

Southeastern Archaeological Conference
Annual Business Meeting of the Executive Committee
15 November 2024

[R Gougeon, reporting]

President Kandi Hollenbach opened the meeting at 5pm and invited the organizers to give their report on the annual meeting. Patrick Johnson gave the report on behalf of himself and Janene Johnston. He noted that this is the first time SEAC has been held in Virginia and is the most expensive SEAC meeting to date. They thanked Jamestown Rediscovery, Colonial Williamsburg, and the Council of Virginia Archaeologists, the Florida Public Archaeology Network, and the other sponsors who helped to lower the costs of putting on the conference. As of the time of the meeting, 830 people had registered, making the meeting profitable. They further thanked Mary Furlong Minkoff.

Officers' Reports

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Hollenbach gave her final report. She noted that this is SEAC's 80th annual meeting and thanked those who were attending their first SEAC (or coming to the Business Meeting for the first time!). She acknowledged the tension of the previous year's meeting due to the discussions and debate surrounding the pending image policy vote and was saddened to hear that some attendees did not feel welcome. To that end, she put a task force together to improve meeting conduct and make SEAC a more inclusive organization going forward (report follows).

In April 2024, Hollenbach attended the Bridging a Gap meeting in Oklahoma City. This meeting brings together representatives from Tribal Nations and Federal Agencies. She presented the SEAC image policy and reported a positive response from attendees.

The Executive Committee (EC) approved a dues increase to address years of budgetary shortfalls. SEAC remains a relatively inexpensive professional organization. Additional adjustments to the dues rates, including a tiered-dues model, are under consideration.

Future meeting locations are in negotiations. SEAC 2026 will be in Birmingham, Alabama. An organizer is in the wings for SEAC 2027 and talks are ongoing regarding who will organize SEAC 2028 and where it will be held.

President Hollenbach closed by noting the services provided to the organization by its volunteer officers and the contributions of many others. She thanked her fellow EC members and encouraged all SEAC members to volunteer in some fashion, introduce yourself to a new SEAC member, and keep SEAC the vibrant community it has been.

Secretary's Report

Ramie Gougeon gave the Secretary's Report. An election which ran between Sept. 30th and Oct. 18th, 2024, with only 339 of 931 possible ballots returned for a participation rate of 36%. New officers were announced, including President-Elect Ashley Dumas, Treasurer-Elect Mary Beth Fitz, Executive Officer II Trevor Duke, Social Media Editor-Elect Michelle Rathgraber, and SHARP Coordinator Sean Lambert. A spreadsheet used to track officer positions and terms was not updated after the SEAC Editor role was

shortened to a 2-year term, so an 'emergency' replacement for Lindsay Bloch was being sought at the time of this meeting. New officers were congratulated, those who also-ran were thanked alongside the Nominations Committee, and those who were rolling off were thanked for their years of service to the organization.

Gougeon closed by noting that it had been an honor to serve as Secretary as this conference has been his academic home for 30 years. He then turned over the ceremonial recording device to incoming Secretary Amanda Regnier.

Treasurer's Report

Jon Marcoux issued the following report. As has been the case for the last few years, thanks to very robust returns on our investments, SEAC is in solid financial shape. We continue, however, to run an operational deficit. In FY 2024, we experienced our seventh year of deficits in operating funds. Marcoux reported that this deficit (\$8,697.23) was much smaller than last year (\$26,657.91).

Total revenue in FY 2024 was on track with past years and was significantly higher than last year. This difference reflects the \$14,400 surplus in revenue garnered by the 2023 Chattanooga meeting versus the deficit run in the 2022 SEAC meeting in Little Rock.

Total expenses were higher in FY2024 than in years past, although much of the difference can be explained by a separate electronic ballot expense for voting on the journal's photo policy and increased startup funds paid for the Williamsburg meeting. The largest expenditures aside from publishing costs were the electronic ballot expenses (\$6,448.30) and the transfer of startup funds to the 2024 Williamsburg meeting (\$15,000). Our 2023 CPA expense was paid together with the 2024 expense in 2024 due to an unexpected delay in filing our 2022 tax return. FY2024 also included the full expenditure of Public Outreach grant, which totaled \$5,000.

Marcoux advised our membership in his 2023 report that the SEAC Executive Committee consider and enact ways to increase our revenue in order to pay for the basic operations of the conference (e.g., a journal, grants, awards, a website, support for our yearly meeting) and to expand funding to the great existing programs for public outreach and engagement with Native American communities. To that end, after running a series of revenue projections, the SEAC Executive Committee voted to enact a dues increase and to introduce a conference surcharge – beginning in 2025.

The conference surcharge will be \$20 and will solely apply to non-student attendees. The surcharge will spread the cost burden across all membership levels (except students) rather than concentrating the burden on non-life members. The dues increase will be staged over two years. In 2025, regular and family memberships will increase by \$10 to \$55 and \$60 respectively, and student memberships will increase by \$2 to \$22. In 2026, regular and family memberships will increase by \$5 to \$60 and \$65 respectively, and student memberships will increase by \$3 to \$25. The annual increase in revenue with these changes is projected to be \$13,640 in 2025 and \$16,860 in 2026 and beyond.

SEAC ended the fiscal year with total assets of \$467,576.71, which is up \$70,375.82 over the fiscal year to date. \$103,496.80 of the assets are in Operating funds, which are split between \$31,019.84 in Bank of America Checking Account, \$72,615.51 in the Vanguard LifeStrategy Income account, and a negative balance of \$138.55 of central conference funds in a PayPal account. Aside from collecting conference

registrations, this account is only used to pay our monthly MailChimp subscription fee and to collect donations for the Hudson Award Fund and the SEAC student membership lottery.

Dues notices were emailed multiple times during the year. Marcoux reminded everyone to be sure to check and update your contact information on the website so that we can get information and journals to you in an efficient manner. Membership currently stands at 975, which represents a decrease from last year’s total of 1016, but a 50+ person increase over 2022’s total of 922. The decrease reflects a loss of 13 regular members and 27 student members. The increase in student members in 2023 was doubtless the result of the SEAC Student Lottery, which provided funds for 58 memberships. In 2024, the lottery supported 31 student memberships. There have not been any lottery donations in FY 2024. Students are critical to the ongoing success of the conference, so please encourage the students you know to join and participate.

As a reminder, if you are a Regular, Life, or Family member and don’t want the paper journal, you can opt out. Some members said that getting paper copies of the journal is a nuisance, because they always access it online and have to make room for it in their bookshelf. Members that choose not to get the paper journal are redirecting the portion of their membership fee used to print and mail that copy to the conference to support other initiatives. If you don’t want to continue to get the paper journal, you can make the change in the membership portal on the SEAC website or email me.

Membership Totals at the end of Fiscal Year FY23

Membership Totals	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Life	160	165	168	169	170	174	179	170	176	178
Life Family	32	33	34	34	35	35	34	35	35	35
Regular	446	613	503	522	528	412	553	524	567	554
Student	237	255	166	196	201	91	133	157	200	173
Family	27	20	12	9	15	15	13	13	15	12
Complimentary	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23	23
	925	1109	906	953	972	750	935	922	1016	975

The complete Treasurer's Report for the fiscal year Ending October 31, 2024 is attached to these minutes.

In closing, Marcoux congratulated Mary Beth Fitts on her election to Treasurer-Elect and promised to bring the famed "money tie" to her at SEAC 2025.

