A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman, Oklahoma at 9:00 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
- Kathy Diamond, 1st Vice-President
- Mary Ann Drass, At-Large Director
- Richard R. Drass, Annual Bulletin Editor
- Charlette Gifford, OAS Historian
- Reginald L. Hofmaier, At-Large Director
- Linda B. Mager, 2nd Vice-President
- Allen Marshall, At-Large Director
- David F. Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Robert A. Nickey, At-Large Director
- Frieda V. Odell, At-Large Director
- Don E. Shockey, At-Large Director & Point Guide Committee Chair
- Frances Sisson, At-Large Director
- J. Byron Sudbury, At-Large Director
- Charles E. Surber, At-Large Director

Also present was Society member and Oklahoma Archeological Survey staff archeologist Larry Neal.

Upon a motion made by Bobby Nickey and seconded by Dave Morgan, the minutes of the April 28, 2001 meeting of the Board were approved by unanimous vote. Upon a motion made by Allen Marshall and seconded by Frieda Odell, the minutes of the April 28, 2001 business meeting of the Society membership were approved by unanimous vote.

Dale McHard reported that he is personally handling the arrangements for the 2001 Fall Meeting of the Society, to be held Saturday, October 20 in Tahlequah. Dale noted that the office of OAS Publicity Director has been vacant for several years, and offered to fill the position himself. Upon a motion made by Ken Bloom and seconded by Frieda Odell, the Board voted unanimously to appoint Dale McHard OAS Publicity Director, effective immediately. The term of this appointed office is indefinite, but Byron Sudbury encouraged Dale to serve in this role for at least three years.

Mr. McHard noted that the Society chapters in McAlester and Weatherford have ceased to function. The Secretary-Treasurer was instructed to remove them from the chapter list, and to advise the Newsletter Editor and Webmaster to do so as well.

The Board considered the question of whether to purchase replacement stock of the lapel pins that acknowledge length of membership in the Society. It was the consensus of the Board that the pins are not widely used and should not be repurchased. Reggie Hofmaier suggested that the Board consider producing an OAS patch suitable for use on jackets and hats, that could be made available for sale to Society members. Upon a motion made by Dave Morgan and seconded by Ken Bloom, the Board voted unanimously to solicit competing designs for an OAS patch in the Society newsletter. The person submitting the winning design will be given a free Contributing membership in the Society for one year.
The possibility of holding the OAS 2002 Fall Meeting in Norman or Oklahoma City, concurrent with that of the Plains Anthropological Society, was again discussed. Richard Drass noted that Society members would have to pay the full $50.00 registration fee for the Plains Conference in order to attend. It was the consensus of the Board that many Society members would not be willing to do so. No formal vote was taken, but it was the consensus of the Board that the OAS 2002 Fall Meeting should be held the same weekend (October 23-26) as the Plains Conference, but at a separate location in Norman. Society members may then attend the Plains Conference if and as they choose.

Dale McHard reported that the first meeting of the Membership Development Committee, chaired by OAS At-Large Director Curtis B. Hendricks, will be held at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey on September 15, 2001, at 9:00 AM.

Reggie Hofmaier tendered his resignation as an At-Large Director of the Society, effective at the end of this meeting. Mr. Hofmaier has been transferred by Seagate to Denver, and expects to be there for several years. Dale McHard indicated that he would seek a candidate for appointment to fill out the remainder of Mr. Hofmaier's term, which expires in 2002.

Bob Brooks reported that the Oklahoma Archeological Survey will soon be publishing a report of the recent survey by Lee Bement and Scott Brosowske in the Oklahoma panhandle. Surveys are planned this fall in Harper County, halfway between the Cooper/Jake's Bluff and Waugh Folsom bison kill sites; along the Canadian River between Hydro and Weatherford; and along the Canadian between Purcell and Minco. After some discussion of possible participation by Society volunteers, Dr. Brooks was encouraged to run an updated OASES sign-up sheet in the next Society newsletter. Bob further reported that the books of the defunct OAS lending library were delivered to the Survey by Buck Wade in June. Dr. Brooks will have the books inventoried by work-study students this fall. Finally, he noted that the Survey and the Society will be manning a booth at the Oklahoma State Fair this fall. Dale McHard stated that he would ask Jack Marshall to add an appropriate notice to the Society website.

The Board reviewed fund balances and an income/expense statement for the Society as of 06/30/2001, copies of which are appended to these minutes. A summary of year-to-date membership turnover was also reviewed. It was noted that Society membership has stabilized at a level of 475-500, after declining over the past several years from a high of 580 in 1996.

Pete Thurmond reported that Brian Jones is organizing an OAS chapter in Tahlequah, which will have nine members at the start.

Mary Ann Drass noted that the stock of OAS brochures is nearly exhausted, and that it is time to reprint. Upon a motion made by Byron Sudbury and seconded by Frieda Odell, a reprint of at least 10,000 brochures was authorized by unanimous vote. It was noted that the life member fee needs to changed on the brochure. Mary Ann stated that she would probably be doing some reformattting as well. Bids will be a solicited, and a larger quantity may be printed if a substantial break on unit cost can be obtained.

Lois Albert reported that several certification seminars had been cancelled this year due to poor enrollment, and one scheduling mix-up with an instructor. She once again noted that a number of Society members have completed all the Certification Program requirements, but must apply for certification in order to receive their certificates.

Dave Morgan reported that the 2001 Fall Survey will be held November 9-12 at Lake Murray. He hopes to complete the Lake Murray archeological survey this trip. Dave stated that the turnout for the 2001 Spring Dig was disappointing. Registration totaled only 32 people, and the excavation crew dropped to 20 people after the first weekend. The Dig Committee plans to return the Spring Dig to Memorial Day weekend in 2002. Dave also noted that 15-20 Society volunteers will be recording the homestead of an Oklahoma territorial near Newkirk this fall for the Oklahoma Historical Society. Lois
Albert stated that she is trying to organize a certification seminar on architectural documentation to run concurrent with this project.

