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

February 5, 2000

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman at 1:30 PM 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, Special Projects Committee Chair & 1st Vice-President
- Marlene Bakke, Nominating Committee Chair & 2nd Vice-President
- Lois E. Albert, Certification Chair
- Robert L. Brooks, Director, Oklahoma Archeological Survey
- Cathy A. Compton, Newsletter Distributor
- Richard R. Drass, Annual Bulletin Editor
- Charlette Gifford, OAS Historian
- Nona J. Leatherwood, Newsletter Editor
- David F. Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Don E. Shockey, Point Guide Committee Chair & Director
- Don G. Wyckoff, Memoir Editor
- Paul M. Ferguson, Director
- Curtis B. Hendricks, Director
- L. Elaine Hillard, Director
- Linda B. Mager, Director
- Allen Marshall, Director
- Mary McHard, Director
- Robert A. Nickey, Director
- Buck Wade, Director

Also present at the meeting were past Board members Ken Bloom and Gene Hellstern.

The minutes of the October 30, 1999 meeting of the Board were approved as written by Cathy Compton and published in the November 1999 OAS Newsletter.

Dale McHard reported on the artifact collection of the late Sherman P. Lawton, past OAS President and Golden Trowel recipient. The collection, which has been donated by Dr. Lawton’s heirs to the Society, has been inventoried by volunteers from the Kay County Chapter of the OAS. Don Wyckoff offered to arrange transport of the collection from its current location at the Marland Museum in Ponca City to the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman. Upon a motion made by Don Shockey and seconded by Linda Mager, the Board voted to accept Dr. Wyckoff’s offer to move the collection, and to appoint an ad hoc committee to review the inventory and make recommendations to the Board later in the year as to the final disposition of the collection. President McHard agreed to chair this committee, and appointed Bob Brooks, Cathy Compton, Paul Ferguson, Dave Morgan and Don Wyckoff to serve on it as well.

It was agreed that the spring meeting for this year will be held in Norman in April, and will be hosted by the Central Chapter and the Oklahoma Archeological Survey.

Dale McHard reported that he has received three nominations for the Golden Trowel for 1999, all for the same person. On a motion made by Pete Thurmond and seconded by Mary McHard, the Board voted to confer the 1999 Golden Trowel to this person at the spring meeting.

The Board reviewed a balance sheet and income/expense statement for the Society for 1999, and the budget for 2000, which are appended to these minutes. Histories of annual change in net income and total assets since 1970, change in membership since 1980, and a breakdown of fixed costs per membership under the 2000 budget were also reviewed. It was noted
regarding the latter that we are nearing breakeven on the basic membership dues, and that net income available for discretionary spending is declining as a result. Cost containment measures for the annual bulletin and newsletter were discussed. Richard Drass noted that he had already dropped the publications list from the manuscript of the bulletin for 1999 and eliminated as many blank pages as possible. He has also eliminated free reprints of articles for the authors. It was the consensus of the Board to also eliminate the officer list and membership list from the bulletin. As a replacement for the latter, the Society will offer a membership directory for sale to its members, to be announced in the newsletter. Dr. Drass also noted that he had eliminated the need for half-tones of the photographic illustrations by scanning the photos and adding them directly to the manuscript. Nona Leatherwood indicated that she would solicit competitive bids for the printing of the newsletter to see if she can find a better price. She may also eliminate the overleaf binding.

The Board noted a decline in membership since 1996 from 580 at the end of that year, to 470 at the end of 1999. Membership has ranged from 433 to 580 since 1980, and has averaged around 500. On a motion made by Pete Thurmond and seconded by Dave Morgan, the Board voted to charge President Dale McHard with the formation of a permanent Membership Committee, and the development of a mission statement for it.