Journal Editor's Report

Journal Editor Lindsay Bloch reported Volume 43 (2024) of Southeastern Archaeology will contain 12 articles, 3 reports, and 5 book reviews. Issue 4 is in progress and scheduled to print on December 1. Since November of 2023, there have been 25 manuscripts submitted to the journal as articles or reports. Our average review time is around two months, and there is no backlog, so articles typically appear in print within a few months after acceptance, depending on the quarterly publication schedule. There has been great interest in special issues over the past year and several are in the works. They will appear in print in 2025 and 2026. Thank you to all who have entrusted their manuscripts to us over the past year.

It has been a year of transitions for the journal. Bloch's sad update this year is that our longtime copy editor, Deborah Upton, passed away earlier this year. We have negotiated a contract with a new copy editor, Jessica Hinds-Bond, who has now completed several manuscripts for us with more in the pipeline. Bloch thanked her for her careful work. Our journal manager at Taylor & Francis, Peter Gane, left earlier this year, and we await a permanent replacement.

In terms of readership and citations, they are up over last year, with over 20,000 downloads so far. Our citation score of 1.4, as measured by Scopus, puts us in the top 25% of all indexed archaeology journals, ranking alongside similar regional and specialty journals. Bloch thanked the many colleagues who have served as peer reviewers so far this year. As she has seen over the past four years working on this journal, our community is generous with their knowledge and expertise, and kind in their criticism. The quality research conducted by the authors is only improved through these interactions. We are always seeking new reviewers, so please register if you have not done so already.

Bloch offered many thanks to our associate editor, Matthew Rooney, who has been managing the newsletter over the past year and half. She also extend thanks to associate editor Ben Steere for serving as book review editor. He has published five book reviews this year, and others are incoming. Please review the list of available books in the newsletter and contact him if you wish to review. Thanks to the board and past editors this year, whom she has relied on for guidance and support while navigating the copyeditor change and other publishing-related issues. Finally, Bloch thanked our editor-elect, Tony Boudreaux. He has been very active in his role over the past year, stepping in at times when she needed to step back, and Bloch expressed having no doubts that he will be an excellent editor in the years to come. Bloch closed by passing the ceremonial torch, in this case the ceremonial stamper, and wished him the best for his tenure as editor. Bloch stated, "Thank you, SEAC, so much for entrusting the journal to me over the past two years, and please continue to share with Tony the great content, insightful reviewing, and pleasant correspondence that you have given to me."

Social Media Editor's Report

Webmaster and Social Media Editor Karen Stevens noted her efforts over the past year to make the SEAC website 'evergreen' so as to avoid updating every page annually. The grants and awards page has been updated. She has also changed the formatting of our documents page and sorted them by decade. The past year saw 40 announcements posted to the website, 33 of which were job listings. An ad hoc committee has met twice to discuss a SEAC website redesign. Fixed email addresses for specific committees and EC positions are in the works. SEAC's 19 email campaigns in 2024 had an average opening rate (i.e., the receiver actually opened the email from SEAC) of 52%, which is above the norm for non-profits (40%). Stevens cleaned up the active members list to just over 1000 (down from 2300) so SEAC will not have to pay for additional (inactive) subscribers. In regard to social media, SEAC has accounts with Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn. The SEAC LinkedIn account doubled in size to 340 followers. Facebook and Twitter remain stable with an increase of about 100 on Facebook and only 30 on Twitter. Stevens closed her report by suggesting that two people be elected to the Social Media/Webmaster role. Hollenbach noted that this would take a change in the bylaws.

SHARP Report

Continuing the precedent established by the SEAC Task Force on Sexual Harassment and Assault, the SHARP Committee and Coordinator had a busy and productive year. In 2024, the SEAC SHARP Committee includes Carol Colaninno, SEAC SHARP Coordinator, with members Mikayla Absher, BC Cavanaugh, Robbie Ethridge, Laura Fuentes, Shawn Lambert, and Ethan Mofidi. The SHARP Committee continued to meet monthly during the academic semesters, foregoing meetings during the summer months to avoid conflict with the field season.

The SHARP Committee continues to operate the Safe Officer Program at SEAC conferences, and we are happy to have trained Safe Officers and members of the SEAC Executive Committee for the 2024 meeting. Based on experiences from past SEAC annual meetings, we continue to refine the Safe Officer procedures for intake and advocacy. For the 2024 meeting, we will have two Safe Officers posted near the conference registration desk during registration hours. We have trained intake teams on call throughout the conference, and Colaninno and Ethridge will also be on call throughout the annual meeting to respond to and intake complaints. One SHARP committee member will remain at the conference through Saturday while field excursions are ongoing to ensure that all SEAC members can report instances of sexual harassment at SEAC-sponsored event.

In 2023, the student workshop was again offered as a free student luncheon thanks to the generous support from the SEAC Board and was very well attended, as in previous years, reaching maximum capacity. We will once again offer the student workshop as a luncheon for the 2024 annual meeting. This workshop is being developed by SHARP Committee members Mikayla Absher, Laura Fuentes, and Shawn Lambert. For 2024, we are tailoring this workshop for students and early career field technicians, based on feedback from attendees and established literature noting that these individuals are the most likely to be harassed by their colleagues and supervisors. This workshop reached its registration cap highlighting the continued interest in making archaeology a more inclusive and safer environment for students and early career professionals. We look forward to preparing future generations to move Southeastern archaeology towards a field that is welcoming to all people.

In February of 2024, the SHARP Committee offered two virtual workshops on best practices for reducing and preventing sexual harassment at field schools. In sum, 38 people enrolled in the workshops with 19 individuals attending. Thanks to the active involvement of the SHARP Committee's CRM member representatives, many attendees were from the CRM sector. The workshops have been tailored towards individuals from academic audiences. With this new audience, we are looking into ways to more comprehensively support our colleagues in the CRM sector, as well as those individuals who conduct field work overseas.

For the upcoming year, the SHARP Committee will continue to respond to reports of sexual harassment that may occur at the SEAC annual meeting or other SEAC-sponsored events. We will continue to iteratively improve the procedures for reporting, investigating, and adjudicating sexual harassment in Southeastern archaeology. We encourage all members to discuss ideas that they have to make SEAC and Southeastern archaeology a safer, more inclusive, and more supportive working environment for anyone who hopes to practice archaeology.

This upcoming year, the SHARP Coordinator will transition with Dr. Shawn Lambert replacing Colaninno. Colaninno has agreed to stay on the Committee to support Lambert as he takes on the responsibilities of the SHARP Coordinator. As the departing SHARP Coordinator, I (Colaninno) suggest that SEAC adjust the bylaws to include a SHARP Coordinator elect. This will help create a more seamless transition and help foster continuity in cases that span Boards and Coordinators. Additionally, a SHARP Coordinator Elect position will help this individual understand the complexities and sensitive nature of the grievance procedures and help to make the Safe Officer program a consistent and longstanding program.

Finally, the SHARP Committee would like to extend our gratitude to the President Hollenbach, the SEAC Board, and all the members of SEAC for showing leadership on the difficult and painful, yet important and impactful, issue of sexual harassment and assault in archaeology. Although we have done so much, I end my term in position with the clear perspective that we must do more. We must always remain dedicated to reaffirming and holding the values of an organization that supports members, rather than an organization that overlooks and ignores the traumatizing and painful experiences of being harassed, hurt, and made to feel excluded by colleagues. We must continue to hear the experiences of members who have struggled to persist in the field given the harassment they have experienced by those who hold more seniority and power. We must openly and honestly name the challenges we face so we can start the process of seeing our missteps. And with this perspective, we must build new pathways for students and early career professionals to succeed, rather than pathways that lead to harm and hurt. Thank you for allowing me to serve as SEAC's first SHARP Coordinator.

