (<http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/>) for a paper ballot. For this year's elections paper ballots will be mailed September 25, so if you do not have an email account you can expect to receive your ballot a few days after that.

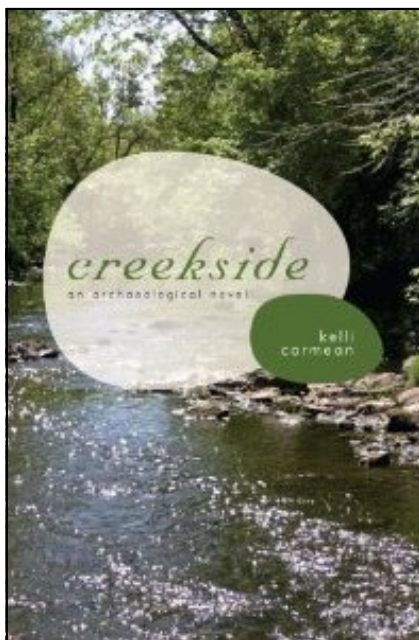
If you do have an email account, please be sure that Treasurer Karen Smith ([seac.conference@gmail.com](mailto:seac.conference@gmail.com)), who keeps the membership list, has the correct address.

## SEAC PUBLIC OUTREACH: 2011 AWARD

**Final Report to SEAC Public Outreach Grant Committee for “Kentucky Public Libraries, Summer Reading Programs, and an Essay Competition for *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*”**

**Submitted by Kelli Carmean  
Eastern Kentucky University**

We’ve all heard the saying *you can lead a horse to water but you can’t make him drink*. I now know that sentiment also holds true for public essay writing. The first part of my funded proposal was easily achieved: send one gratis copy of *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*, to each



of Kentucky’s 192 public libraries. In the mailing I included a polite letter of introduction and thanks (to SEAC, to University of Alabama Press [who provided the books at discount] and to ECU [who paid that portion not covered by SEAC, approximately one third the cost]). I also included a poster/flyer for bulletin boards and front desks announcing this exciting opportunity to engage

in an archaeological essay competition. The mailings went out in early March. The essays were due to me, via email or snail mail, on September 1. *You can lead a reader to a great archaeological novel but you can’t make him/her write a 500 word essay on it*, or at least apparently not with the enticement of a personally author-inscribed copy of the book they’ve already read. Yes, you’ve guessed it: I received not one single essay!

Unfortunately, the essays – sorted via a content rubric into strong, average and weak categories – were to form the basis for my assessment of this project. Upon discussion with the chair of the committee, we agreed that a reasonable assessment path forward would be identifying how many times the book was checked out of a sample of Kentucky’s public libraries, as of September 1, 2011.

The sample I chose is part judgmental: I wanted to include Lexington Public Library because Lexington has received the lion’s share of my publicity efforts (including

Public Library	Checkout Count as of September 1, 2011
Allen	8
Bath	1
Blackey	2
Clay	2
Garrard	3
Kenton	17
Lexington/Fayette	53
Louisville Free	29
Madison	14
Marshall	3
Martin	3
Mercer	20
Montgomery	11
Nelson	5
Nicholas	19
Oldham	5
Paris/Bourbon	2
Perry	1
Pike	10
Rowan	4
Russell	2
Shelby	4
Warren	8
Wayne	15

a book review in the Lexington Herald-Leader), and Louisville Public Library, because that city has received virtually none (although a book review did appear in the Courier-Journal). The sample is also in part random: I randomly selected 22 additional public libraries (total libraries sampled is 24 or about one eighth of Kentucky’s Public Libraries). The table above provides these data.

As can be seen, at a check-out count of 53, Lexington indeed saw the lion’s share of *Creekside* readership. At 29 check-outs, the Louisville count was not bad, although since Louisville is about triple the population of Lexington, the per capita check-out count for Lexington is certainly much higher. Bluegrass Counties such as Mercer and Montgomery Counties are generally strong, although the low Bourbon County showing, also in the Bluegrass, is disappointing. Then there are some interesting surprises, such as Wayne County Public Library at 15 check-outs, just a bit behind the 20 for Mercer County. Other,

smaller, libraries only had one or two check-outs. For the 24 libraries in the sample, the book was checked out 231 times. To get an estimated check-out count for all of Kentucky, the average for these 24 libraries is 9.6 (rounded to 10). If that rate holds constant, *Creekside* has been read (or at least checked out) by 1,920 Kentuckians. Although I am not necessarily unsatisfied with these check-out rates, it would certainly be preferable to have them higher. As can be seen by the Lexington example, publicity does make a big difference, but it is also very difficult and time-consuming.

Even though no public essays were written, the data indicate that people *are* reading the book. Although I cannot offer SEAC members a public essay, I provide here a student essay, as I assigned the same prompt to an upper division archaeology class in Spring 2011 (see Appendix A). I admit I did not randomly select this essay, but rather chose one of my favorites, as I really had the sense that reading *Creekside* really did bring this student (an anthropology major but not someone who plans to pursue archaeology as a career) to a different place in her archaeological understanding. In my view, it is this enhanced – perhaps more emotional and not only intellectual – understanding of the lives of past peoples that has been lacking in the majority of our public outreach efforts. And yet I believe the public hungers for this personal connection, perhaps in a way that some archaeologists no longer do, if they ever did.

I close with mention of a commercial I recently saw on PBS, for Pacific Life (which offers a variety of financial services). The visuals are of humpback whales breaching in the ocean, accompanied by a soundtrack of whale vocalizations. The message is that once scientists recorded whale vocalizations and shared them widely, public sentiment toward whale hunting changed, resulting in whaling bans that are now leading to the recovery of the ocean's decimated whale populations. Thus, it was forging personal connection with whales, rather than solely intellectual reasoning that made a critical difference. It is my belief that archaeological preservation efforts might also benefit from the forging of a reasonable, not-overly-romanticized, personal public connections to peoples of the past and their material remains. I also believe that soundly-written, archaeologically-informed, quality fiction is one means of doing exactly that.

## **Appendix A - Student Essay: “*Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*”**

Essay prompt: “How has reading *Creekside* changed your thinking about archaeology and the importance of archaeological sites in today's world?”

The primary, if not intentional, objective of archaeology is simply obtaining awareness. Archaeologists uncover material items and reconstruct lifeways in attempt to gain some worthwhile understanding of a past that may still hold significant pertinence in the present. Achieving such awareness may prove difficult as archaeology involves expiring sites and sometimes-undesirable work conditions. Even once archaeologists are able to overcome the work environment and succeed in unearthing material remains of the past, understanding the lives of the previous owners beyond their subsistence strategy and social status is not an easy task. However, all archaeologists attempt and are determined to gain that type of awareness. *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*, by Kelli Carmean allowed me to understand these common concepts and ambitions in the field of archaeology. Reading this book provided me with some insight into a common workday at an excavation site as well as shed light on the reality of archaeological discoveries.

Archaeology, as I feel is expressed in the novel, is not entirely demonstrative of the personal lives of those who lived before us. However, it is able to supply us with the factual knowledge to reconstruct those lives to the best of our ability. The character Estelle, for example, cherished the locket uncovered by Meg roughly two centuries later, with every fiber of her being. A gift from her precious sister whom she'd never see again, Estelle expressed interminable love for the object. Although Meg could conclude that it may have been a treasured gift or heirloom through evidence and pure instinct, archaeology itself cannot uncover the true emotion or complete lives of past people. It is up to the archaeologist to do so. They must keep in mind the fact that *real* people exist behind the material objects found, an idea that I will always consider because of this novel.

The historic fiction within *Creekside* allowed me to gain my own awareness of the importance of archeology. I have come to realize that I have personally been stuck in the technical aspect of reconstructing the past. In reality, the lives archaeologists continue to uncover are those of real people who once lived, struggled, loved, and died, creating an everlasting legacy within the earth, of which we continue to exhume. Archaeology surpasses facts and figures and provides a window into the souls of past humans, a feat I was not fully aware of prior to reading *Creekside*. It is because of this book that I will forever be conscious of the unearthed history resting beneath my feet, under each building I enter, below every street I drive on. And through this awareness, I have grasped the importance of discovering and preserving the seemingly mundane in order to continue tradition and stimulate awareness.

## MINUTES OF THE FALL SEAC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2011

**Attending:** President Ann Early, President-elect T. R. Kidder, Past President David Anderson, Secretary Penny Drooker, Secretary-elect Ann Cordell, Treasurer Karen Smith, Executive Officer I Sarah Sherwood, Executive Officer II Robbie Ethridge, Editor Charles Cobb, Editor-elect Thomas Pluckhahn, Associate Editor (Sales) Eugene Futato, Associate Editor (Book Reviews) Renee Walker, Student Affairs Committee Chair Alison Hadley and Chair-elect Jayur Mehta, Native Affairs Committee Chair Brett Riggs, Archives Committee Chair Patrick Livingood, Lifetime Achievement Award Committee Chair William Marquardt, SEAC 2011 Meeting Organizer Ken Sassaman, SEAC 2012 Meeting Organizer Rich Weinstein, Cassandra Rae Harper.

