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

August 5, 2000

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held in the Beaver County Fairgrounds Building in Beaver, Oklahoma at 10:00 AM on the date indicated. The meeting was held in Beaver to encourage local Society members in their prospective formation of a High Plains Chapter in northwest Oklahoma. President Dale McHard chaired the meeting, and Secretary-Treasurer J. Peter Thurmond recorded the minutes. The other officers and directors present and voting were as follows:

- Lois E. Albert, Certification Program Chair
- Robert L. Brooks, Director of the Oklahoma Archaeological Survey
- Cathy A. Compton, Hospitality Committee Chair & Central Chapter Representative
- Reginald A. Hofmaier, Director-at-Large
- Allen Marshall, Director-at-Large
- Mary McHard, Director-at-Large
- David F. Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Robert A. Nickey, Director-at-Large
- Don E. Shockey, Director-at-Large & Point Guide Committee Chair
- Charles E. Slovacek, Kay County Chapter Representative
- J. Byron Sudbury, Director-at-Large
- Monica Wright, Newsletter Distributor

Also present were Society members Victor B. Brown, Jerry L. Denson, Harold S. Kachel, Joan Kachel, Wayne Lewis and Joan Slovacek; and guests Ramona Henderson and Phil Marshall.

Upon a motion made by Don Shockey and seconded by Dave Morgan, the minutes of the April 15, 2000 meeting of the Board were approved by unanimous vote.

Dale McHard reported that he is drafting guidelines for OAS chapters sponsoring Society meetings, and oversight thereof by the OAS President, and will submit the guidelines for review by the Board at its meeting this fall. He further reported that Director-at-Large Curtis B. Hendricks has agreed to chair the new Membership Development Committee. Mr. McHard sent letters to Society members Robert L. Brooks, William B. Lees, J. Peter Thurmond, Mary Ann Drass, Gene Hellstern, Frank D. Lucas, Dora Malone, J. Byron Sudbury, Linda B. Mager and Marlene Bakke on August 3, 2000, asking them to serve on the committee. The three appointees present at the meeting, Bob Brooks, Byron Sudbury and Pete Thurmond, all agreed to serve.

Mr. McHard noted that the OAS Fall Meeting will be sponsored by the Central Chapter, and will be held on October 21, 2000 in El Reno, Oklahoma. The meeting will be a departure from the formal academic papers structure of recent decades, and the Central Chapter folks are calling it a "Fall Rendezvous". Some papers on current research will be presented, but there will be concurrent demonstrations of such activities as flint knapping, basket weaving and flute making. The rendezvous will be held in a setting where Society members can also just sit and visit as they so desire. Monica Wright plans to send out personal invitations to all of the this year's new members.

Pete Thurmond reported that, as of June 30, 2000, the Society bank balances were as follows:

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OAS income through June 30 totaled $11,766.64, and expenses were $3,725.61, for a year-to-date net of $8,041.03. It was noted that $4,093.06 had been expended in the reprinting of 500 copies each of Special Bulletins 3 and 4, which has been booked as a purchase of stock for resale. This was the 23rd reprinting of these two point guides. Society membership stood at 472, with 66 non-renewed from 1999 and 69 new members so far this year. Mr. Thurmond noted that many of the new members had joined in response to the article by Kendra Fox in *The Daily Oklahoman*. The need for an OAS publicist was reiterated.