Other Reports and Topics

The Investment Committee report was offered by Kandi Hollenbach. The committee was put in place in 1996 under Paul Welch, with Al Goodyear and Lynn Sullivan as the other 2 members. Lynn stepped off in 2022 when Hollenbach joined. Al Goodyear rolled off in 2023 with Patrick Livingood taking his spot. Welch stepped off in 2024, with Jon Marcoux joining. The committee started off with \$30,913 in 1996. As of September 30th the Life Fund is at \$343,518.

The investment Committee also oversees the investments of the Hudson Fund, which operates like an endowment. Hollenbach reported an increase of \$5,834 as of September 30th. The Hudson Award

Committee asked if they could increase the award from 800 to \$1,000, which the Investment Finance Committee voted in favor of.

The Native American Affairs Liaison committee (NAALC) co-chairs Karen Brunso (reporting) and Isabel Holland-Lulewicz noted efforts to revive and revise this group in 2024. They reported no applicants for their Speaker Series funding. Their committee convened a panel on the topic of collaboration at the 2024 Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meeting. Brunso thanked the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Mississippi Division of Archives and History, the Muskogee Nation, and the Chickasaw Nation for their assistance in filling out and participating on the panel. The committee later assisted President Hollenbach present SEAC's new image policy at the Bridging the Gap conference. The NAALC reports that they are developing a list of federally recognized tribal contacts in the States of Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Florida. This list will be on the SEAC website for members to begin collaborations earlier in their projects. They may also offer training on best practices in collaborative projects with Native communities and governments, and an online educational series centered on unlearning some of the structural inequalities and colonial legacies within archaeology. Lastly, the NAALC would like to have a discussion broadly within SEAC about improving behavior at the annual meeting, and whether a code of conduct for our membership is needed.

The Public Outreach Grant Committee report was offered by Carol Colaninno. Ben Steere rotated off and Emily Clark will take over as the committee lead chair. Over the past year (2024), Clark and Colaninno co-lead in the 2023-2024 funding cycle and received two proposals. The committee reviewed the proposals and unanimously agreed that both proposals should be funded. One was fully funded and the other one partially. One project worked with 52 Scouts Boy Scouts who received their archeological merit badge. The NDN Company supported 11 indigenous youth to travel to Florida to participate in archaeological excavations. Colaninno reported that the call for the 2025 grant was imminent.

Paige Ford, Chair of the Nominations committee, reported finding three additional members for the committee and sought nominees for various roles (President-Elect, Social Media Editor-Elect, Executive Officer II, and SHARP coordinator). There will have to be a special election for Editor-Elect after the annual meeting.

Hollenbach reported on behalf of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion task force and noted that Leanne Wendt and Jayur Metha are both rolling off. They are calling for new members and for SEAC to formally make this a committee. Their report included several assessment, outreach, and educational initiatives in the works. The most visible product of their work is the SEAC student membership drive. They encouraged members to continue to contribute to this impactful fund and help support the next generations of SEAC members.

The Student Affairs committee report was given by Mikayla Absher Fletcher. They changed their bylaws to designate an At-Large position for an undergraduate student. They changed the format of their Student Luncheon at the annual meeting to focus on networking. The Student Affairs committee is surveying their members in November 2024 about attitudes towards SEAC in general, the SHARP program, inclusivity, and affordability for students. Tara Skipton will chair this committee after the annual meeting in Williamsburg.

The Inclusivity task force (R. Gougeon, M. Twaroski, E. Bandy, D. Byrd, J. Baggett, C. Hill, and S. Baires) reported that their newly formed group had met to talk about actions SEAC could take to be more welcoming and inclusive of different stripes of archaeologists. The task force passed several suggestions to the organizers of the Williamsburg meeting. They plan to meet after the annual meeting to discuss successes and challenges, as well as to propose further actions and ideas to the Baton Rouge organizers.

Maureen Meyers provided a report on the SEAC/Archaeology in the Community (AITC) partnership. The task force includes Meg Buchanan, Caroline Gardner, Lauren Walls, Meyers, Matt Rooney, and Tara Skipton. The task force wrote articles for the spring newsletter that highlighted existing partnerships and what has been accomplished. They worked with K. Stevens to create a page for the partnership and thanked her for her help. The task force responded to a request for information from the SAA on the partnership, because they were impressed by it and were looking to model something after it. Finally, the SEAC/AITC task force created a list of resources for partners and communities on the website, both a general list, but also state specific lists. The task force discussed hosting a webinar for the membership about SEAC/AITC in the coming year. Other outreach may include sending the Newsletter articles they wrote to organizations that may be interested. They are seeking new members and leadership.

Lindsey Cochran reported the activities of the Heritage at Risk task force on behalf of herself and co-chair Emily Jane Murray. Cochran, Murray, and Gougeon developed and deployed a survey of the SEAC membership to see what the membership would like to see from SEAC in terms of responses, training, and other tools related to addressing anthropogenic climate change and the many impacts this brings to archaeological resources and practice. Preliminary survey of the membership was presented at Williamsburg, during which time some focus interviews were conducted. The HaRTF sponsored a poster session on this theme and held an emergency response workshop at the conference.

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Future Meetings

Rich Weinstein provided an update on the 2025 Baton Rouge meeting, noting that it will be held at the same venue where SEAC 2012 was held – at the Hilton down by the river. They have already organized several tours. The specific date was yet to be determined as the Louisiana State University football schedule had not yet been announced.

Eliot Blair reported on the plans for the 2026 Birmingham meeting at the Birmingham Jefferson Civic Center and the Sheraton. There will be a reception at the Birmingham Museum of Art. Field trips and tours are also in the works.

Meyers, in her position as Immediate Past President, headed up the Rising Scholars Award committee. This committee advertised in the spring for new applications, contacted the former nominators to update any previous submissions, and removed ~2 previous applicants who had aged out. (There's a 10-year limit since the awarding of one's PhD.) Meyers used a Google voting system (Google form) to track voting. And that was much easier for me. Results were transferred to an Excel spreadsheet and the

winner was determined with input from Hollenbach and Eastman. A total of 31 people voted, which is about the same amount as last year. Of these 4 were board members and the rest were former winners. The awardee was announced later in the meeting (below).

The Hudson Award committee called for more applicants, emphasizing that the award is not just for ethnohistory projects. The Hudson Award has also been increased from \$800 to \$1000. The Student Paper Award committee consistently saw 5-6 entries and encouraged more applicants. Four Lifetime Achievement Awards will be issued for 2024 and presented at the annual meeting in Williamsburg (below). The first CRM Award should be awarded in 2025.

Hollenbach noted that organizers and cities for future meetings are being discussed, including Birmingham, Alabama in 2026.

Ceremonial Resolutions

SEAC 2024 Williamsburg Organizers

By Scott Jones (as read by Kandi Hollenbach)

WHEREAS Janene Johnston, Patrick Johnson, Jack Gary, Mary Furlong Minkoff, Elizabeth Horton, and Erin Stone brought SEAC to the historic heartland of the Americas; and

WHEREAS they provided an excellent reception most aptly located in an archaeological project; and

WHEREAS they brought SEAC to a location not previously visited in a state not previously visited;

THEREFORE let it be resolved that we as a community express our upmost gratitude to the organizing team for a very successful and all around awesome 80th annual meeting of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference.

PRESIDENT KANDI HOLLENBACH

By Jane Eastman

WHEREAS Kandace Hollenbach has effectively served the Southeastern Archaeological Conference as President-elect and President for the last four years; and

WHEREAS Kandace has led SEAC with grace, energy, and equanimity, and acted to promote the future health of our organization; and

WHEREAS she has shown leadership in guiding the Board, various committees, task forces, and conference members forward through many critical discussions, a forum attended by nearly 600 of us at the Chattanooga meeting, a special vote of the membership, and the implementation of a new Image Policy for the journal; and

WHEREAS, she has overseen two successful and interesting annual meetings, facilitated contracts for upcoming conferences, planted seeds with potential organizers for several years to come, and initiated a standing committee to improve meeting conduct; and

WHEREAS Kandi has worked tirelessly on our behalf to honor our shared past and traditions, and sought to resolve issues we face as an organization, and as she exemplified and encouraged collegiality and collaboration;

THEREFORE be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its great appreciation to Kandace Hollenbach for her strong and steadfast leadership, and thanks her sincerely for her dedication to archaeology and to SEAC.