Early called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm. After welcoming remarks and introductions, she asked for a vote on the proposed agenda. This was moved by Drooker, seconded by Kidder, and unanimously accepted.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### Secretary's Report (Penny Drooker)

**2011 Elections:** Candidates for office in the 2011 SEAC election were: Ann Cordell for Secretary-Elect and Tanya Peres and Bryan Tucker for Executive Officer I.

385 members, or 45.1% of the 854 eligible voters, cast ballots. Successful candidates were Ann Cordell, Secretary-Elect, and Tanya Peres, Executive Officer I. On behalf of the Executive Board, we wish to thank all of those who were willing to stand as candidates. We also wish to thank the members of the nominating committee (Rebecca Saunders, chair, Thomas Foster, and Heather Lapham) and Phil Hodge, our newsletter editor and outgoing webmaster, who helped set up the official on-line election information.

The proportion of eligible voters who cast ballots was down slightly from last year's 49.2% (374 of 760 members), but still far above the last year of non-electronic voting, 2007, when only 159 ballots were returned. Most ballots were cast electronically, but 46 people could not be reached by email and were sent paper ballots, along with instructions for voting electronically if they wished. Of these, 26 had no email address in SEAC membership records and 20 had email addresses of record that bounced. This was far fewer than the 101 voters who had to be sent paper ballots last year, probably due to people responding to pleas in the *Newsletter* to keep their email addresses current.

Again this year, Vote-Now handled both electronic and paper balloting, including 3 electronic reminders (one *gratis*), each of which resulted in voting rate increases. The election ran very smoothly, due to the helpful and efficient Vote-Now staff. Total cost of the election was \$1580.25. Seven of the eight comments received about the voting process were in praise of the electronic system. The eighth requested a stronger slate of candidates.

**Non-Electronic Voters:** After the 2010 election, eligible voters for whom SEAC had no email addresses were surveyed by snail mail in hopes of improving the non-electronic voting process. In that election only 6 paper ballots had been cast, out of 101 mailed (37 to members with no email, 64 to members whose email address of record bounced). The 37 members who had never provided email addresses were sent surveys. Seven (19%) responded; 5 surveys were "returned to sender." Only two of the respondents had voted, but 6 of 7 respondents provided email addresses for future voting. Three of the respondents, including one who voted by paper ballot, had been able to access on-line information about candidates, one had not, and the remainder did not say.

The Executive Board discussed the results of the survey, including the relatively small number of people who seemed to lack access to the web, and decided that as of the 2012 elections a new process would be instituted for paper balloting. A printable ballot form will be posted on the SEAC web site at the same time as candidates' information is displayed, with instructions on who may use it. A notice in the *Newsletter* will inform people who do not receive electronic ballots that they can either print out the on-line ballot or write to the Secretary for a copy. The ballot will include instructions for a mailing protocol to forestall duplicate voting.

**Other Activities:** At last year's Fall Executive Board meeting, the Officers decided to revive the SEAC Archives Committee, which had been active during the 1990s. In preparation for reforming the committee, I gathered information about the history of the Archives Committee and the processes that it had set up to gather and curate SEAC records. Sources included Ian Brown, who chaired the committee during the 1990s, past Executive Board and Annual Meeting minutes, and staff at the National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian, where SEAC records currently are curated. This background information was provided to the newly-appointed Chair of the committee.

In addition, I served as Board Liaison and an active member of the Public Outreach Grant Committee.

*Discussion:* Kidder suggested we contemplate a timeline to eliminate paper balloting completely, allowing perhaps 5 years for the transition. Early agreed.

#### Treasurer's Report (Karen Smith)

As of the end of this fiscal year, SEAC has \$231,905.79 in financial assets (*Table 1*). Of this total, SEAC holds \$82,552.83 in liquid assets (with \$37,585.74 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Working Fund; \$33,805.64 in the Merrill Lynch EMA Mutual Fund; \$10,295.24 in the Vanguard Money Market Fund; \$866.21 in the Bank of Moundville Publication Sales account); \$111,909.19 in various Life Fund Long-Term Investments; and \$37,443.77 in the Publication Inventory (at cost). During the fiscal year, SEAC's total financial assets increased by \$6,280.06, largely reflecting an on-going rebound of long-term market investments (see "Investment and Finance Committee Report").

**Table 1: Report for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2011**

	<b>FY2010</b>	<b>FY2009</b>	<b>Profit/Loss</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Operating Funds			
Merrill Lynch Money Account	\$37,585.74	\$44,969.01	(\$7,383.27)
Bank of Moundville Checking Account	\$866.21	\$907.38	(\$41.17)
Investments			
Merrill Lynch Mutual Fund	\$33,805.64	\$32,251.97	\$1,553.67
Vanguard Growth and Index Funds <sup>1</sup>	\$111,909.19	\$101,969.78	\$9,939.41
Vanguard Money Market Account <sup>1</sup>	\$10,295.24	\$10,290.28	\$4.96
Publication Inventory (at cost)	\$37,443.77	\$35,237.31	\$2,206.46
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$231,905.79</b>	<b>\$225,625.73</b>	<b>\$6,280.06</b>
<b>CONFERENCE ASSETS INCREASE (DECREASE)</b>			<b>\$6,280.06</b>
<sup>1</sup> SEAC Life Fund Investments			
<b>REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT</b>			
Dues			
Family	\$1,298.43		
Institution	\$5,960.68		
Life	\$ -		
Regular	\$15,936.36		
Student	\$3,689.63		
EMA Cash Account Dividends/Interest	\$19.57		
EBSCO Royalties	\$568.64		
Advertisements	\$550.00		
Annual Meeting Revenue	\$4,039.96		
US Forest Service Reimbursement	\$5,400.00		
Publication Sales	\$5.00		
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$6.84		
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$37,475.11</b>		
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Publications			
Southeastern Archaeology	\$24,182.17		
Kaufman Editorial Services	\$2,370.00		
SEAC Newsletter	\$4,492.77		
EMA Banking Fees	\$98.45		
CPA Tax Filing	\$1,990.00		
Corporate Filing Fee	\$20.00		
Office Expenses	\$91.11		
US Forest Service Expense	\$5,350.14		
Website Hosting	\$522.50		
Public Outreach Grant	\$2,000.00		
SEAC Award Plaques	\$85.99		
Electronic Ballot	\$1,580.25		
SEAC 2011 Meeting Start-Up Funds	\$2,000.00		
Uncategorized Expense	\$75.00		
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$44,858.38</b>		
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$7,383.27)</b>		

SEAC had EMA Working Fund account revenues totaling \$37,475.11, including \$26,885.10 from membership dues; \$19.57 in dividends/interest from EMA Working Fund; \$568.64 in royalties; \$4,039.96 in SEAC 2010 Annual Meeting revenue; \$550.00 in advertisements; \$5.00 in publication sales; \$6.84 in Miscellaneous Revenue; and a \$5,400.00 US Forest Service Reimbursement.

SEAC had EMA Working Fund account expenditures totaling \$44,858.38. This amount includes \$24,182.17 in publication costs for *Southeastern Archaeology*; \$2,370.00 in editorial costs; \$4,492.77 for the newsletter; \$98.45 in EMA annual banking fees; a \$20.00 annual corporate filing fee; \$522.50 for Web Hosting services; \$2,000.00 to the Public Outreach Grant award; \$91.11 in office expenses; \$85.99 for SEAC 2009 award plaques; \$1,580.25 for ballot electronic mailings; \$1,990.00 in CPA Tax Filing fees; a \$5,350.14 US Forest Service expense; a \$75.00 Uncategorized Expense; and \$2,000.00 for SEAC 2011 Conference Start-Up Funds.

SEAC's membership is strong with a total of 985 members in 2011, an increase over 2010. Of this total, 448 are Regular members; 224 are Student members; 32 are Family members; 73 are Institutional members; 152 are Life members; 32 are Life Family members; and 24 received complementary memberships. The total publication cost, which includes editorial, printing, and mailing fees for the journal and newsletter, was \$31.52 per member in 2011, an increase of \$1.46 per member from last year.

SEAC is now accepting dues for the 2012 Membership Year. Dues can be paid online through PayPal by going to <http://www.southeasternarchaeology.org/secure/membership.asp>. Please note that electronic membership applications must be submitted with a corresponding PayPal payment for the membership to be effective. Paper applications submitted by mail are also accepted if accompanied with a check or money order. Please support SEAC and ensure uninterrupted journal subscriptions by paying dues today!

Kidder moved to accept the Treasurer's Report, Hadley seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Smith also presented a 2012 working budget, projected from 2011, for approval (*Table 2*).