Charlette Gifford has written 32 pre-1970 members of the Society, asking for information on the early history of the OAS. She has received five responses to that letter so far, and virtually no response to her requests for OAS history in the newsletter. Charlette recently interviewed Robert Hill, 1950s co-organizer of the Society and its Tulsa chapter. She and Richard Drass will be interviewing Robert Bell in the near future.

Don Shockey reported that the Point Guide Committee is completing the illustration work for the arrow point typology guide this summer, as scheduled.

Chapter reports were received from Ken Bloom for Lawton, Kathy Diamond for Oklahoma City, Byron Sudbury for Ponca City, and Charles Surber for Tulsa.

The Board reviewed proposed amendments to the OAS Bylaws, prepared by Jean Sinclair with input from Curt Hendricks and Pete Thurmond, delegating from the Board to an "OAS Awards Committee" the function of receiving and acting upon all nominations for the Golden Trowel Award and the Robert E. Bell Distinguished Service Award. In the course of a lengthy discussion, several minor changes were made by the Board. Upon a motion made by Dave Morgan and seconded by Byron Sudbury, the final draft of the OAS Awards Committee amendments to Articles VII and IX of the OAS Bylaws, incorporating said changes, was approved by a unanimous vote of the Board, and is appended to these minutes. These amendments will be presented to the Society membership for its approval at the 2001 Fall Meeting.

The final draft of updated OAS Board of Directors Standing Rules was distributed to the Board. Dale McHard admonished the Board to read these carefully, and be prepared to vote upon them at the 2001 Fall Meeting.

Proposed amendments to the OAS Bylaws prepared by Jean Sinclair, formalizing the Special Projects Fund and creating a committee for its management, were tabled in her absence.

The Board adjourned at 11:52 AM.

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Bank Balances And Income/Expense Through 06/30/2001

**Bank Balances**

General Fund $30,212.84  
Memoir Fund 37,837.40  
Life Member Fund 18,984.33  
Special Projects Fund 307.63  

**Total Cash In Bank** $87,342.20  

**Income**

Membership Dues $7,395.00  
Book Sales w/S&H 1,518.70  
Interest on Deposits 2,492.82  

**Total Income** $11,406.52  

**Expense**

Annual Bulletin Printing $2,743.52  
Newsletter Printing 609.50  
Other Printing 42.05  
Postage 396.20  
USPS Permits 125.00  
Office Supplies 93.98  
Point Guide Committee 510.00  
Newsletter Editor 72.00  
Member Pins 125.10  
Liability Insurance 899.00  

**Total Expense** $5,616.35  

**Net Income Through 06/30/2001** $5,790.17  

OAS Membership as of 06/30/2001:

- 414 individual memberships (536 individual members, including associates)  
- 61 institutional memberships  
- 475 memberships in total  
- 43 memberships were not renewed from 2000 (48 individual members in 42 memberships, including associates, and one institutional member)  
- 36 new memberships 2001 year-to-date (all individual, 49 new members including associates)
Proposed Amendments to the Bylaws of The Oklahoma Anthropological Society, Inc.

Article VII. Committees

Section 1. Standing Committees.

D. OAS Awards Committee

Section 3. Membership.

B. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee and the OAS Awards Committee.

Section 7. OAS Awards Committee.

A. Membership. The OAS Awards Committee shall be composed of seven (7) members of the Society, preferably former recipients of the Golden Trowel Award and/or the Robert E. Bell Distinguished Service Award. Committee members shall be disqualified from consideration for a Society award.

B. Terms. Members shall be appointed by the Chair of the Committee for a term of two years, and shall be eligible for reappointment.

C. Chair. The Chair of the Committee shall be appointed by the President, subject to the approval of the Board. The Chair of the Committee shall be a former recipient of the Golden Trowel Award. The term of office for the Chair shall be limited to two (2) years; Provided, however, that after a lapse of two (2) years, such person shall again be eligible to serve in that office.

D. Duties.

a. Committee. The OAS Awards Committee shall be responsible for receiving, via its Chair, all nominations, with any supporting letters and documents, for (1) the Golden Trowel Award, and (2) the Robert E. Bell Distinguished Service Award. The Committee shall determine the recipients of those awards.

b. Chair. Before the Annual Meeting, the Chair shall notify the President that an award or awards are to be presented, arrange for the ordering of trophies, and shall preside over the awards ceremony at the Annual Meeting.

Article IX. Awards

Section 1. Golden Trowel Awards. The OAS Awards Committee may annually confer a maximum of three (3) Golden Trowel Awards to those members of the Society designated by the committee as the individual outstanding amateur(s) of the previous year. Golden Trowel nominations from members or chapters shall be submitted confidentially to the Chair of the OAS Awards Committee prior to December 31 of the year for which the award is to be conferred.

Section 2. Robert E. Bell Distinguished Service Award. The OAS Awards Committee may confer, at irregular intervals, an award to be known as the Robert E. Bell Distinguished Service Award. The recipient of such award shall be as designated by the committee. Nominations for this award shall be submitted confidentially to the Chair of the OAS Awards Committee, and may be submitted by anyone at any time. The award is presented to honor an individual who has: (1) rendered invaluable service to the Society; (2) made important contributions to the understanding and public awareness
of Oklahoma’s past through publication, teaching and public presentation, and/or; (3) undertaken significant action to preserve and protect Oklahoma’s cultural resources.