EDITOR LINDSAY BLOCH

By Tony Boudreaux

Whereas Lindsay Bloch is completing a four-year term on the SEAC Board, two as Editor-Elect and two as Editor; and

Whereas Lindsay not only has set a high bar for maintaining the standards and publication schedule of our journal, she also has set a high bar for commitment, for she once attended a SEAC publications meeting from her hospital bed where she was recovering from an emergency appendectomy;

THEREFORE be it resolved that SEAC thanks Lindsay for her dedication to the organization and to our beloved journal.

SECRETARY RAMIE GOUGEON

By Amanda Regnier

WHEREAS Ramie Gougeon has faithfully executed the duties of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference Secretary-Elect and Secretary for the last three years by compiling minutes of meetings, overseeing multiple elections (including the special election last year), and tracking the votes of an active Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS Ramie has continued the tradition of passing the accumulated knowledge of the office in what are hereby known as the "SEACretary Scrolls;"

THEREFORE let it be resolved that the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference thank him for his service to our organization.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER DEANNA BYRD

By Lindsay Bloch

WHEREAS Deanna Byrd has served as Executive Officer II for the past two years; and

WHEREAS we have relied upon Deanna for her expertise, and her thoughtful and incisive contributions to SEAC policies, procedures, and operation;

THEREFORE let it be hereby resolved that the members of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference thank her for her service to our organization.

SHARP COORDINATOR CAROL COLANNINO

By Kandi Hollenbach

WHEREAS Carol Colannino has served as the first SHARP Coordinator since 2022; and

WHEREAS in that time Carol has given a half-dozen trainings to SHARP and Executive Committee members; as she has handled difficult situations with much thoughtfulness, care, and grace; and

THEREFORE let it be resolved that SEAC is deeply grateful to Carol Colannio for her dedicated service to our membership.

INVESTMENT AND FINANCE CHAIR PAUL WELCH

By Kandi Hollenbach

WHEREAS Paul Welch served as chair of the Investment and Finance Committee since its inception in 1995; and has shepherded the initial funds of \$30,913 to a total of \$335,800.66, an increase of 986% over the past 29 years; and

WHEREAS he managed to keep these funds healthy through several significant downturns of the economy and stockmarket with much acumen fortified by nerves of steel

THEREFORE let it be resolved that SEAC owes much of its substantial financial health to the efforts and guidance of Paul Welch, and thanks him resoundingly for his nearly 30 years of service in this role; and

Let it be resolved that SEAC recognizes his extraordinary service with a Service Special Recognition Award.

OUTGOING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

By Kandi Hollenbach

Jayur Mehta and Leeanne Wendt

WHEREAS Jayur Mehta and Leeanne Wendt served as the inaugural co-chairs of the task force on Diversity, Equity and Inclusion since 2021; and they have organized and implemented a very successful student lottery for memberships that is aimed at broadening our student membership particularly to include Native and other underrepresented students;

WHEREAS they have organized panels and sessions at SEAC and SAA meetings to bring wider perspectives and other voices to our meetings; and

WHEREAS they have performed these duties with much grace and goodwill and are ready to hand over the task force to those who would develop it into a formal committee;

THEREFORE let it be resolved that SEAC is deeply grateful to Leeanne and Jayur for their dedicated service and commitment to the betterment of the organization.

Committee and Task Force Chairs

WHEREAS much of the work of SEAC is done by committees and task forces, particularly the chairs of committees and task forces; and

WHEREAS the following individuals have done the work of their committees with grace, skill, and hopefully a good measure of humor; these individuals include Karen Brunso and Isabel Holland-Lulewicz who co-chaired the NAALC, Christina Frieberg headed the Student Paper Award Committee, Matthew Compton headed the Charles Hudson Award Committee, Shawn Lambert chaired the Patty Jo Watson Award Committee, Scot Keith chaired the Lifetime Achievement Award Committee, Carol Colannino and Emily Clark were chairs of the Public Outreach Grant Committee, Paige Ford chaired the Nominations Committee, and Mikayla Absher Fletcher who headed the Student Affairs Committee;

THEREFORE be it resolved that SEAC heartily thanks them for their great service to the organization.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS

DAN F. MORSE (1935-2024)

By David Anderson

WHEREAS Arkansas, southeastern and midwestern, and American archaeology lost a great colleague and scholar with the passing of Dan F. Morse in September, and WHEREAS Dan had conducted archaeology in many states for over 70 years, and made and reported on important discoveries at many sites, including Etowah, Cahokia, Steuben, Robinson, Pinson, Nodena, Brand, Sloan, Zebree, Parkin, Spikebuck, and many, many more, almost all with his wife Phyllis, after they met in the late 1950s, and WHEREAS Dan served as the Arkansas Archeological Survey's station archaeologist at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro for 30 years, from the late 1960s until his retirement in the late 1990s, and WHEREAS Dan and Phyllis were generous with their time, knowledge, and hospitality, and a true friend and mentor to many in the field, and were a fixture for some 60 years at this conference, and WHEREAS they were honored in publications in their honor and with SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award in 2005, be it here resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its condolences to Phyllis and their extended family, and our gratefulness for a life well spent, in archaeology and as a colleague and friend to so many.

For those interested, the 1999 volume *Arkansas Archaeology: Essays in Honor of Dan and Phyllis Morse*, edited by Robert C. Mainfort Jr, and Marvin D. Jeter, has wonderful information about Dan and Phyllis's career. Additional information can be also found at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dan_Morse

PATTY JO WATSON

By George Crothers and Kandi Hollenbach, as read by Crothers

WHEREAS Patty Jo Watson is a renowned archaeologist who significantly shaped archaeology with her scientific philosophy, methodological contributions, multidisciplinary research, rigorous fieldwork, student mentoring, and public engagement, we mourn her passing. Pat Watson died August 1st, 2024, at the age of 92. A consummate professional, we are fortunate that a significant portion of her career was in the Southeast.

Pat was a student of Robert and Linda Braidwood's at the University of Chicago. In the 1950s she was part of the interdisciplinary Iraq-Jarmo project studying the origins of agriculture in the foothills of the Zagros Mountains. Her dissertation was a pioneering ethnoarchaeological project examining the architectural and technological continuity among rural villages in western Iran.

It was not Pat's intent to be a southeastern archaeologist. But the remarkable preservation of perishable remains in the Mammoth Cave system of Kentucky drew her into the world of Americanist archaeology. Teaming up with Richard Yarnell in the 1960s, they worked deep underground to bring to light incontrovertible evidence for the Eastern Agricultural Complex. This was followed by the Shell Mound Archaeological Project in west-central Kentucky with William Marquardt seeking further and earlier evidence of agricultural origins in North America.

Pat remained ensconced in worldwide debates on agricultural origins and the philosophy of science throughout her career, but increasingly her research was focused on the Southeastern U.S. as an independent center of plant domestication. Among her many accomplishments, Pat most loved cave

archaeology. She moved effortlessly through the most difficult passages while students and covers struggled to keep up. It was a rite of passage to go on one of Pat's cave trips, an experience no student or colleague ever forgot.