Drooker moved to accept the 2012 budget, Sherwood seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

*Discussion:* In presenting the formal report, Smith commented that, while SEAC is in fine fiscal condition, it has been running an operating deficit of approximately \$6000 per year for at least the past two years. Early asked whether we are retaining members. Smith replied that there is a small annual decline in institutional memberships. [After the meeting she provided a summary report of membership changes, 2007-2011, which is appended at the end of the minutes.] Kidder noted that library budgets are being cut back. Early suggested that perhaps firms doing archaeology could be encouraged to join. She noted other alternatives for overcoming the deficit, including: raising dues, cutting expenses, upping membership in other categories, and

looking for new revenue streams. Providing the *Newsletter* in digital form would save printing and mailing costs (see discussion below, following the Editor's and Associate Editors' Reports).

**Table 2: Fiscal Year 2012 Working Budget**

	Working Fund
<b>REVENUE</b>	
Dues	\$28,000.00
Merrill Lynch EMA Interest	\$20.00
Royalties	\$500.00
Advertisements	\$500.00
Annual Meeting Revenue	\$4,000.00
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$33,020.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Publications	\$30,000.00
Merrill Lynch EMA Fees	\$100.00
Corporate Filing Fee	\$20.00
CPA Tax Filing	\$1,900.00
Office Expenses	\$150.00
Web Hosting	\$800.00
Public Outreach Grant	\$2,000.00
Annual Meeting Start-Up Fund	\$2,000.00
Balloting	\$1,600.00
SEAC Award Plaques	\$270.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$38,840.00</b>
<b>NET REVENUE</b>	<b>(\$5,820.00)</b>

#### Editor (Charles Cobb)

The final year of my editorship continued to be favored by a strong rate of submissions. So far this year we have received 25 manuscripts and there is always a burst of activity after SEAC so we will probably exceed 30 for 2011 if past history is a guide.

A few days before the SEAC meeting we received the copyedited versions of the papers for the Winter 2011 issue [of *Southeastern Archaeology*]. This will include a robust number of papers, 13 overall, in addition to book reviews. So my issue should more or less be out on time, hopefully late December to early January. We also have several papers already in preparation for the next issue, which will be the first under Tom Pluckhahn's guidance, so hopefully our transition will be seamless.

We took on several major tasks under my editorship. One was to have the journal accepted into the JSTOR system. I received formal notice in September that the journal was released into the JSTOR archive. Keep in mind that JSTOR is broken down into a number of "collections" and that libraries must subscribe

to these. So *Southeastern Archaeology* is part of the Arts and Sciences IX collection.

We are also working to have the journal included in the Social Science Research Index (SSRI). In addition to providing some basic background information and statistics, the application process requires that SSRI receives three sequential mailings of a journal to ensure that it is released on a timely basis as advertised. I started this process mid-way through my editorship. The third issue of this sequence will be the Winter 2011 issue, due out in about six weeks or so. It is my hope that after that is released, our journal will be part of the SSRI stable. I presume we will hear about that sometime in the spring of 2012.

Thanks are due to Phil Hodge for the great work he has done on revamping the Newsletter and making sure that our website is up to snuff. His report includes more details on his efforts. I also want to thank Eugene Futato and Renee Walker for their support and helping to make our journal one of the best in the business.

*Discussion:* Cobb noted that we can expect \$2000-2500 annual income from JSTOR.

**Associate Editor, Newsletter, and Webmaster** (Phillip Hodge, presented by Cobb)

The *SEAC Newsletter* (Volume 53) went to press and was mailed on time. Both issues contained conference news and notes, information about the annual meeting in Jacksonville, minutes from the 2010 Board and Business meetings and 2011 mid-year board meeting, respectively, and reports from the Public Outreach committee. The Fall issue also contained a feature article by SEAC members Charles McNutt and Marvin Jeter on Lewis Binford's remarks to the 1961 Historic Sites-SEAC Meeting. Thanks to everyone who contributed content for the Newsletters.

The SEAC website has been updated five times since the mid-year meeting, most of which involved updating and activating conference information, registration, abstract and symposia submission forms. Other updates included announcements and information about the SEAC Public Outreach Grant.

A call for a new webmaster was published in the Spring issue of the *SEAC Newsletter*. Dr. Edward Gonzalez-Tennant contacted me to express his interest and, after discussions with President Ann Early and Editor Charles Cobb, I proposed transferring responsibility for the website to Edward and defined a process for doing so in a memo to the Board dated August 23, 2011. Edward will assume full responsibility for the SEAC website at the conclusion of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Please join me in welcoming Edward to the Board and in thanking him for his interest and willingness to serve SEAC in this capacity.

I want to thank President Early, Past President David Anderson, Editor Cobb, former webmaster Rob Moon, and the Board at large for allowing me the opportunity to serve as

SEAC's webmaster for the last three years. Unless the Board objects, I will continue serving as editor of the *SEAC Newsletter* and will be working with Treasurer Karen Smith in the coming months on a proposal for a digital edition of the *Newsletter*. Hopefully we will have a proposal to present to you for discussion at the mid-year Board meeting during the SAA's.

**Associate Editor, Sales** (Eugene Futato)

Futato provided the publication sales report for the fiscal year (Table 3), as well as a complete inventory of publications on hand. He noted that sales have been healthy: over \$800.

**Associate Editor, Book Reviews** (Renee Walker)

A total of 16 book reviews were published or submitted for publication during 2011. Nine were published in the Summer issue of *Southeastern Archaeology* and seven were submitted for publication in the Winter issue. Thirty-two books were sent out for review from January 2011 to October 2011. Overdue book reviews continue to be a problem. Email reminders are sent several times a year, but the reviewers do not always respond to emails. In some cases, the reviewers have changed jobs or moved and the emails are no longer valid. Any suggestions on what to do about this would be appreciated.

*Discussion:* Initial suggestions included sending delinquent book review authors a bill for the book, or not allowing them to publish articles. Cobb noted that he has the same problem with some manuscript reviewers. Early suggested giving all reviewers a 3-month deadline, after which they would be required to return the book; for books not returned, request a new copy from the publisher. Drooker suggested that a written agreement, with a specific time frame, be signed by the reviewer, including payment for the book if it is retained with no review provided.

Cobb stated that SEAC bought him a dedicated computer, and suggested the same be provided for incoming Editor Pluckhahn. Early responded that this is not unreasonable.

Early introduced discussion of converting the newsletter to a digital format. Cobb said that this would represent a savings of about \$4000 in printing and mailing, which would be very useful in reducing the deficit. Kidder noted that this would allow color plus a faster publication time, making it more timely and relevant. Drooker inquired about putting the newsletter on the web page. Weinstein stated that members could use a password to gain access; Kidder asked why not make it available to anyone? Early noted that some institutions would need hard copies. Smith stated that Newsletter Editor Hodge (not present) has said that he'd like to provide this option for members. Early requested a written proposal and sample for the next Executive Committee meeting.

Now that the Web Master position has been separated from that of Newsletter Editor, Early noted, a decision needs to be made as to where it should go in the hierarchy. To whom should this person report? Because of the importance of the

**Table 3: Publication Sales Report, November 1, 2010, through October 31, 2011**

Item	Date	Net	Notes
SEAC	11/1/2010	907.38	BALANCE AND INVENTORY FORWARD
WEST	11/1/2010	-9.5	PAYMENT NEVER RECEIVED
USPS	12/23/1010	-12.91	POSTAGE
USPS	1/11/2011	-5.54	MAIL CLAIMS
USPS	1/18/2011	-263.15	MAIL BACK ISSUES OF SA 29(1)
USPS	1/25/2011	-2.77	RETURN SA 29(1)
USPS	1/26/2011	-2.77	POSTAGE
USPS	3/2/2011	-7.53	MAIL SA
USPS	4/5/2011	-2.41	POSTAGE
USPS	5/17/2011	-13.38	POSTAGE
USPS	9/23/2011	-5.51	POSTAGE
NEW	7/11/2011	19	SA 29(1-2)
TAYLOR	7/5/2011	4	BULL 53
MICKELSON	7/29/2011	9.5	SA 29(2)
PROQUEST	3/9/2011	40.62	2010 ROYALTY
COX	5/16/2011	5	SA 10(2)
RODNING	12/14/2011	190	SA 29(1) – 15 COPIES
DEUTCHES	5/10/2011	9.5	SA 28(2)
ABSOLUTE	4/25/2011	9.5	SA 27(2)
USPS	10/17/2011	-2.82	POSTAGE
<b>BALANCE</b>		<b>866.21</b>	
101 MAILOUTS			

position, Kidder stated that it should go under the President. Early noted that an amendment to the Bylaws would be needed. She will draft it, and provide it to the Executive Committee for discussion. Pluckhahn brought up the question of term length. Early suggested that the Web Master be appointed by the President with consent of the Executive committee; Pluckhahn suggested a renewable term. Ethridge asked whether including this position in the Bylaws would exclude the possibility of a paid position in future. Early said that the language could be crafted so as not to do so.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Investment and Finance Committee** (presented by Karen Smith for Chair Paul Welch)

*[Because this year's meeting took place before the end-of-fiscal year figures were available, a preliminary report was provided. Below is the final report with updated figures.]*

The figures reported here are from the close of business on Monday, 31 Oct., which is the end of SEAC's fiscal year. The Life Fund portfolio was worth \$119,360.37, up from \$112,260.06 at the end of October, 2010. This 6.3% gain brings the Fund back up to where it stood in the summer of 2007. However, in recent months the financial markets have undergone swings of several percentage points up or down on any given day, and I believe this is likely to remain the case for months to come.

