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

April 6, 2002

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma at 10:00 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:

- Lois E. Albert, Certification Program Chair
- Kenneth R. Bloom, At-Large Director
- Robert L. Brooks, Ex Officio Director
- Mary Ann Drass, Layout Editor for Oklahoma Archeology, Publicity Director, Webmaster
- Richard R. Drass, Content Editor for Oklahoma Archeology
- Paul M. Ferguson, 50th Anniversary Committee Chair & TAS Chapter Representative
- Matthew J. Fox, Central Chapter Representative
- Kathy Gibbs, 1st Vice-President
- Carl D. Gilley, Byrd's Mill Springs Chapter Representative
- Charlette Gifford, OAS Historian
- George J. Hangii, Kay County Chapter Representative
- Curtis B. Hendricks, At-Large Director & Membership Development Committee Chair
- Linda B. Mager, 2nd Vice-President
- Allen Marshall, At-Large Director
- David F. Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Robert A. Nickey, At-Large Director
- George H. Odell, At-Large Director
- Valli S. Powell, At-Large Director
- Don E. Shockey, At-Large Director & Point Guide Committee Chair
- Francie Sisson, At-Large Director
- Don G. Wyckoff, Memoir Editor

Also present were candidate At-Large Directors Leland C. Bement, James E. Cox, and Charles S. Wallis, Jr.; Society members Gene Hellstern, Mimi Hendricks, Hank Kerr, Sandy Kraft, Monica Marshall, Bill Menzie, Jane Menzie, Larry Neal, Terrell Nowka, Don Stanek, Teri Stanek, Peggy Sullivan, and Jerry Winters; and guests Maria Anderson, Nate Folger, and Frank Manheim.

Upon a motion made by Richard Drass and seconded by Lois Albert, the minutes of the January 26, 2002 meeting of the Board were approved by unanimous vote.

Dale McHard reported on the illnesses of Society members Meeks Etchieson, Jean Sinclair, and Virgil Swift.

Pete Thurmond presented a brief quarterly report on Society finances and membership, a copy of which is appended to these minutes. On behalf of the editors of Oklahoma Archeology, Pete made a motion that Standing Rule 3, Budget, Section 1 be changed from "All Society expense beyond the printing of four issues of Oklahoma Archeology, each not to exceed 50 pages in length; routine postage; and routine expenses of the President and Secretary Treasurer; shall be classified as extraordinary;" to read "All Society expense beyond the printing of four issues of Oklahoma Archeology, with an average annual aggregate length of two hundred pages; routine postage; and routine expenses of the President and Secretary Treasurer; shall be classified as extraordinary;" (changed passage underlined). The change was requested to give
the editors more flexibility in the length of individual issues to accommodate long contributed articles. The motion was seconded by Don Wyckoff, and carried by a unanimous vote.

Richard Drass noted that he already has a major article for the next issue of Oklahoma Archeology. He has not yet received final copy for any of the articles to be included in the final issue of the old Bulletin of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society (Volume 50).

Don Wyckoff reported that he is making good progress on the formatting for publication of the Burnham memoir, and restated his intent to have the Burnham memoir to press this summer. Don also noted that Pete Thurmond was recently contacted by Larry Banks regarding the possible publication by the Society of a second edition of 1990’s OAS Memoir 4, From Mountain Peaks to Alligator Stomachs: A Review of Lithic Sources in the Trans-Mississippi South, the Southern Plains, and Adjacent Southwest. Mr. Banks’ unsuccessful efforts to secure publication through a commercial publishing house were briefly reviewed. It was noted that substantial changes to the text and illustrations have been proposed by Mr. Banks, and that a complete reformattting of the monograph will be required. It was also noted that the original discs and illustration copy were turned over to Mr. Banks at his request in 1997. The Society released its copyright on Memoir 4 to Mr. Banks for a period of five years 04/01/1997 - that release has now expired, and the Society again has the rights to the manuscript. No formal action was taken, but the consensus of the Board was the feasibility of the publication of a second edition of OAS Memoir 4 should be further assessed by the Memoir Editor.

Lois Albert noted that the lithic technology certification seminar had to be rescheduled because of inclement weather, and that the archeological photography seminar was cancelled due to Jean Sinclair’s illness. She related that three seminars will be held concurrent with the 2002 spring dig: general excavation techniques, research design (with Bob Brooks), and soils (with Brian Carter). Lois thanked various Society members for their recent assistance at Ross Cemetery, and singled out Jean Cochran in particular.

Dave Morgan reported that the 2002 Spring Dig will be held May 25 through June 2 at the Folsom complex Jake Bluff site, on the Beaver River in Harper County. Lee Bement will serve as principal investigator. Participants will camp at Fort Supply Lake. Mr. Morgan reemphasized that there are no longer any group campsites at the lake, and that reservations must now be placed through a national reservation system. He noted that the primary campsites in Daisy Loop are full, but that there are still vacancies in adjacent campsite areas.

Don Shockey stated that the locator maps, timelines, and illustration index for the new arrow point typology guide are complete. He plans to assemble a first draft of the guide in the coming months. Publication is expected late this year or early in 2003.

Dale McHard thanked Charlette Gifford and Paul Ferguson for their efforts in organizing the 50th anniversary celebration of the Society. Dale introduced new at-large director Valli Powell, appointed by the board at its January 2002 meeting to complete the term (to 2004) of Mary Ann Drass, whose replacement as a director was necessitated by her accession at that meeting to the appointed offices of Layout Editor of Oklahoma Archeology, OAS Publicity Director, and OAS Webmaster.