Pat was loved by those who came to know her. She was as comfortable sitting on the porch with the residents of Logansport, Kentucky, as she was sitting in a conference room, maybe more so. Generous with her time, gracious, patient, and funny. She was passionate about archaeology and some of my best memories are long car trips talking about archaeology and caves late into the evening as she drove another group of students down to Logansport or Mammoth Cave in her beloved VW van.

THEREFORE, be it resolved that while SEAC mourns her passing, we celebrate her remarkable life, and send condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and former students.

RICHARD KRAUSE

By Scott Meeks, Hunter Johnson, and Keith Little

WHEREAS the death of Richard A. Krause in May 2024 marked the loss of a friend, mentor, and extraordinary scholar; and WHEREAS he was born on June 26, 1938 in Grand Valley, Nebraska and educated at the University of Tennessee, the University of Nebraska, and Yale University; and WHEREAS Dr. Krause was Professor Emeritus at the University of Alabama and had a long teaching career in which he endeavored to motivate his students to always think; WHEREAS he conducted ethnographic field studies of hunter-harvesters in Alaska and contemporary potters in Africa and was a prominent scholar in ceramic analysis and ethnoarchaeological studies; and WHEREAS he was an important contributor to the archaeology of the Great Plains and received the Distinguished Service Award from the Plains Anthropological Society in 2011; and WHEREAS in the Southeast, Krause studied mound sites in the Tennessee Valley, Moundville and related sites along the Black Warrior River, and co-authored the seminal synopsis of the Tombigbee River prehistory; THEREFORE be it resolved that the membership of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference send our condolences to his family and all those touched by Richard Krause's remarkable life.

KEITH JACOBI

By Lynn Funkhauser

WHEREAS Keith Jacobi was a graduate of Northwestern University, Illinois University, and Indiana University; WHEREAS he was a faculty member at the University of Alabama from 1998 to 2020; WHEREAS Keith was a respected bioarchaeologist, dental anthropologist, trauma specialist, and forensic anthropologist; WHEREAS Keith was an avid bibliophile, a former board member of the Tuscaloosa Public Library, and an advocate of the necessity of public libraries; WHEREAS Keith was a jovial spirit who brought an infectious enthusiasm to his research and his teaching; WHEREAS he was an unabashed collector of pop culture and used it as a way to connect with his students; WHEREAS Keith emphasized the importance of collaboration and community in the creation of scholarship, and imparted this to his students; THEREFORE be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends our deepest sympathies to Keith's wife Laurie, and his daughters Samantha and Gilly, and expresses our appreciation for his contributions to Southeastern archaeology.

BARBARA PURDY

By Tanya Peres

WHEREAS Dr. Barbara Purdy was an archaeologist specializing in wetland archaeology; and WHEREAS Dr. Purdy was a graduate of San Diego State, Washington State, and the University of Florida; and WHEREAS, Dr. Purdy worked for many years at the Florida Museum of Natural History and the University of Florida achieving Curator and Professor Emerita upon retirement; and WHEREAS, Dr. Purdy was known for her book *The Art and Archaeology of Florida's Wetlands*, conferences on wet site archaeology, and several additional books, including *Wet Site Archaeology*; and WHEREAS, Dr. Purdy was awarded Lifetime Achievement Awards from SEAC in 2013 and the Florida Anthropological Society in 2022; THEREFORE, be it resolved that SEAC mourns her passing and sends condolences to her family, friends, colleagues, and former students.

KENT REILLY

By Adam King

WHEREAS F. Kent Reilly III was a decorated hero of the Vietnam War as a devoted Corpsman saving many lives and delivering many babies; and WHEREAS he was a tireless mentor and teacher impacting the lives of countless students; and WHEREAS he was the founder of the Texas State Mississippian Iconography working group that brought formal iconographic studies to the Southeast; and WHEREAS he was a staunch advocate for the rights of the indigenous nations of the Americas; and WHEREAS he was a great colleague and friend to many; THEREFORE let it be resolved that his brilliant scholarship, devoted mentorship, and endless wit will be missed by Southeastern archaeology.

BRUCE RIPPETEAU

By David Anderson, read by Adam King

WHEREAS Bruce E. Rippeteau served as Colorado State Archaeologist from 1976 to 1984, and from 1984 until 2002 was the Director of the South Carolina Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology, and South Carolina's State Archaeologist from 1984 to 2000, and helped found the Archaeological Research Trust at SCIAA; and WHEREAS Bruce conducted research on radiocarbon dating, Plains, Upper Susquehanna, and South Carolina archaeology, and served in other states and national professional organizations including SAA secretary ; THEREFORE be it resolved that the Southeastern Archaeological Conference extends its condolences to his friends and family.

DEBORAH UPTON

By Lindsay Bloch

WHEREAS Deborah Upton was born in Springdale Arkansas and served as editor of University of Arkansas Press for a decade; and WHEREAS Debbie served SEAC and other organizations as a freelance copyeditor for many years; and WHEREAS Debbie was a wonderfully capable, curious, and friendly colleague, who always had a comment about an interesting new thing she learned from our manuscripts, or shared with us the updates on bear sightings from her front porch; and WHEREAS Debbie passed away unexpected in March of this year; THEREFORE let it hereby be resolved that we deeply appreciate her talent and the quality she brought to our journal, and that we mourn her passing and extend our condolences to her family.

Other Memorials

Kandi Hollenbach read a list of names of those archaeologists and colleagues who passed away since the last annual meeting. They include Ramona Grunden; Jack Wynn; Don, Hope, Kenneth, and Elizabeth Bragg. SEAC recognizes the contributions of these individuals to Southeastern archaeology and mourns their passing.

A moment of silence was held for all of these individuals.

AWARDS

Judith G. Knight Student Paper Prize

Jane Eastman reported that she was very happy to coordinate the prize for the 2024 Judith G. Knight Student Paper Prize. This award is given to the author of the outstanding paper submitted by a student and presented at our annual meeting. Christina Friberg, Elliot Blair, and Brandon Ritchison did the important work of reading all submissions, attending the student presentations, and selecting a winner and runner up. The runner up will receive a lifetime membership in SEAC and all back issues of our journal *Southeastern Archaeology*. The winner will receive a panoply of books, reports, journals, goods and services donated by our organization, constituent members, and the exhibitors in our book room. I would add that the Board has agreed to pay for shipping of this bounty, if needed.

A total of 23 organizations or people contributed to the 2024 SEAC Student Paper Prize. These included: Ancient Society Books; The Archaeological Conservancy; Florida Public Archaeology Network; North Carolina Archaeological Society; Bone Toss Tools; InTerris Registeries; Beta Analytic; David G. and Jenalee Anderson; Phyllis and Dan Morse; Coastal Environments, Inc.; Center for Digital Antiquity; University of Tennessee Press; University of Alabama Press; University of Florida Press; Eliot Werner Publishing; University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology; Jamestown Rediscovery; Mississippi State University Cobb Institute of Archaeology; University of Georgia Laboratory of Archaeology; Tulane University Anthropology Department; University of North Carolina Research Laboratories of Archaeology; Botany Bay Sea Salt; Tempered Archaeological Services. The prize consisted of 81 books, 46 journals, 69 reports, 3 memberships/subscriptions, digital archive space, and 10 items (including 1 AMS date, historic button type collection, delft tile coasters, excavation tools, water bottle, shirt, ballcap, 2 swag bags). The value of the prize is in excess of \$4800.

Elliot Blair announced the winner. The committee received 6 contributions including papers from undergraduate, masters, and doctoral students from the western Ozarks to central Florida and explored topics ranging from historical approaches to artifact typologies to feasting, political economy, to the archaeology of memory. Blair congratulated all of the participants. The runner-up was Dillon Kaluchee (Mississippi State University) for the paper "Run to the Hills: Paleoindian Technology and Settlement in Mississippi." The winner, Cameron Walker (University of Maryland) presented the paper "The Political Economy of a Trading Post: Feasting at the Musgrove Cowpens."