The SEAC Bylaws allow the Executive Committee to withdraw in one fiscal year no more money from the Life Fund than it earned in the previous fiscal year. Therefore, the most that could be withdrawn from the Life Fund during FY 2012 is \$7,100.31.

Table 4 shows our mutual fund positions relative to their target allocations. The actual allocations are all close to their targets, and no rebalancing is recommended.

**Table 4: Life fund as of October 2, 2011**

	Fund totals	% of inv	target
Index500	\$68,414.78	62.70%	62.00%
IntlGrowth	11,520.76	10.60%	12.00%
SmCapIndex	13,264.70	12.20%	12.00%
HealthCare	9,061.78	8.30%	8.00%
REIT Index	6,802.86	6.20%	6.00%
	\$109,064.89	100.00%	
MoneyMkt	\$10,295.48		
	\$119,360.37		

## Nominations Committee

Committee Chair Rebecca Saunders, Thomas Foster, and Heather Lapham were responsible for providing the slate for this year's elections.

**Public Outreach Grant Committee** (presented by Penny Drooker for Chair Mary Kwas)

Committee members: Mary Kwas, chair, Claudine Payne, Rita Elliott, Darlene Applegate, Jayur Mehta, Penelope Drooker, board liaison.

Claudine Payne is stepping down at the end of the 2011 Grant Cycle. Claudine began as board liaison in the 2005 Grant Cycle, then became a regular member in the 2007 Grant Cycle. She has done an excellent job on the committee, always participating in the discussion and selection of the award recipient. Her contributions have been very valuable to the committee's work.

New Member: Cassandra Rae Harper has been nominated to replace Claudine Payne. Information on this potential new member has been presented to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Term Limits: As per President Early's request, the committee discussed how to structure formal term limits, and our report on this was presented to the Executive Committee at the spring meeting. Since it seemed that term limits were very likely to be instituted in the near future, and that they were a good idea for defining a committee member's commitment and ensuring diversity, the Public Outreach Grant Committee members are beginning term limits with the 2012 Grant Cycle.

The terms will be as follows:

- Rita Elliott: through 2012
- Darlene Applegate: through 2013
- Jayur Mehta: through 2014
- Penny Drooker will continue as board liaison for the 2012 grant cycle.

2011 Grant Cycle: The 2011 grant cycle has now been concluded. The 2011 grant was awarded to Dr. Kelli Carmean, Department of Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work, Eastern Kentucky University, for her program "Kentucky Public Libraries, Summer Reading Programs, and Essay Competition for *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*." The Committee was particularly impressed by this unique and well-designed proposal to place a copy of this archaeological novel in each of Kentucky's 187 public libraries. The effort was supported by an essay contest that provided a means for evaluating its success. SEAC grant funds covered most of the cost of the books, with the remainder made up by Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work. The publisher, University of Alabama Press, committed to a 45 percent discount for the books for this program.

Dr. Carmean met the terms of her proposal by distributing the books to Kentucky libraries and promoting the essay contest. Unfortunately, no readers chose to submit essays, which were

intended to form the basis for her assessment. To provide at least a minimal assessment, Dr. Carmean then tabulated the number of times the book was checked out at a random sampling of Kentucky libraries. In addition, she did provide a student essay from an upper division archaeology class. All final reports have been submitted by Dr. Carmean and she has fulfilled the obligations of the grant. The final narrative report has been sent to Phillip Hodge for posting on the SEAC website and to publish in the SEAC Newsletter.

2012 Grant Cycle: The 2012 Grant Cycle is now open, and the committee is accepting applications until the December 1 deadline. Announcements have been sent to the SAA Public Archaeology Interest Group listserv, SEAC Public Archaeology Google Group, Southeast Network Coordinators, Southeast Museums Conference, National Association of Interpreters-SE Region, and various state societies in the southeast. An announcement of the grant also appears on the inside back cover of every issue of *Southeastern Archaeology*.

Information about the SEAC Public Outreach Grant is available on the SEAC web site and includes a grant description, requirements for recipients, history of the grant, grant application, essay on improving a grant application, and a list of past recipients with links to educational materials or web sites pertaining to the winning grant projects.

*Discussion:* Early solicited Executive Committee approval of the term limit setup for this committee, information about which had been sent to members before this meeting. Cobb so moved, Kidder seconded, and it was unanimously approved. Appointment of new committee member Cassandra Rae Harper was unanimously approved.

## Student Affairs Committee (Alison Hadley, Chair)

Annual Meeting Events: This year the Student Affairs Committee came up with some inventive ideas for our annual meeting events. These events were all funded and supported by the Jacksonville meeting organizers and the SEAC Executive Board. The first student event for the 2011 meeting is the *Getting to Know Soil Workshop* with panelists specializing in soils research: T.R. Kidder, Rick Robbins, and Sarah Sherwood. This workshop provides students with tools for identifying different types and characteristics of soils, as well as discussing the archaeological application of soil research. The second event is our student reception, immediately following the workshop. The reception creates an opportunity for students to network with other archaeologists and fellow students. Our third event is the Lunch Forum: *Effective Geophysical Data Presentation* with Berle Clay, Jay Johnson, and Bryan Haley as panelists. Based on the popularity of geophysical methods in southeastern archaeology, we felt students needed a forum to explore the multiple ways of presenting this data in papers, posters, and publications. We will provide lunch for twenty-one student members.

Elections: At the end of the annual meeting, four of our committee members will have finished their terms: Alison Hadley (Chair), Erik Johanson (Webmaster), Elicia Kimble, and Duncan McKinnon (Members-at-large). Jayur Mehta, the 2011-2012 Chair, will conduct elections after the annual meeting. He will

solicit applications from SEAC student members and the remaining committee members will hold elections.

**Website:** Last year the SEAC Executive Committee decided to integrate the student webpage in with the main SEAC website. The benefits of this decision are: easier to maintain institutional knowledge, simpler to update and maintain, and the students do not need to worry about raising funds to maintain the page. One of the committee's biggest accomplishments this year was the creation of a new website. We started from scratch and pulled content from our Student Affairs Handbook. Our webmaster Erik Johanson put together an attractive website which is now active.

**Listserv:** Currently, the SAC maintains a listserv with a total of 313 e-mail addresses. The committee has had difficulty updating the listserv with new students after each SEAC meeting. Several steps will aid in this process, including have an active website and maintaining a sign-up sheet at the registration table. The committee also feels that we could reach a wider audience through social media outlets, which are particularly popular among students. I move that the Student Affairs Committee create a Facebook group to be managed by the webmaster. This individual would monitor the page to ensure that internships, jobs, and grants are not posted on the site. Through the Facebook page we will be able to announce our SAC activities, announce elections, and post photos from SEAC. Additionally, it will help us to connect to a wider range of archaeological organizations, anthropology departments, and museums. For example, the following societies and organizations have Facebook pages: the Society for American Archaeology, the Society for Historical Archaeology, Midwest Archaeological Conference, Plains Anthropological Conference, Florida Museum of Natural History, Florida Public Archaeology Network, Florida Anthropological Society. A search for "archaeology" on Facebook resulted in 580 related sites. The advantage of a Facebook page over the website and listserv is that it offers the committee a more flexible line of communication to other students. Once people join our Facebook group they will automatically receive updates regarding meeting information, student activities, and committee changes. We believe that a Facebook page will help us to increase the interest in the committee and our events.

*Discussion:* Early noted that a possible Facebook page had been discussed briefly at the spring Executive Committee meeting. She had contacted SAA and obtained SAA's guidelines as a possible model. She also suggested talking about this with the SEAC webmaster. Kidder suggested that if the Student Affairs Committee accepts the SAA framework, the Executive Committee could go ahead and authorize creating a Facebook page. Mehta, who is charged with finding a new SAC webmaster, asked whether the SEAC Webmaster might serve this function. Early told him to discuss this with Ed Gonzalez-Tennant, the new SEAC Webmaster.

Early suggested further exploration. All SEAC officers should read the SAA guidelines, and a proposal for how the SAC Facebook page and web page would integrate with the larger SEAC web page should be developed. Mehta will consult with Gonzalez-Tennant and develop guidelines based on the SAA model.

He, Early, and Kidder will discuss by email; by the Spring meeting at the latest there should be a formal proposal.