Richard Drass reported that Volume 49 of the OAS Bulletin is ready to print, and that he has received a bid of $3,882.66 from Cherry Street Print Shop in Tulsa for the printing of 550 copies and distribution of 475 to the membership. Dr. Drass indicated that he will seek a revised cost estimate for the printing without the officer and membership lists. He noted that he has already received two articles for the 2000 bulletin, and a proposal for several more on Choctaw basketry. Reviewing its policy of July, 1996 requiring prior Board approval before the annual bulletin can exceed 150 pages, on a motion made by Don Shockey and seconded by Jean Sinclair, the Board voted to replace that policy with one encouraging the annual bulletin editor to keep the length of the bulletin as close to a limit of 150 pages as reasonably possible.

Dale McHard appointed a Nominating Committee composed of Jean Sinclair, Gene Hellstern, Mary McHard, George Odell, and Buck Wade to develop a slate of candidates for the Society offices expiring in 2000.

Don Wyckoff reported that he and Peggy Rubenstein have been too busy with the preparations for the opening of the new OMNH facility in April to work on the Burnham memoir this spring. He stated that K.C. Kraft is nearing completion of his monograph on the 1988-1990 OAS excavations at the Beaver Dam site in western Oklahoma. Publication as Memoir 9 is expected this spring.

Lois Albert noted that a schedule of upcoming certification seminars will be posted in the newsletter. She encouraged all program participants who have completed their certification requirements to apply for formal certification.

Dave Morgan reported that about 30 Society members participated in the final OAS archeological survey at the Packsaddle Wildlife Management Area in Ellis County last fall. The results of the Packsaddle survey are to be published in the Oklahoma Archeological Survey Archeological Resource Survey Report series. Mr. Morgan noted that the spring dig for 2000 will be held June 10-18 near Idabel, in cooperation with the U.S. Forest Service.

Don Shockey reported on progress with the new arrow point typology guide. Bobby Nickey has completed the documentation and illustration of the Deadman’s points at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, and Pam Headrick is working on the specimens to be included from the collections of the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin. Frieda Odell has agreed to take on the illustration work for the artifacts at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa.

Jean Sinclair presented proposed language for an enabling amendment to the OAS Bylaws to establish a Special Projects Fund. With one minor change in wording suggested by Curt
Hendricks, upon a motion made by Linda Mager and seconded by Buck Wade, the Board voted to approve the proposed Bylaws amendment and submit it to a vote of the Society membership at the spring meeting in April.

Bob Brooks briefly summarized the 1999-2000 activities of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey. Two field schools are planned for this summer in western Oklahoma, one to be led by Lee Bement and Kent Buehler at the (Late Archaic) Certain bison kill site in Beckham County, and the other to be led by Scott Brosowske and Richard Drass at the (Plains Village) Odessa Yates site in Beaver County.

Chapter reports were received from Linda Mager for the Southwest Oklahoma Anthropological Society, from Jean Sinclair for the Tulsa Archaeological Society, from Buck Wade for the McAlester Archaeological Society, and from Cathy Compton for the Central Chapter. Dale McHard noted that he has been communicating with OAS member Jerry L. Denson of Arnett about the possible creation of an OAS chapter in northwestern Oklahoma. Bobby Nickey stated that there is also interest in forming a chapter in Beaver County.

Allen Marshall asked the Board to approve the expenditure of $250 for the purchase of software for the scanning and posting of the articles in out-of-print volumes of the OAS Bulletin (and anything else we might decide to post in the future) as .pdf files on the Society website. Upon a motion made by Mr. Marshall and seconded by Buck Wade, the Board voted to purchase this software and proceed with the scanning. Society member Jerry Beabout has volunteered to assist with this project.

Dale McHard reported that the Tulsa Archaeological Society had requested reimbursement by the OAS for a $300 deficit in the receipts vs. expenditures for the 1999 fall meeting held in Tulsa. After a lengthy and sometimes rather acrimonious debate, upon a motion made by Curt Hendricks and seconded by Allen Marshall, the Board voted to reimburse TAS in the amount of $150, to state that this was not to set a precedent, and to charge President Dale McHard with the development of procedures to prevent future monetary deficits in Society meetings. Paul Ferguson, Bobby Nickey, and Jean Sinclair voted nay; the remainder of the Board voted in favor, and the motion carried. This item has been charged to 1999 OAS net receipts.

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

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