Charles Hudson Award

Matthew Compton presented the Charles Hudson Award. This award is intended to recognize and support students who carry out high quality research on the social history of the southeastern United States using ethnohistory, archaeology, history, linguistics, or oral traditions. In addition to recognition of excellent student research the award also provides support to improve student research projects. This year's award goes to Mikayla Absher Fletcher, doctoral candidate at Tulane University, for her research proposal titled "Ritual Landscapes of the Lower Mississippi Valley: The Marksville Archaeological Project." Focusing on the Middle Woodland Marksville site in central Louisiana, Fletcher seeks to refine and strengthen the chronology of the site to better understand the development of Marksville's ceremonial landscape. The project will specifically focus on Marksville's circular earthworks, of which as many as 70 dot the site. The project's broader aim is to better characterize the nature of interregional interaction and relationships during the Middle Woodland period by adopting a local

perspective to identify and define how those localized manifestations of Hopewell ceremonialism are related. Award funds will be used for radiocarbon dates to further refine the chronology of construction and use of the ring features at Marksville.

Patty Jo Watson Award

Shawn Lambert presented this award on behalf of the committee. In 2012, the Southeastern Archaeological Conference established the Patty Jo Watson Award for best article or book chapter on Southeastern archaeology. Patty Jo Watson was a renowned American archaeologist who has worked extensively on the precolumbian Southeastern United States and set new standards in the practice of archaeology.

This year there were 24 articles or chapters included in the competition, only two of which were suggested to the committee (the rest were drawn from materials published in *Southeastern Archaeology* in 2023). This year's winners of the Patty Jo Watson Award are Thomas White and Alice Wright for their article, "Death and Rebirth of Structures in the Middle Woodland Period of the Appalachian Summit," and Maureen Meyers for her article, "Economy of Production: A Theory of Household Labor Organization and Material Reuse."

Rising Scholar Award

Maureen Meyers, in her role as Immediate Past President, presented the award. She reported to be very pleased to present SEAC's Rising Scholar Award for Excellence in Southeastern Archaeology or Associated Studies for 2024. The Award was initiated by the Lower Mississippi Survey (LMS) led by Stephen Williams in 1990 and was shifted to the responsibility of SEAC in 2010. This award recognizes the best and most accomplished archaeologists among our ranks. To be eligible, nominees must be within 10 years of the date of her or his PhD award. The winner is selected by all past award winners and voting members of the SEAC Executive Committee. Before naming the award winner, Meyers echoed Janet Levy's remark that, with a roster of 13 nominees "Southeastern archaeology is in a golden age of talented young scholars" and that as an organization we can be grateful and proud that so many young, active, and skilled archaeologists participate in our profession.

The Rising Scholar Award for 2024 was awarded to Meghan Buchanan. Dr. Buchanan is an Associate Professor of Anthropology at Auburn University, where she has taught since 2016. She is the author of *Life in a Mississippian Warscape* (University of Alabama Press, 2022) and the co-editor of *Tracing the Relations: The Archaeology of Worlds, Spirits and Temporalities* (2015) and also the author of nine articles and five book chapters. She has received over \$500,000 dollars in grants from the Wenner Gren Foundation, the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the National Park Service.

Dr. Buchanan's research specifically examines violence and warfare through analysis that combines geophysical, GIS, zooarchaeological, and ceramic methods and analyses. This work includes most recently a GPR survey of a cemetery in Alabama; an examination of circular mounds and sweat lodges around Cahokia; examination of Mississippian copper symbol badges; examination of faunal utilization at the Kincaid Mounds, using XRF to examine the historic cemetery at Angel Mounds; and examining evidence of trauma on individuals in the past. Her work on violence and warfare will be a chapter in the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Mississippian Archaeology. In addition, as a curator at both the Glenn Black Lab and at Auburn, she has updated collections in successful partnership with multiple Native American communities.

Dr. Buchanan has served in multiple capacities in SEAC. She is the co-creator of the Mentoring Network, which she helped start while still a graduate student. She served on the SEAC Board as Executive Officer I, and she was an original member of the Task Force on the Partnership between SEAC and Archaeology in the Community. She still serves on the task force, where she has worked with me and other committee members to establish the program and identify resources for community members. She is also a co-founder and organizer of the Southeastern NAGPRA Community of Practices, which provides educational opportunities and collegial support for members in the region

Dr. Buchanan is clearly a foremost scholar in Southeastern Archaeology and well deserving of the Rising Scholar Award.

Lifetime Achievement Awards

Four SEAC Lifetime Achievement Awards were given at the 2024 Annual Meeting. The Secretary received write-ups of three of them. The fourth is reconstructed from a recording of the presentation.

Cheryl Claassen

Presented by Kenneth E. Sassaman

Incredible achievements and lasting contributions festoon the lifelong pursuit of archaeology by Professor Cheryl P. Claassen. Cheryl is the global expert on archaeological shell, a pioneer in the study of gender in archaeology, a consummate comparativist, and a scholar of nonbinary identity and culture. Her contributions to research spanning humanistic and scientific inquiry in the American Southeast, Northeast, and Mexico are innovative and highly influential, arguably paradigm shifting. In my favorite example, Cheryl rescued from the grips of ecofunctionalism narratives about the Shell Mound Archaic that dehumanized what is now widely regarded as matters of ritual and cosmology.

Short of time here, I refrain from reciting Cheryl's list of 14 books and monographs, 80+ articles and chapters, and much greater number of conference papers. You can read her CV for yourself. Nor do I have time to describe the fruits of 33 years of teaching at Appalachian State University except to note Cheryl's superpower to open young minds and inspire imagination. I would rather extol the virtues of Cheryl Claassen in this moment by emphasizing her role in improving the way we investigate the past. Those who have followed Cheryl's work can trace the development of her interventions against ecofunctionalist explanations through standard archaeological means like sourcing shell to an ever-growing corpus of comparisons with Mesoamerican iconography and ritual practice that challenges the parochialism of regional archaeology. Cheryl has stared down the pitfalls of transhistorical, continental-scale comparisons to erect methodological guideposts for building inference where none existed before.

Cheryl is a leader in the critical gendering of archaeology in both narrative and practice. She has made many substantive and theoretical contributions, feminist interventions, and raised consciousness in the profession about the pervasiveness of gendered power relations. More impactful are the initiatives Cheryl took and the opportunities she created to democratize the study of gender in archaeology. As ironic as it now seems, early efforts at gendering archaeology led to factionalism, and not simply along lines of gender. The Boone conference Cheryl organized in 1991, and the ensuing volume, interceded in this territorial play to create a more inclusive environment for all sorts of voices. She succeeded far better than others in validating gender research by not erecting boundaries like the very ones that begged the need to problematize gender.

In over four decades of learning and practicing, Cheryl Claassen has amassed an enormous record of scholarly accomplishment in the American Southeast and well beyond. She is at once a skeptical

scientist, adept at extracting from the tissues and assemblages of shell details of the lives of these ubiquitous things as they animated human history, and a creative storyteller whose willingness to transcend the bounds of normative thinking has inspired generations of archaeologists to be more humanistic. It is a lifetime of achievement along pathways that were not always illuminated and secure. In her unwavering commitment to a more just and human approach to interpreting the past, Cheryl Claassen has brought greater illumination and security for anyone with the courage to explore new terrain.