#### **Native Affairs Liaison Committee (Brett Riggs, Chair)**

This year the committee is hosting a tribal archaeology session, with nine papers showcasing archaeological work done by tribes in the southeastern United States, including Eastern Band Cherokee, Chickasaw, and Muskogee (Creek) Nations, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

The committee would like to canvass SEAC members about professional involvement with tribal communities. Objectives would be to track and recognize such activities, and to seek direction from these communities. The committee will prepare questions and then seek approval to send them out.

In seeking conversations with tribal members, the committee is looking for a venue beyond an email list to share information, such as a blog. It would like to foster a conversation as to how SEAC members all could participate.

*Discussion:* Early suggested the possibility of an open forum as part of the *Newsletter*. Riggs stated that an objective would be to elicit reports about activities from Nations as well as from archaeologists. Kidder noted that the challenge is how to solicit input effectively. He asked if the committee would handle this, and Riggs said yes. Early requested the committee to draft its questionnaire. The Executive Committee will review it.

#### **Archives Committee (Patrick Livingood, Chair)**

Early noted that an Archives Committee had just been formed. Livingood reported that first steps for the committee are to figure out the current situation with respect to SEAC archival documents, evaluate potential alternatives for retaining and curating them, and make recommendations to the Executive Committee as to disposition of records and guidelines for retaining and handling them. As of about ten years ago, SEAC archival records were being sent to the National Anthropological Archives at the Smithsonian, which now charges a fee. Committee members are Livingood, Patricia Galloway, and Joe Herbert, with Drooker as Executive Board liaison.

#### **Lifetime Achievement Award Committee (William Marquardt, Chair)**

The Lifetime Achievement Award was separated from the Distinguished Service Award in 2003 by the SEAC executive board (*SEAC Newsletter* 45, no. 2, p. 6).

A Board decision was made in 2005 to present only one Lifetime Achievement Award per year. The Award Committee was to present a ranked list to the Board, and deliberations were to remain confidential (*SEAC Newsletter* 47, no. 1, p. 13).

Reversing the 2005 Board's decision, in 2009 the SEAC Executive Board decided to allow more than one winner of the Lifetime Achievement Award in a given year, at the discretion of the Award Committee (*SEAC Newsletter* 52, no. 1, p. 20).

Although I can't find a reference to it, in 2010 there was a decision to rotate people off the committee after three years' service. Dave Hally moved off the committee, Bill Marquardt became chair, with members Ian Brown and Gayle Fritz. Each year, the Executive Board needs to find a replacement for the departing member.

In 2011 at the SEAC meeting, Bill Marquardt will leave the committee, Ian Brown will become chair for the 2012 award, and a new member will be needed to serve with Ian and Gayle Fritz; in 2012, Gayle will become chair for the 2013 award; etc. The new chair may nominate a person or persons to be the new committee member. The SEAC Executive Board confirms the membership by e-mail vote after securing agreement of the nominee to serve.

No nominations were received this past year, in spite of prominent notices in the *SEAC Newsletter*. There was a difference of opinion among committee members about whether it is within the role of the award committee to solicit nominations. In the end, we did not, and none were received. All members of the committee believe there are SEAC members who deserve to be nominated. Past awardees are as follows:

2003	Stanley South and John Hann
2004	Patty Jo Watson
2005	Dan and Phyllis Morse
2006	Hester Davis
2007	Charles Faulkner
2008	Bennie Keel
2009	James Brown
2010	Richard Yarnell
2011	no award given

*Discussion:* Ethridge asked whether people have to be renominated if they don't receive the award in a given year. Marquardt replied that the committee had decided that renomination was necessary, but the existing file then could just be reactivated and updated. He added that the Executive Committee could charge the committee with soliciting nominations. Anderson stated that the same situation applies to the C. B. Moore award. It's desirable to keep previous nominees on the roster so that each year the entire eligible group can be considered. Marquardt asked if the Executive Committee could direct this. Early agreed that the Executive Committee should direct the Lifetime Achievement Committee to keep a pool of nominees to consider each year along with new nominees, if any. She suggested that if there were no new nominations two months before the Annual Meeting, perhaps the Executive Committee might solicit nominations. Pluckhahn noted that the Program Chair for that year should be notified, as well, to be sure that potential local nominees were included. Kidder suggested that previous nominators be contacted two months before the meeting to see if they want to reactivate their nomination.

Early proposed a motion that the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee include the pool of previous nominees, along with

any new ones, in making their decision for the award in any given year. Ethridge so moved, Sherwood seconded, and the motion was approved.

### **C. B. Moore Award (David Anderson)**

This year there were three candidates. In 2010 there were five nominations, one of whom was re-nominated in 2011 (See Business Meeting minutes for the award).

Anderson requested that the Executive Board amend the motion establishing a C. B. Moore Award under SEAC to include the following: Nominees for the C. B. Moore Award shall remain in the nominee pool for the award until they are either elected or their eligibility (i.e., within ten years of receiving their Ph.D.) expires. This was moved by Drooker, seconded by Pluckhahn, and approved.

### **Student Paper Competition Committee**

Committee Chair Dennis Blanton could not be present (see Business Meeting minutes for his report, along with the announcement of the winner).

Kidder reported on the progress of donations from this year's exhibitors. Besides the requirement that Conference exhibitors contribute, we have been receiving additional donations from individuals and organizations.

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS**

### **2011 Meeting, Jacksonville, FL (Ken Sassaman)**

Sassaman reported that registration is healthy, with 540 pre-meeting registrants versus a budgeted number of 500. \$4000 funding was provided by Visit Jacksonville (the city's convention and visitors bureau), and about \$2000 received from advertisements and donations. He noted that SEAC is not recognized by Florida as a Federal non-profit -- we have lost the recognition provided under 501(C)(3) -- so the conference is responsible for Florida state taxes, amounting to about \$2400. All refreshments for the reception will be from the Visit Jacksonville grant; the dance will have two kegs of beer plus a cash bar.

Sassaman suggested that in future the Student Affairs Committee should work within the same framework and to the same deadlines as other symposia, to facilitate scheduling and program production.

He warned next year's annual meeting organizers against using the current on-line registration setup, as it doesn't work well. He suggested obtaining an outside provider. Early suggested that the new Web Master might be able to help.

Sassaman noted that the conference does not have a credit history; each year is an entity unto itself. It's to our detriment that we have no central business office. Therefore, the conference cannot set up a credit account, but must pay with a debit or credit card. Weinstein said that the 2012 conference had been able to set up a credit account; Sassaman said that he, too, had done so, but it didn't work.

Kidder recalled that several years ago the IRS set a requirement, or possibly acted on an existing rule, that tax exempt organizations must periodically re-apply for their tax exempt status. This affected all charitable entities, and he remembered a bit of an uproar because many small entities either didn't know or lacked the organization to be able to re-apply in a timely fashion. He thought it was possible SEAC got caught in this net. [NOTE: Treasurer Smith is following up on the issue with the IRS.]

Early thanked Sassaman on behalf of the Executive Committee.

## **2012 Meeting, Baton Rouge, Louisiana**

(Richard Weinstein)

Conference dates for 2012 are November 7-10. LSU is scheduled to have an open date that weekend. Location is the Hilton Baton Rouge Capitol Center ([www.hiltoncapitolcenter.com](http://www.hiltoncapitolcenter.com)), which is downtown, overlooking the Mississippi River. The overflow hotel is Hotel Indigo Baton Rouge Riverfront ([www.hotelindigo.com/h/d/in/l/en/hotel/btrin?&externalHotelDetailHit=true](http://www.hotelindigo.com/h/d/in/l/en/hotel/btrin?&externalHotelDetailHit=true)), directly across Lafayette Street from the Hilton. Rates, good until October 8, 2012, are: Single or Double, \$145/night; Triple, \$155/night; Quad, \$165/night. Meeting facilities include 8 meeting rooms, a large book/exhibit room, a large room for posters, and a set-up room. Registration and coffee breaks will be in a foyer leading to the meeting rooms. The hotel has agreed to count revenue from food and beverages sold during SEAC towards the cost for renting meeting rooms.

The Thursday Reception is tentatively scheduled for the Louisiana State Museum, within walking distance of the hotels. The Friday Dance band and the Saturday afternoon tours are still being decided.

## **2013 Meeting, Tampa, Florida**

Organizer Nancy White could not be present. Early noted that White will be interested in recommendations and cautions from previous organizers. Weinstein reported that the 2013 conference is considering reinstituting a keynote speaker, an event that used to be scheduled for Friday night.

## **2014 and Other Future Meetings**

Early reported that Greenville, SC, is a possibility for 2014; Charlie Cobb would be Organizer. Birmingham, AL, is another future possibility.

Kidder asked about a possible SEAC-MAC joint meeting. Early reported that this had been discussed with MAC last fall, but nothing was resolved. Kidder said that a St. Louis meeting could work for this.