Monica Wright and Allen Marshall passed on a request from Nona Leatherwood for a CD burner to facilitate printing of the OAS Newsletter by the Oklahoma Geological Survey. Pete Thurmond noted that he had asked her to price the printing with OGS, which had printed the newsletter during Don Wyckoff’s editorship at a very economical price. OGS bid the newsletter printing for Ms. Leatherwood at less that $200 per issue. Printing of the newsletter at a commercial printer has averaged $570 per issue so far this year. OGS is not capable of receiving the newsletter copy via the Internet, so Ms. Leatherwood wishes to burn the copy onto a CD and mail it to them. Incidentally, copy quality will improve substantially. Ms. Leatherwood has priced an add-on CD burner at about $300. Allen Marshall noted that the computer being used to prepare the newsletter was a 133 Mhz Pentium I, with 64 megabytes of memory. Mr. Marshall noted that the processor speed of this machine renders newsletter preparation painfully slow, and Byron Sudbury commented that its RAM is insufficient for quality photographs. Mr. Sudbury noted that the Society could buy a state-of-the-art computer with built-in CD burner for $800-1000 for OAS Newsletter preparation. Upon a motion made by Bobby Nickey and seconded by Dave Morgan, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Ms. Leatherwood, with the assistance of Allen Marshall, to purchase a new computer for preparation of the Society newsletter at a cost not to exceed $1500.

Don Wyckoff reported via e-mail that he will be publishing the Burnham memoir before year-end, but that he does not expect the Beaver Dam memoir to be ready until next year.

Lois Albert reported that three Certification Program seminars were held during the OAS spring activity near Idabel, and that several more are planned for the OAS fall activity. Dave Morgan reported that the latter will be an archeological survey around Lake Murray, southeast of Ardmore. Cathy Compton reported that the Hospitality Committee is holding a get-to-know-you dinner during the first weekend of each field activity of the Society, and that the committee would be happy to assist the new Membership Development Committee.

Don Shockey reported on the progress of the Point Guide Committee in preparing the new OAS arrow point typology guide. Frieda Odell has completed illustration of the specimens at the Gilcrease Center in Tulsa. Frank Weir has taken over illustration of the specimens at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin from Pam Hedrick, and that work is in progress. Bobby Nickey is drawing the arrow points to be included from the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon. Much of the text has been written, and formatting is expected to begin late this year or early next year.

Cathy Compton reported on the recent activities of the Central Chapter. Charles Slovacek noted the participation of the Kay County Chapter in renewed excavations this summer at the multi-component Kubik site, under the direction of Larry Neal of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey. Bob Brooks noted that it is likely the Survey will be asking for another OAS excavation at Kubik in the near future.

Allen Marshall noted that he, Jack Marshall and Nona Leatherwood are scanning out-of-print issues of the OAS Bulletin for posting on the Society website. Each article will be a separate web page. They are starting with the oldest volumes and working their way forward. Bob Brooks stated his concern that some of the older articles may contain inappropriate site location information, and encouraged editing of such information from the articles before posting to the website.
The possibility of offering the OAS Newsletter to Society members via the website was discussed. Jerry Denson noted that access to the newsletter could be limited by password. Pete Thurmond suggested that members could choose between receipt of the newsletter via the Internet or the U.S. Postal Service on the membership application and renewal forms; and that those selecting the electronic version could be informed of the availability of each issue and the requisite password by e-mail. The matter was tabled pending further investigation by Nona Leatherwood, Allen Marshall and Jack Marshall.

A query was made regarding the OAS length-of-service pins. Dale McHard stated that he would contact Sheri Holesko and determine the status of this membership service.

The Board then entered into a lengthy discussion with the northwest Oklahoma visitors of the possible formation of a Society chapter in their area. Dale McHard emphasized to the prospective organizers that the OAS Board is eager to see a chapter formed in northwest Oklahoma, and is willing to help in any way possible, in particular with arranging speakers for the meetings. The problems of distance and travel time in the region were discussed. It was suggested that the most fair arrangement might be to rotate the meeting site around the area. Bob Brooks noted that northwest Oklahoma artifact collectors have voiced concern that participation in the Society might lead to confiscation by the State of Oklahoma of their collections or the private land on which the artifacts were found. Dr. Brooks emphasized that neither of these things has ever happened in Oklahoma, and that the Oklahoma Archeological Survey has neither the desire nor the legal authority to do so.

There being no further business to transact, the Board adjourned for lunch and an afternoon tour of the University of Oklahoma archeological field school at the Odessa Yates site.

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