Ann Cordell

Presented by Lindsay Bloch

When we told Ann that she was receiving this award, she expressed surprise because in her words, “they usually only recognize important people.” Disregarding her self-deprecation, let me tell you a bit about why Ann is a VIP in Southeastern Archaeology.

Ann Cordell received her BA and Masters in Anthropology, and BS in Geology from the University of Florida, which has served as her academic home over the past 50 or so years. For nearly 40 of those, she ran the Ceramic Technology Lab at the Florida Museum of Natural History, one of the only labs of its kind. There, drawing upon her degrees and expertise, she conducted research projects incorporating a variety of techniques, most notably ceramic petrography, but also gross paste analysis, replication, clay analysis, pottery reconstruction and restoration.

She has published dozens of peer reviewed articles and technical reports, as well as books and book chapters, including her editorship of the 2021 volume, *Methods, Mounds, and Missions*, which she undertook as a retirement project. As this suggests, though nominally retired, Ann is still very active in the lab and continues to be the go-to expert for ceramic classification and petrography.

In my experience, and as documented in the letters from the other 17 nominators, it is clear that we all recognize Ann as a consummate researcher, whose attention to detail has unlocked information about pottery in the Florida, the Southeast, and Caribbean that others had, and would likely still be disregarding if not for her work. It turns out there’s a lot of variation in sand. Her findings and methodology underpin many research projects conducted in the region.

Though she never held a faculty appointment, Ann has trained numerous students, quite a number of whom are in the audience. In her many letters of support, you will note a resounding refrain: Ann has always been famously approachable and supportive, and she has never hesitated to help anyone who asks. She takes “extra care,” “goes above and beyond,” is “generous with her time,” gives “invaluable feedback and guidance,” fosters a “spirit of comradery, support, [and] collaboration...” and shows “unrelenting positivity and encouragement.” The southeastern archaeology community is extremely lucky to have had in Ann such a persistent cheerleader, mentor, and consultant for any researcher interested in pursuing scientific analyses of pottery. Ann has been active in SEAC throughout her career and has served as Secretary and Treasurer of the conference, and perhaps more importantly, a ringleader on the dance floor.

C. Margaret Scarry

Presented by Amber VanDerwarker

In the 1990s, Margie Scarry was one of a small group of paleoethnobotanists in university and/or research based positions. Up to that point, little of the archaeobotanical literature published in the Southeast US presented more than basic statistics and dietary summaries. Thus, interpretations often

did not go beyond those related to what people ate. In that context, Margie Scarry emerged as a shining beacon, demonstrating what was truly possible to the broader archaeological community, addressing questions related to gender, economy, politics, the practice of agriculture, etc., by using rigorous quantitative methods to transform 2-dimensional dietary reports into thoughtful, complicated and elegant foodways studies. From her early political economy studies at Moundville, to her ongoing broader, regional analyses related to interregional variability in maize use and intensification, and to the expansion of her research interests beyond the Southeast into Archaic period Crete, Margie has consistently framed her research around people as social beings. Margie doesn't study plants. She studies people, but through the lens of their interactions with plants. In short, Margie has been a pioneer in paleoethnobotany and we are all better for it.

Dr. Margie Scarry has clearly demonstrated the pathway for using archaeological subsistence data to understand the foodways which produced them by championing and incorporating rigorous scientific methods and innovative quantitative methods in paleoethnobotany. Both in the field and in the lab, Margie employs high standards for sampling, processing, and analysis, as well as measurements of key specimens such as maize kernels, cupules, and bean (unclear). When interpreting data, even as a grad student, Margie argued for the use of exploratory data analysis, which revolutionized how we do paleoethnobotany. She used cluster analysis to tease out varieties of maize, ratios of kernels to cupules to elucidate contexts of consumption versus processing, notched box plots of normalized counts to compare the statistical importance of different plant foods across time and space, and multivariate techniques, including correspondence analysis and PCA to characterize large assemblages. She's championed the application of these robust measures to non-experimental datasets that characterize our paleoethnobotanical assemblages, and she's used the results to support interpretations centered on the social and political importance of foodways.

Just as importantly, Margie has been a champion of her grad students, and not just those whose committees she chaired. She wielded her red pen freely, giving sage editing advice, but many of her students came to her for more professional and personal advice. She served as an excellent role model and mentor for students seeking to balance their families and their careers. Margie has mentored countless grad students, providing an example of a woman who has been recognized for solid, creative work while also being a well-rounded individual. Her current and former students continue to turn to her for advice, and she always lends an empathetic ear and words of support. Her impact on Southeastern archaeology also extends to the numerous students she has mentored over three-plus decades who in turn have mentored and encouraged their students and younger colleagues.

Margie has also strongly served SEAC over the years, in addition to attending and presenting at nearly every SEAC annual meeting since the 1980s, Margie has served as Executive Officer, President, a multiple-time conference organizer. She has been an engaged member of our vibrant SEAC community for nearly 50 years. So, it is with the greatest pleasure, respect, and love that we present this award to Margie Scarry.

Kevin Smith

Presented by Mike Moore

It was my honor to nominate Dr. Kevin Earl Smith for the 2024 SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award. I have known Kevin for 35 years, starting when I was the SHPO archaeologist with the Tennessee Division of Archaeology and he was a doctoral student at Vanderbilt University. Kevin began working for the Division in 1990, and in 1992 graduated as Vanderbilt's first Anthropology PhD. His dissertation comprised a long overdue examination of Mississippian occupations within the Middle Cumberland

Region. From this modest start, Dr. Smith is now recognized as the go-to expert in Middle Cumberland Region Mississippian studies. But though he is best known for Mississippian interests, over the years he has also dedicated himself to research of early historic sites and cemeteries across middle Tennessee.

Over the decades, Kevin and I worked on many projects together, but our partnership represents just a small fraction of his contributions to southeastern archaeology. One example is his stellar research on Mississippian period stone statuary. His 2009 University of Alabama Press book *Speaking with the Ancestors* is a prominent work that inspired the magnificent statuary exhibit at the 2015 SEAC in Nashville. Kevin was also lead organizer of that conference.

Dr. Smith began full-time teaching at Middle Tennessee State University in 1994, and his work there continues to this day. He has compiled an impressive record with numerous honors, grants, and awards. The variety of courses he teaches has included archaeological field schools at both prehistoric and historic sites. However, he will say it is working with students that remains his passion. I know he is very proud to see his students succeed in life, whatever their chosen professions.

Dr. Smith's public service record is second to none. He has been a member of the Tennessee Archaeological Advisory Council, a Governor-appointed position, since 1995. Kevin has also been a member of the Tennessee State Historic Preservation Review Board since 2008. In addition, he continues to support local avocational communities through presentations and site tours.

Finally, for me personally, working with Kevin has been a privilege as he is one of the most intelligent and hardworking individuals I've ever met. He is an honorable man with a wicked dry sense of humor. I am very proud to call Kevin my friend, and also a 2024 SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award winner.

Old Business

The new award for CRM and Preservation Stewardship had been approved by the EC but due to some delays will not be awarded until 2025.

New Business

Maureen Meyers announced that the Council of Virginia Archaeologists' 50th Anniversary Committee invited the SEAC membership to a Celebrate Virginia Archaeology Public Archaeology Day to be held on Saturday at Custis Square site. The event will feature exhibits and hands-on activities with archaeologists from across Virginia in celebration of COVA's 50th anniversary in 2025. Over 30 organizations will be present, including the Nottoway, Monacan, and Patowomeck tribes; Jamestown Rediscovery, Montpelier and Descendant Community, Monticello and Colonial Williamsburg and the City of Alexandria Museum, the Department of Historic Resources, and CRM firms.

Meeting adjourned

There was a motion to adjourn, the motion was seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM Eastern.