## **OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

### **Public Outreach Committee Proposal**

A proposal to create a new committee "to promote and facilitate aspects of public archaeology and outreach through

presentations, professional development, networking opportunities, and community engagement" had been circulated to the Executive Committee before the meeting. [See copy appended to minutes below.] Cassandra Rae Harper was present as spokesperson for the proposal. Early initiated the discussion by asking whether SEAC would like to have such a committee, either ad hoc or as a standing committee. If it were to be a standing committee, the Bylaws would need to be changed. To date, this group has functioned as an interest group.

Drooker conveyed a request from Mary Kwas, Chair of the Public Outreach Grant Committee, who could not be present, that any such committee be named so as to clearly differentiate it from the grant committee; for instance "Public Archaeology Committee" or "Public Archaeology Interest Committee."

Harper stated that interested people came together as a group when she and Mehta organized a symposium several years ago. They would like to do something like that every year. SAA, AIA, and SHA have interest groups that sometimes combine resources. A SEAC group could interact with them and report back. They also have talked about a Facebook page to keep in touch. They want to know how to proceed as a group.

Early stated that a group associated with SEAC could be informal or formal. If formal, the scope and membership would need to be delineated. Financial assistance is not required in the Bylaws. Ethridge stated that we should embrace this proposal. The public face of archaeology is very important, helping non-archaeologists to understand what we do and to support us. Pluckhahn asked whether this would be similar to the Native American Affairs Committee. He suggested that it might start as an ad hoc committee. Drooker noted that this would give the group a chance to develop a formal structure and proceed to next steps.

Early suggested that during the 2011 meeting, Harper and other potential members should discuss the possibilities. For instance, should the committee be large and informal or smaller and more structured? Do they want an institutional umbrella? Based on that, the goals and objectives can be refined and a revised document can be submitted to the Executive Committee to consider at its Spring meeting. She noted that there are various ways to underwrite activities, exemplified by the U.S. Forest Service grant obtained by the Native American Affairs Committee.

### **Publication Award**

Ethridge initiated discussion about establishing an award for the best published article in *Southeastern Archaeology* and on the subject of southeastern archaeology. *Ethnohistory* sponsors such an award, with all articles in the journal plus other relevant articles and chapters being considered. A three-person awards committee administers the award, which typically involves all articles in the journal plus about 20 others. Early commented that this is a great idea. Pluckhahn inquired whether the awardee must be a member of the American Society for Ethnohistory; the answer was no. Kidder mentioned another example: The Gordon Willey Prize, which is administered by the American Anthropological Association Board. Ethridge volunteered to draft a proposal for the Spring Executive Committee meeting.

## ADJOURNMENT

President Early thanked everyone.

Kidder moved to adjourn, Smith seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

## MEMBERSHIP SUMMARIES

The following data were provided to the Executive Committee immediately after the meeting.

Membership	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Life	138	140	145	149	152
Life Family	31	32	32	32	32
Regular	509	541	421	413	448
Student	150	194	157	191	224
Family	46	34	25	25	32
Institution	87	90	79	77	73
Complimentary	24	24	24	24	24
Total	985	1055	883	911	985

New Members	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Regular	47	73	50	38	43
Student	53	83	49	87	111
Family	2	2	4	4	3
Institution	1	1	0	1	0
Total	103	159	103	130	157

## PROPOSAL FOR SEAC PUBLIC OUTREACH COMMITTEE

Provided to Executive Committee members before the meeting.

Mission: To promote and facilitate aspects of public archaeology and outreach through presentations, professional development, networking opportunities, and community engagement.

Goals:

- 1) Bring a public outreach focus to the annual meeting through the following avenues when applicable.
  - a) Sponsor a symposium or forum.
  - b) Encourage presentations with a public outreach focus.
  - c) Provide professional opportunities for interested parties to network and share ideas.
  - d) Provide an opportunity for interested groups to participate in a Public Day at a local venue.
  - e) Create a web page to share archaeological education resources with SEAC members.

- 2) Work in association with members from Society for Historical Archaeology's Public Education & Interpretation Committee, Society for American Archaeology's Public Education Committee, Society of American Archaeology's Public Archaeology Interest Group, and Archaeological Institute of America's Outreach Programming to share ideas, information, and collaborate on best practices in public archaeology.

Objectives:

- 1) Identify subject matter that speaks to current interests or trends in public outreach for each conference.
- 2) Survey current members to identify skills they would like to see developed into a workshop opportunity, perhaps as a brown bag lunch during the conference.
- 3) Provide a table in the exhibit area for public programs to share their information. Staff with volunteers who would be able to speak about public outreach opportunities in the Southeast.
- 4) Appoint a local person who can organize a public even for the Saturday afternoon of the conference at an acceptable venue.
- 5) Create a Facebook page, or other acceptable social media outlet, for members to continue to communicate throughout the year.
- 6) Create a web page where archaeological education resources can be shared.
- 7) Identify members that are also active in the committees listed above to begin conversations on how best to collaborate and share resources.

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## MINUTES OF THE SEAC BUSINESS MEETING, JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2011

SEAC President Ann Early called the meeting to order at 5:42 pm.

### OPENING REMARKS

Meeting Organizer Ken Sassaman welcomed SEAC to Jacksonville, the first time the conference was held there. Five hundred forty people pre-registered for the conference, and approximately 110 registered on site. The conference benefitted from a \$4000 incentive from the Jacksonville visitors and convention bureau, plus generous support from CRM firms, the Archaeology Institute of the University of West Florida, and others listed in the program. He thanked Meggan Blessing, Jason O'Donoughue, University of Florida Department of Anthropology staff, the crew at the Laboratory of Southeastern Archaeology, the student volunteers, and others listed in the program. Proceedings printing costs were underwritten by the Hyatt and the Cici Brown Endowment for Florida Archaeology. Sassaman highlighted upcoming events, and particularly noted Saturday's Public Archaeology Day at the Museum of Science and History.

### OFFICERS' REPORTS

#### President's Report (Ann Early)

The Conference is in good order, and we have moved ahead with several tasks. The bottom line: we have money in the bank, members on our rolls, and a conference and journal to

be proud of. In addition, we now have committed to a 2012 Conference in Baton Rouge, and 2013 meeting in Tampa. Thanks to Phil Hodge, Ed Gonzalez-Tennant and others, the SEAC website is secure in new hands, and there are plans to expand its reach. We are making plans to secure SEAC's own history by reviving and formalizing the Conference archives.

### Other Officers' Reports

See the minutes of the Fall Executive Committee meeting for **Secretary's, Treasurer's, Editor's, and Associate Editors' reports**, abbreviated versions of which were presented at the Business Meeting by Secretary Penny Drooker, Treasurer Karen Smith, and Editor Charles Cobb. Cobb also noted that the *SEAC Newsletter* Editor will be submitting a proposal to transition to a digital version, which will save some money, and asked for more-critical manuscript reviews, commenting that *Southeastern Archaeology* reviewers, who know each other and live and work in proximity, tend to be too nice to each other. He presented the incoming Editor, Thomas Pluckhahn, with the official date stamp and his first manuscript to send out for review.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

See the minutes of the Fall Executive Committee meeting for the **Investment and Finance Committee** report (presented by Karen Smith for Chair Paul Welch).

**Public Outreach Grant Committee** (presented by Rita Elliot for Chair Mary Kwas)

The SEAC Public Outreach Grant Committee wants to encourage members to submit a grant application for your outreach projects. The number of submissions we receive varies from year to year, and since only one award can be made in any year, the chances for success depend on the competition. We sincerely encourage those who have been unsuccessful in the past to consider resubmitting in the future. 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. There is also a list of past winners that includes links to project summaries, photographs and educational materials.

**2011 Winner:** The 2011 grant was awarded to Dr. Kelli Carmean, Department of Anthropology, Sociology & Social Work, Eastern Kentucky University, for her program "Kentucky Public Libraries, Summer Reading Programs, and Essay Competition for *Creekside: An Archaeological Novel*." The Committee was particularly impressed by this unique and well-designed proposal to place a copy of this archaeological novel in each of Kentucky's 187 public libraries. The effort was to be supported by an essay contest that was to provide a means for evaluating the success of the project. SEAC grant funds covered most of the cost of the books, with the remainder made up by Eastern Kentucky University's Department of Anthropology, Sociology, and Social Work. The publisher, University of Alabama Press, committed to a 45 percent discount for the books for this program. The final report on the project can be found on the SEAC web site.

**2012 Grant Cycle:** The 2012 Grant Cycle is now open, and submissions are requested. 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 the public, 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 competition is open to anyone in or near the traditional boundaries of the southeastern culture area, and all proposals must have some tie to the southeast. All submissions must be received by the committee chair no later than December 1.

**Student Affairs Committee** (Alison Hadley, Chair)

**Annual Meeting Events:** This year the Student Affairs Committee came up with some inventive ideas for our annual meeting events. Our workshop was *Getting to Know Soil* with T.R. Kidder, Rick Robbins, and Sarah Sherwood. 45 students attended. The student reception was a big hit, with a Heineken keg and delicious snacks. The lunch forum was *Effective Geophysical Data Presentation* with Berle Clay, Jay Johnson, and Bryan Haley as panelists. Fourteen students attended and received a free lunch.

