Minutes of a Meeting of the Board of Directors
Of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Inc.

April 15, 2000

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held in Room 150 of Adams Hall on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman at 8:00 AM on the date indicated. President Dale McHard chaired the meeting, and Secretary-Treasurer Pete Thurmond recorded the minutes. The other officers and directors present and voting were as follows:

- Jean Sinclair, 1st Vice-President & TAS Representative
- Marlene Bakke, 2nd Vice-President
- Ken Bloom, SWOAS Representative
- Robert L. Brooks, Director, Oklahoma Archeological Survey
- Cathy A. Compton, Hospitality Committee Chair
- Paul M. Ferguson, Director
- Charlette Gifford, OAS Historian
- George Hangii, Kay County Chapter Representative
- Reggie Hofmaier, Central Chapter Representative
- Nona J. Leatherwood, Newsletter Editor
- Allen Marshall, Director
- William Menzie, Director
- David F. Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Robert A. Nickey, Director
- Don E. Shockey, Point Guide Committee Chair & Director
- Monica Wright, Newsletter Distributor
- Don G. Wyckoff, Memoir Editor

Also present at the meeting was past OAS President Gene Hellstern.

Upon a motion made by Don Shockey and seconded by Ken Bloom, the minutes of the February 5, 2000 meeting of the Board were approved by the Board.

President Dale McHard reported that the collection of the late Sherman P. Lawton has been moved to the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History. Don Wyckoff indicated that processing of the collection by OMNH staff should begin this summer.

Mr. McHard further reported that he has not yet appointed a Membership Development Committee, and that no progress has been made in developing a mission statement for that committee. He also reported no progress in developing procedures to prevent future monetary deficits in Society meetings. Finally, the President noted that no offers have been received from an OAS chapter to sponsor the Fall 2000 meeting of the Society.

Secretary-Treasurer Pete Thurmond reported the following fund balances as of the meeting date: General Fund $27,466.65; Memoir Fund $33,476.77; Life Member Fund $17,287.34. The Society had 492 members, with 44 new members to date for calendar year 2000 and 73 not yet renewed from 1999. Mr. Thurmond reiterated the need for action by the Membership Development Committee in reversing the downward trend in Society membership.

Historian Charlette Gifford requested that OAS members send her photographs from past Society digs for an OAS photo archive she is developing.
Point Guide Committee Chair Don Shockey reported that Texas illustrator Pam Headrick had withdrawn from the south-central United States arrow point typology guide project, but that Frank Weir had agreed to take up where Ms. Headrick left off and complete illustration of the requisite specimens in the collections of the Texas Archeological research Laboratory in Austin. Frieda Odell is expected to begin work on the specimens in the Gilcrease collections in Tulsa shortly. Mr. Shockey further reported that text formatting and preparation of the timeline and locator graphics will be proceeding this summer. Costs are expected to remain within budget projections.

Reports were received from the representatives of the Society chapters in Ada, Lawton, McAlester, Oklahoma City, Ponca City and Tulsa. No representative was present for the chapter in Weatherford. The McAlester chapter is down to two members, and is essentially defunct. Ken Bloom noted that attendance of the meetings in Lawton is dwindling. The Byrd’s Mill Spring, Central, and Kay County chapters and the Tulsa Archeological Society are active and doing well.

Allen Marshall noted that he had purchased the software for scanning out of print OAS publications onto the Society website for $99, much less than the budgeted $250. Scanning of the out of print issues of the OAS Bulletin will begin soon.

There is ongoing interest in forming a Society chapter in northwestern Oklahoma. The Board will meet in August at Beaver, near the end of the University of Oklahoma field school at the Odessa Yates site, and invite all local parties interested in forming a Northwest Chapter. President McHard will coordinate the meeting with field school archeologists Scott Brosowske and Richard Drass.

Dale McHard passed on a request from Oklahoma Archeological Survey staff archeologist Larry Neal for Society volunteers to participate in excavations at the multi-component Kubik site in Kay County, April 29 through May 7. Mr. Neal hopes to carry five excavation units still open from previous seasons down through the Calf Creek horizon level in order to recover a better sample of that component. Interested parties should contact Mr. Neal at (405) 325-7211 or lmneal@ou.edu.

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Members
Of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society

April 15, 2000

A business meeting of the members of the Society was held in Room 150 of Adams Hall on the University of Oklahoma campus at 1:15 AM on the date indicated. President Dale McHard presided over the meeting, and Secretary-Treasurer Pete Thurmond recorded the minutes. About 50 members were present.

President Dale McHard reiterated Larry Neal’s call for Society volunteers at Kubik, and recapped the other business transacted at the morning meeting of the Board of Directors.
Nominating Committee Chair Jean Sinclair then presented the slate of candidates for election to Society offices and board seats. There being no nominations from the floor, all candidates were elected by acclamation. Linda Mager was elected Second Vice-President for a two-year term, and Pete Thurmond was reelected to a seventh two-year term as Secretary-Treasurer. Robert A. Nickey and Buck Wade were reelected to the Board of Directors for their third and sixth three-year terms, respectively. Byron Sudbury was elected to replace William Menzie on the Board, and Frieda Odell to replace Susie Thurmond, each for three year terms. Reggie Hofmaier was elected to fill out the term on the Board of Linda Mager, expiring in 2002.

The Society membership then considered an amendment to Article IV, Section 9 of the OAS Bylaws as published in the March/April OAS Newsletter, creating a “Special Projects Fund”. Upon a motion by Jean Sinclair, seconded by Bob Brooks, the amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote of the members present.

President Dale McHard then conferred upon Jack Marshall an Honorary Life Membership in the Society in recognition of his services in creating and maintaining the Society website at http://www.tinplace.com/oas. Mr. Marshall was further presented with a plaque commemorating his designation as Webmaster of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society. The OAS Webmaster may be reached at tinplace@telepath.com.

Mr. McHard then presented the Golden Trowel Award for 1999 to Allen Marshall, a member of the Society since 1991, and a current member of the OAS Board of Directors and Certification Council. Mr. Marshall was nominated by Kathy Diamond, Sandy Kraft and Nona Leatherwood.

There being no further business before the membership of the Society, the meeting was adjourned.

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