Matt Fox, Carl Gilley, George Hangii, and Paul Ferguson presented brief reports for the Society chapters in Oklahoma City, Ada, Ponca City, and Tulsa, respectively. Paul Ferguson noted that the Tulsa Archaeological Society was established in 1942, and is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. He also commented on the excellent turnout for today’s meeting of the Society, and suggested that future meetings be organized around a specific theme to make them more attractive. Dale McHard again noted that the OAS chapters in Lawton and Weatherford are inactive, and essentially defunct.
Dale McHard noted that Jean Sinclair had recently contacted Pete Thurmond about an inadvertent omission of language she intended to include in Article II, Section 1(A) when the OAS Bylaws were overhauled in 1997. After some brief discussion, Upon a motion made by Curt Hendricks and seconded by Pete Thurmond, the Board voted unanimously to append the following sentence to Bylaws Article II, Section 1(A):

The agenda of the Annual Meeting shall include the annual reports of officers and standing committees, the annual financial report, the appointment of a Nominating Committee (per Article IV, Section 4), any other items of business prescribed by these Bylaws, and any other ordinary business that should be brought to the attention of the Board of Directors.

Finally, Bob Brooks asked the Board to donate a one year membership in the Society for the 2002 OU College of Arts and Sciences silent auction. Upon a motion made by Lois Albert and seconded by Dave Morgan, the Board unanimously approved this donation. Bob also noted that OU professor and Society member Paul Minnis has paid for a two year membership for the Oklahoma Anthropological Society in the Coordinating Council of National Archeological Societies.

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

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The Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Inc.

Bank Balances And YTD Income/Expense Through 03/31/2002

Bank Balances
- General Fund $31,825.28
- Memoir Fund 40,498.09
- Life Member Fund 20,120.47
- Special Projects Fund 411.21

Total Cash In Bank $92,855.05

Income
- Membership Dues $5,225.00
- Book Sales w/S&H 271.00
- Interest on Deposits 662.72

Total Income $6,158.72

Expense
- Printing $1,562.19
- USPS Postage & Permits 1,226.03
- Liability Insurance 1,046.00

Total Expense $3,834.22

Net Income Through 03/31/2002 $2,324.50

Interest income is declining as our certificates of deposit reprice in the current low interest rate environment. We paid $1000 to the Jenks post office 02/22/2002 for journal mailings. This is sufficient to cover the remaining 2002 mailings and at least the first one in 2003. The annual premium for the OAS general liability policy jumped substantially for 2002 as a result of the current chaos among insurance underwriters in reaction to the Islamic terrorist threat. This $1,000,000 policy is with Midcontinent Casualty Company of Tulsa.

As of 04/05/2002, the Society has:
- 447 individual memberships;
- 60 institutional memberships;
- 507 memberships in total;
- 118 memberships not yet renewed from 2001;
- 21 new memberships 2002 year-to-date.
Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Members  
Of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society  

April 6, 2002

A business meeting of the members of the Society was held at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History on the date indicated. President Dale McHard presided over the meeting, and Secretary-Treasurer Pete Thurmond recorded the minutes. Ninety-three members of the Society were present.

Dale McHard recapped the business transacted at the morning meeting of the Board of Directors. He briefly reiterated the recent merger of the old newsletter and annual bulletin into the quarterly journal Oklahoma Archeology, the first issue of which was published in March. Mr. McHard thanked Charlette Gifford for her work on OAS 50th Anniversary displays for the Spring 2002 meeting of the Society, and Paul Ferguson for his help with the meeting arrangements and contacts of long-time Society members to encourage their attendance at the celebration. Dale read a letter from Fred Snyder, now a professor of Anthropology at the University of North Dakota, relating the influence of the OAS on his early career and his modeling of the North Dakota Archaeological Association (created in 1980) after the Society.

Dale then presented the slate of candidates for election to Society offices and board seats. He noted that Valli Powell had been appointed to the Board in January 2002 to fill out the term to 2004 of Mary Ann Drass when Ms. Drass volunteered to serve as Layout Editor, Publicity Director and Webmaster for the Society. There being no nominations from the floor, upon a motion made by Gene Hellstern and seconded by Charles Slovacek, all candidates were elected in a block by acclamation. Pam Wallace was elected to her first two-year term (to 2004) as Second Vice-President, and Pete Thurmond was re-elected to his eighth two-year term (to 2004) as Secretary-Treasurer. George Odell was elected to his first full term (to 2005, having completed a partial term by appointment to the position vacated by Reggie Hofmaier), and Leland C. Bement, James E. Cox, and Charles S. Wallis, Jr. were elected to their first three year terms (to 2005) as At-Large Directors. Dale McHard thanked outgoing Board members Linda B. Mager and Allen Marshall for their years of service. Although retiring as At-Large Directors, Curtis B. Hendricks and Don E. Shockey will continue on the Board as Chairs of the Membership Development and Point Guide committees, respectively.

Finally, upon a motion made by Carl Gilley and seconded by Bobby Nickey, the membership voted to ratify the Bylaws amendments published in Volume 50, Number 2 of Oklahoma Archeology, amending Article IV, Section 2, Article V, Section 2(B), and Article VI, Section 1(B) to transform the old offices of Newsletter Editor and Annual Bulletin Editor into Layout Editor and Content Editor, respectively, of Oklahoma Archeology.

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

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