**Elections:** After the annual meeting, 4 committee members will have finished their terms. In the coming months, the 2011-2012 Chair Jayur Mehta, will solicit applications for a new Chair-Elect, Webmaster, and two members-at-large. Let us know if you would like to serve on the committee. It is fun and not a terrible amount of extra work!

**Website:** The Student Affairs Committee now has an active website on SEAC's Main page. The Committee is also working on a proposal for a Facebook page, which will be presented to the Board soon.

**Listserv:** As many of the students know, the Committee is actively working on updating our listserv. Yellow sign-up sheets were posted at registration and carried around by members of the Committee. So far, we have received 79 e-mails from new students. If you would like to be added to the list, contact a committee member.

**Thanks:** I would like to THANK the following folks who were instrumental to the success of the Student Affairs events: committee members Erik Johanson, Elicia Kimble, David Markus, Duncan McKinnon, and Jayur Mehta; the workshop and luncheon panelists; the SEAC Executive Board; and the Jacksonville meeting organizers.

**Native Affairs Liaison Committee** (Brett Riggs, Chair)

The role of the Native Affairs Liaison Committee is to promote conversation and collaboration with Native Americans and descendent communities of the people we study. This year we focused on advances in tribal archaeology. The symposium drew great participation, including representation from the

Eastern Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, the Muskogee Nation, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida. These one-off sessions are not enough. We'd like to find out what *you* do. Expect to receive a questionnaire about your involvement with tribal communities in archaeology. President Early thanked everyone who has served on a committee. She asked members to let her know if they are interested in joining a committee or want to nominate someone else. At present, a new nomination committee is needed.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

President Early provided information about upcoming meetings. The **2012** conference will be in **Baton Rouge, Louisiana**, November 7-10 (see Executive Committee minutes for details). An agreement has been signed for the **2013** conference in **Tampa, Florida**, and for **2014** we are looking at returning to **Greenville, South Carolina**.

## CEREMONIAL RESOLUTIONS

### **Resolution Thanking the Conference Organizers** (Rochelle Marrinan):

*Whereas* the membership of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference anticipates with great enthusiasm their annual gathering for the sharing of wisdom, the renewing of friendships, and the consumption of favorite foods and beverages, and ...

*Whereas* the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference have willingly, and openly, assembled in the State of Florida, a polity in which the governor has publically stated his disdain for Anthropology, and ...

*Whereas* we shall enjoy the field trip to Zephaniah Kingsley Plantation and the farther journey to Little Talbot Island State Park, we thank Professor James Davidson and his students, who will provide orientation and tour guide services, and the National Park Service and the Florida State Park Service for providing access, and ...

*Whereas* Kenneth Sassaman has been the major force behind the organization and program of our current 2011 meeting, the membership of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference expresses our gratitude and heartfelt thanks to him for the site choice, efficient program schedule, well-provisioned reception at the Museum of Science and History and the aforementioned field trip and bar-b-que choices, and ...

*Whereas* Ken has had a loyal supporting cast of Jason O'Donoughue as Program Assistant and Meggan Blessing as Local Arrangements Coordinator, we express our gratitude to them for their service, and ...

*Whereas* the Florida sun has shone, the mild breezes have blown, the seeds for future research have been sown, and our knowledge of the past has grown, *therefore, be it resolved* that the membership thanks Ken and all who have served on our behalf.

### **Resolution Thanking Charles Cobb** (Gail Fritz):

*Whereas* Charles R. Cobb has produced six issues of our flagship journal, *Southeastern Archaeology*, with remarkable efficiency and editorial acumen,

*And whereas* he has amazed us by getting all three of the summer issues into the hands of SEAC members before the summers' end, and the winter issues into our mailboxes before the turn of the calendar year [unlike the previous editors,

namely T.R. Kidder and myself],

*And whereas* he made our journal digitally accessible on JSTOR and instituted a *near-100%* electronic submission and review process,

*Therefore, be it resolved* that Charlie Cobb is duly recognized, appreciated, and sincerely thanked for his contributions to SEAC as a truly stellar editor of *Southeastern Archaeology*.

### **Resolution Thanking Sarah Sherwood** (Claudine Payne):

*Whereas* Sarah Sherwood has served admirably as Executive Officer I,

*And whereas* she has given generously of her time and energy, and contributed toward the betterment of SEAC,

*Therefore, let it be resolved* that the membership thank Sarah for her dedication to SEAC.

### **Resolution in Memory of Richard Yarnell** (Paul Gartner):

*Whereas* Richard Yarnell was an internationally recognized scholar who was a leader in the field of paleoethnobotany;

*Whereas* his research made major contributions to our understanding of how plants were used by the ancient peoples of the American South;

*Whereas* he trained generations of students who have gone on to make major contributions of their own;

*Whereas* he was a loyal member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and attended its meetings over many decades;

*And whereas* he was one of our organization's most eminent members, a recipient of our Lifetime Achievement Award in 2010;

*So be it resolved* that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference mourns Dick Yarnell's passing and extends its heartfelt sympathies to his family, students, and friends.

### **Resolution in Memory of Robert C. Dunnell**

(Janet Rafferty):

Robert C. Dunnell was born on December 4, 1942 and died on December 13, 2010, after various illnesses, most of which he had stalwartly recovered from. He retired in 1997 from the University of Washington, Seattle, after 30 years, but continued working as he was able. Ultimately, 29 students completed their Ph.D.s under his tutelage. After retirement, he was emeritus at the University of Washington and held adjunct appointments in anthropology at the University of Tennessee and Mississippi State University. He is known best for his contributions to archaeological theory and method, but he had fast ties to eastern North America, especially the Southeast.

*Whereas* Robert C. Dunnell began his archaeological career in West Virginia and published his first paper, "An Outline of Upper Ohio Valley Prehistory," in 1961, at age 18,

*And whereas* he earned a B.A. in Anthropology at the University of Kentucky in 1964 and a Ph.D. at Yale University in 1967, his dissertation being based on research done in eastern Kentucky,

*And whereas* much of his fieldwork, and that of many of his students, was done in southeast Missouri from 1979 to 1996,

*And whereas* he had an abiding and deep appreciation for culture history's contributions and its practitioners, in particular James Ford, Joseph Caldwell, James Griffin, and his long-time colleague George Quimby,

*And whereas* he contributed to our understanding of the history of Southeastern archaeology, from William Henry Holmes to pioneers of work in the LMV,

And whereas much of his published work on field and analytic methods, from plowzone processes to microartifacts and from seriation to luminescence dating, was inspired by archaeological problems that he saw as especially salient in the Southeast,

*Therefore be it resolved* that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference marks his passing with sorrow and extends condolences to his wife (and editor), Mary.

### **Resolution in Memory of George Odell**

(Scott Hammerstedt):

*Whereas* George Odell was a Life Member of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference and conducted fieldwork in Europe, South Africa, and the United States;

*And whereas* he served as professor at the University of Tulsa since 1984 and made important contributions to our understanding of lithic technology, European-Native American contact, and the prehistory of Oklahoma;

*And whereas* he was a man of quick wit and constant good cheer, not to mention a purveyor of excellent homebrew;

*Be it hereby resolved* that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its sympathy to George's family and friends on his unexpected passing in October.

### **Resolution in Memory of Malcolm C. Webb, 1935-2011**

(Christopher Rodning):

Malcolm C. Webb died at his home in New Orleans on April 23, 2011, shortly after having been diagnosed with leukemia. Malcolm received a B.A. in anthropology from the University of Pennsylvania in 1957, and a Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Michigan in 1964 for his dissertation on the Postclassic decline of the Peten Maya. He taught at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, and at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, the institution now known as the University of Louisiana in Lafayette. He moved to New Orleans in 1962 to take up a teaching position at Louisiana State University in New Orleans, which is now known as the University of New Orleans. Malcolm was the first anthropologist hired by UNO, and he was chairman of his department for most of his career there. He retired in 1999 with the status of professor emeritus of anthropology.

His diverse scholarly interests included human evolution, economic anthropology, the origins of religion, the origins of the state, ancient Maya civilization, and Native American societies of southeastern North America. His publications include papers about trade and militarism as catalysts in the formation of archaic states, the role of environment conditions and changes in cultural evolution, the Classic Maya collapse in the Peten region of Mesoamerica, cultural developments during the Epiclassic period in Mesoamerica, the taboo system in traditional societies of the Hawaiian Islands, comparative developments in Mesoamerican and Mississippian societies, settlement patterns and subsistence practices in the Lower Mississippi Valley and coastal Louisiana, and a Troyville-period site on the West Pearl River in Louisiana.