Treasurer's Report for the Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2024

	FY 2024	FY 2023	FY24 Profit/Loss
ASSETS			
Operating Funds			
Bank of America Checking Account	\$ 31,019.84	\$ 40,235.23	\$ (9,215.39)
Central Funds in PayPal Account	\$ (138.55)	\$ (164.35)	\$ 25.80
Vanguard LifeStrategy Income Account	\$ 72,615.51	\$ 72,123.15	\$ 492.36
TOTAL OPERATING FUNDS	\$ 103,496.80	\$ 112,194.03	\$ (8,697.23)
Hudson Fund: Investment Assets with Donor Restrictions			
Hudson Award Earnings	\$ 4,598.27	\$ 1,191.67	\$ 3,406.60
Hudson Award Principal	\$ 23,374.92	\$ 22,183.25	\$ 1,191.67
TOTAL HUDSON FUND ASSETS	\$ 27,973.19	\$ 23,374.92	\$ 4,598.27
Life Fund: Investment Assets with ByLaw Restrictions			
Vanguard Growth and Index Funds	\$ 316,566.58	\$ 243,086.19	\$ 73,480.39
Vanguard Money Market Account	\$ 19,540.14	\$ 18,545.75	\$ 994.39
TOTAL LIFE FUND ASSETS	\$ 336,106.72	\$ 261,631.94	\$ 74,474.78
Liabilities			
Future Membership Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 467,576.71	\$ 397,200.89	\$ 70,375.82

ASSETS LISTED BY DONOR RESTRICTIONS

Donor restricted	\$ 27,973.19	\$ 23,374.92	\$ 4,598.27
Not Donor Restricted	\$ 439,603.52	\$ 373,825.97	\$ 65,777.55
Liabilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 467,576.71	\$ 397,200.89	\$ 70,375.82

REVENUES, GAINS, AND OTHER SUPPORT

Dues			
SEAC Membership Dues 2023	\$ -	\$ 29,514.00	
SEAC Membership Dues 2024	\$ 30,609.50	\$ -	\$ 1,095.50
SEAC Life Membership	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 3,250.00	\$ (1,950.00)
Taylor&Francis			
Royalties	\$ 1,356.38	\$ 1,243.74	\$ 112.64
Editorial services credit	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,475.00	\$ 25.00
Annual Meeting Revenue (Little Rock in 2022)		\$ (11,235.82)	

Annual Meeting Revenue (Chattanooga in 2023)	\$ 14,400.00		\$ 25,635.82
<i>Donation: SEAC General</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<i>Donation: Hudson</i>	\$ 25.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 10.00
<i>Donation: 2024 Student Memberships</i>	\$ -	\$ 356.25	
<i>Donation: 2025 Student Memberships</i>	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (356.25)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 49,190.88	\$ 24,618.17	\$ 24,572.71

OPERATION EXPENSES

Publications			
<i>Southeastern Archaeology - T&F</i>	\$ 26,399.00	\$ 21,379.00	\$ 5,020.00
Copy Editing (D. Upton)	\$ 646.25	\$ 3,291.75	\$ (2,645.50)
CPA Tax Filing	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 900.00	\$ 1,700.00
Corporate Filing Fee	\$ -	\$ 20.00	\$ (20.00)
Legal Services - General and Other	\$ 511.60	\$ 388.00	\$ 123.60
Website	\$ 513.17	\$ 490.00	\$ 23.17
MailChimp	\$ 638.55	\$ 520.60	\$ 117.95
Authorize.net membership fee processing	\$ 2,405.72	\$ 1,745.23	\$ 660.49
Gateway -Authorize.net monthly	\$ 330.00	\$ 378.00	\$ (48.00)
Bank Expensese-Checks	\$ -	\$ 45.81	\$ (45.81)
Public Outreach Grant	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 3,122.00	\$ 1,878.00
Harassment Awareness Campaign	\$ 476.61	\$ 450.67	\$ 25.94
Native Affairs Speaker Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
SAC Collaborative Archaeologies Panel Support		\$ 742.00	\$ (742.00)
Postage (Student Prize)	\$ -	\$ 236.63	\$ (236.63)
Insurance	\$ 556.00	\$ 564.00	\$ (8.00)
SEAC Award Plaques	\$ 626.73	\$ 316.05	\$ 310.68
Electronic Ballot	\$ 6,448.30	\$ 3,803.76	\$ 2,644.54
SEAC 2023 Startup Chattanooga	\$ -	\$ 8,500.00	\$ (8,500.00)
SEAC 2024 Startup Williamsburg	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
SEAC 2025 Startup Baton Rouge	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 2,000.00
Vanguard Life Funds Transfer	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 64,151.93	\$ 58,893.50	\$ 5,258.43
NET REVENUE	\$ (14,961.05)	\$ (34,275.33)	\$ 19,314.28

HUDSON FUND AWARD EXPENSE

Hudson Fund Award	\$ 800.00	\$ 800.00	\$ -
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¹ The balance reflects a transfer of \$10,000 from Vanguard Life Strategy Income Account as described in the report above.

Bank of America Operating Fund Profit/Loss for FY2024 (Nov 1 2023-Oct 31 2024)

	<u>Nov '23 - Oct 24</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Annual Meeting Net Revenue (Chattanooga)	14,400.00
Dues	
Dues	
Family 2024	630.00
Life 2024	1,300.00
Regular 2024	26,885.00
Student 2024	<u>3,094.50</u>
Total Dues	<u>31,909.50</u>
Total Dues	31,909.50
Funds transfer into Checking	
Vanguard transfer	<u>10,000.00</u>
Total Funds transfer into Checking	10,000.00
Taylor&Francis	
Editorial refund	1,500.00
Royalties	<u>1,356.38</u>
Total Taylor&Francis	<u>2,856.38</u>
Total Income	<u>59,165.88</u>
Gross Profit	59,165.88
Expense	
Ballot - online	6,448.30
CPA Tax Filing	2,600.00
Grants Awarded	
Harassment Awareness Campaign	476.61
Hudson Award	800.00
Public Outreach	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total Grants Awarded	6,276.61
Insurance	556.00
Legal Services	511.60
Publications	
Copy Editing	646.25
Taylor & Francis	<u>26,399.00</u>
Total Publications	27,045.25
SEAC Meeting expense	
SEAC Award Plaques	626.73
Phone App Development	<u>550.00</u>

Total SEAC Meeting expense	1,176.73
SEAC Startup Funds	
2024 Colonial Williamsburg	15,000.00
2025 Baton Rouge Startup Funds	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total SEAC Startup Funds	17,000.00
Website	
Fee Processing	2,405.72
Gateway	330.00
Website - Other	<u>513.17</u>
Total Website	<u>3,248.89</u>
Total Expense	<u>64,863.38</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(5,697.50)
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Donations	
Hudson	<u>25.00</u>
Total Donations	<u>25.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>25.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>25.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(5,672.50)</u></u>

PayPal Operating Fund Profit/Loss for FY2024 (Nov 1 2023-Oct 31 2024)

	<u>Nov '22 - Oct 23</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Funds transfer into Checking	
From Meeting Account	<u>0</u>
Total Funds transfer into Checking	<u> </u>
Total Income	<u> </u>
Gross Profit	0
Expense	
Website	
MailChimp Mailing List	<u>638.55</u>
Total Website	<u>638.55</u>
Total Expense	<u>638.55</u>
Net Ordinary Income	(638.55)
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
Donations	
Hudson Award Fund	
2024 Donation	<u>500.00</u>
Total Donations	<u>500.00</u>
Total Other Income	<u>500.00</u>
Net Other Income	<u>500.00</u>
Net Income	<u><u>(138.55)</u></u>