Malcolm was an avid reader, of fiction, history, theology, and anthropology—as an example, his paper about Mississippian and Mesoamerican iconography in Patricia Galloway's book, *The Southeastern Ceremonial Complex* (1989), touches upon such topics as Olmec and Maya iconography and religion; Teotihuacan and Tenochtitlan; Chavin cosmology; Inuit art; Hopewell mounds; and prehistoric settlement patterns in Peru, the Lower Mississippi

Valley, and coastal Louisiana. Malcolm was a devoted Episcopalian, and an active congregant at the Chapel of the Holy Comforter in New Orleans, where he was a reader, teacher, usher, vestry member, and advisory board member.

George Riser credits one of Malcolm's papers as an inspiration for George's own interests in shrimping by Native American groups in Louisiana. Jon Gibson writes that "Malcolm was a dear friend, cherished colleague, and fellow traveling companion to various professional conferences. He is also remembered for the omnipresent lock of hair fallen across his forehead, glasses slipped down the bridge of his nose, and the stack of papers and books he carried under his arm."

*Whereas* Malcolm tirelessly supported anthropology students and enthusiastically participated in the archaeology of the Southeast and Mesoamerica,

*Be it here resolved* that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference mourns his passing and extends its condolences to his students and colleagues; his wife Nancy and sons Michael, Peter, and Joel; and their family and friends.

### **Resolution in Memory of Lewis Roberts Binford, November 21, 1931 – April 11, 2011** (Charles H. McNutt):

*Whereas* the late Lewis Roberts Binford is recognized internationally as a dominant figure in world archaeology, and

*Whereas* Binford's career has been celebrated in such places as Argentina, South Africa, Australia, India, China, and England,

*Therefore, be it resolved* that the membership of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference join our colleagues around the world to acknowledge the contributions of Lewis Binford to our profession, and to express our condolences to his wife Amber Johnson and his daughter Martha Binford.

President Early stated that it had come to the Executive Committee's attention that Mary Ann Ianuario, a Life Member of SEAC, was lost to us as well, and led those present in a moment of silence for her and other fallen colleagues.

## **AWARDS**

### **SEAC Student Paper Competition** (T. R. Kidder and Neill Wallis for Committee Chair Dennis Blanton)

President-elect Kidder was responsible for collecting the items that make up the prize, the value of which this year was conservatively estimated at \$4599. He noted that the SEAC book prize is generously sponsored by many companies, organizations, and individuals. This year the award will consist not only of books and journals, but also an e-reader, ceramic vessels, an engraved shell pendant, a gift certificate for a Shaker screen, and a bottle of Grim Reaper hot sauce. The Southeastern Archaeological Conference is very grateful for these donations, which were received from: Amusing Enterprises (Susan and Jerry Wilson), Ancient Hands (Marty Haythorn), Ancient Society Books (Larry Conrad), American Museum of Natural History, Arkansas Archaeological Survey (Bob Mainfort), Tammy Beane, Big Canoe Press, Bull Gator Archaeology Equipment (Dean Sais), Coastal Environments, Inc., Florida Archaeological Council, Florida Museum of Natural History (Donna Ruhl), IAPS Books (William Marquardt), Louisiana Archaeological Society, Mississippi Department of Archives and History, Dan and Phyllis Morse, John O'Hear, Paleobot (Lori Branch-Rayner), Research Labs of Archaeology of the University of

North Carolina, Southeastern Archaeological Center of the National Park Service, Southeastern Archaeological Conference, Dan Townsend, University of Alabama Press, University of Georgia Department of Anthropology, University Press of Florida, University of Southern Alabama, and University of Tennessee Press.

Kidder asked the membership to join him in thanking all those who donated to the student paper award and whose generosity makes this remarkable opportunity possible.

Committee Member Neill Wallis presented the following report for Chair Dennis Blanton:

Student Paper Competition committee members are Dennis Blanton (Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> year), Judith Knight (2<sup>nd</sup> year), and Neill Wallis (1<sup>st</sup> year). Blanton will cycle off of the committee this year and Jeffrey Mitchem will replace him.

Student submissions for the 2011 competition were down markedly (5) from last year's number (13). The committee cannot fully explain the downturn. Notices for the competition were posted in the Newsletter and online per usual practice. It is possible the chair's relocation from SEAC territory to Costa Rica discouraged some applicants, but several students were clearly not confused by the submission process. Regardless, the committee will consider additional ways to encourage participation. However, the committee was not disappointed by the quality of the submissions this year. We were challenged, as the committee often is, to select a single, exceptional paper, as well as a single runner-up. After much deliberation, our decisions for the 2011 Student Paper Competition are as follows:

**First Place: Erik S. Porth**, University of Alabama, for: "Raised Ground, Razed Structure: Ceramic Chronology, Occupation, and Chiefly Authority on Mound P at Moundville," and

**Runner-up: Erin Phillips**, University of Alabama, for: "Moundville Shell Gorgets." [Wallis noted that Phillips will receive a SEAC Life Membership and set of *Southeastern Archaeology* back issues, while Porth will receive the books, journals, and other items generously provided by the contributors listed above.]

The committee wishes to congratulate the winners, to applaud the other student participants, and to thank the many institutions, organizations, businesses, and individuals that have contributed to the ever-impressive annual prize.

### **C. B. Moore Award (David Anderson)**

The C. B. Moore Award for "Excellence in Southeastern Archaeology or associated studies by a distinguished younger scholar" was established by the members of the Lower Mississippi Survey in 1990, under the leadership of Stephen Williams. Nominees were originally selected by associates of the Lower Mississippi Survey and, after the first year, by them and all previous award recipients. Since 2010 SEAC has assumed responsibility for presenting the award. The SEAC immediate past president oversees the award nomination and voting process. In recognition of his or her accomplishment, the C. B. Moore award winner gets to keep, for the following year, a replica of the Moundville Cat Pipe, which

was found by Moore and resides in the Peabody Museum at Harvard. The award winner is now determined by whichever candidate receives the most votes among a committee consisting of: (1) all past C. B. Moore Award recipients, (2) all voting members of the SEAC Executive Committee at the time of the election, and (3) one member of the LMS, appointed by members of that organization. In the event of a tie, each candidate tied for first place will receive the award. In the event a member of the SEAC Executive Committee is a past C. B. Moore Award winner or the designated LMS representative, or both, s/he shall have only one vote. The SEAC Executive Committee on Wednesday approved the motion that nominees for the C. B. Moore Award shall remain in the nominee pool for the award until they are either elected or their eligibility (i.e., within ten years of receiving their Ph.D.) expires.

Beginning in 1990, the past recipients are: David Anderson (1990), Gayle Fritz (1991), Marvin Smith (1992), John House (1993), Ken Sassaman (1994), Tim Pauketat (1995), Joe Saunders (1996), Penelope Drooker (1997), John Worth (1998), Randy Daniel (1999), Cricket Kelly (2000), Rebecca Saunders (2001), Jane Eastman (2002), Adam King (2003), Thomas Pluckhahn (2004), Chris Rodning (2005), Robin Beck (2006), Gregory D. Wilson (2007), Edmond A. Boudreaux (2008), Sarah Sherwood/Victor Thompson (2009), and Patrick Livingood (2010).

The 2011 recipient of the C. B. Moore award is Neill J. Wallis. Neill earned his Ph.D. in 2009 from the University of Florida and was hired by the University of West Florida, and the following year, by the Florida Museum of Natural History as Assistant Curator of Archaeology. For his dissertation, Neill developed models of material exchange to infer how native people constituted communities through participation in pan-regional rituals involving pottery. With the support of an NSF DDRIG and the University of Missouri Research Reactor, Neill employed Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis to source clays used to make pots, and their ceremonial and domestic contexts. The results have been published in several peer reviewed journal articles and in the book *The Swift Creek Gift*, which appeared earlier this year through the University of Alabama Press.

Since 2004 Neill has published or has under review eleven articles, with more in the works, and a book on Florida Archaeology is underway with Cambridge University Press. Moreover, Neill has already landed two large grants since being hired at the FLMNH, one each from NSF and the Wenner Gren Foundation. Neill richly deserves the C. B. Moore Award. Now last year's recipient, Patrick Livingood, will transfer the Moundville Cat Pipe to Neill. Let's give him a warm hand.

### **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

President Early called for any additional Old Business, then any New Business. There not being any, she advised attendees to enjoy the evening, the last papers, and the field trip, have a good trip home, and "see you next year!"

The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 pm.

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**2012 Public Outreach Award Winner**  
**Walled City of Charleston Task Force**

**Snapshots from 2008-2009 Excavations by  
the College of Charleston Field School**



Above: Field school students exposing the redan's south face. The foundation visible in the foreground is the circa 1804 brick tenement built after the redan and Lower Market were demolished. Below: The top of the redan at the point.



The background on this page is the 1785 plat that led to the discovery of the Tradd Street redan. Excavations under the direction of Martha Zierden, Ron Anthony, and Barbara Borg revealed its point and south face, as well as layers of debris associated with the circa 1750 Lower Market, located in front of the redan.

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