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

January 20, 2001

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held at the Oklahoma Archeological Survey in Norman, Oklahoma at 2:00 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, First Vice-President
- Richard Drass, Bulletin Editor
- Nona Leatherwood, Newsletter Editor
- Don Wyckoff, Memoir Editor
- Lois E. Albert, Certification Chair
- Dave Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Charlotte Gifford, OAS Historian
- Paul M. Ferguson, Director-at-Large
- Ron Ford, Director-at-Large
- Curtis B. Hendricks, Director-at-Large & Membership Development Committee Chair
- Reggie Hofmaier, Director-at-Large
- Allen Marshall, Director-at-Large
- Mary McHard, Director-at-Large
- Robert A. Nickey, Director-at-Large
- Frieda Vereecken Odell, Director-at-Large
- Don E. Shockey, Director-at-Large & Point Guide Committee Chair
- J. Byron Sudbury, Director-at-Large
- Cathy A. Compton, Hospitality Committee Chair
- Kenneth R. Bloom, Southwest Chapter Representative
- Kathleen Diamond, Central Chapter Representative

Also present were Society members Mary Ann Drass and Larry Neal, and Oklahoma State Archeologist Robert L. Brooks.

Upon a motion made by Jean Sinclair and seconded by Frieda Odell, the minutes of the October 21, 2000 meeting of the Board were approved by unanimous vote.

Dale McHard noted that the 2001 spring meeting will be held on April 28 in the auditorium of the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman. Use of the auditorium will be free, but attendees will need to pay regular admission to tour the museum exhibits, and will not be able to offer anything for sale (including OAS publications and clothing). The meeting of the Board of Directors will start at 8:30 AM. Don Wyckoff has agreed to coordinate the speakers and the meeting arrangements. Mr. McHard further reported that the 2001 Nominating Committee will be comprised of Allen Marshall (chair), Ken Bloom, Mary Ann Drass, Frieda Odell, and Byron Sudbury. He noted the recent redesign and reprinting of the OAS brochure by Mary Ann Drass, and the Board expressed its appreciation for her excellent work.

Nominations of three OAS members for the 2000 Golden Trowel Award were considered by the Board, and a recipient was selected by written ballot. The award will be conferred at the Society meeting in April.
The Board reviewed a balance sheet of Society assets as of 12/31/2000, an income/expense statement for 2000, an income/expense budget for 2001, and graphics on trends in asset growth, net income, and membership prepared by the Secretary-Treasurer. Copies have been appended to the minutes.

The Secretary-Treasurer noted that interest rates on bank certificates of deposit have averaged around 6% in recent years, and that the funds invested to support each Life membership should yield the cost of a Contributing membership ($30), requiring a balance of $500 to be maintained for each Life member. Upon a motion made by Pete Thurmond and seconded by Jean Sinclair, the Board voted unanimously to amend OAS Standing Rule 3(6), increasing the cost of a Life membership to $500, effective January 1, 2002.

Newsletter Editor Nona Leatherwood asked that the various active OAS committees begin sending periodic progress reports to the newsletter. Bulletin Editor Richard Drass estimated the length of Volume 49 of the annual bulletin at 120 pages, and indicated the bulletin would be ready to print in February. Memoir Editor Don Wyckoff reported that he is working on the Burnham memoir this spring, and hopes to have it completed this year.

Certification Chair Lois Albert reported that six certification program seminars were held in 2000, and six have been scheduled through June of this year. Dig Committee Chair Dave Morgan noted that the spring dig will be near Idabel, June 9-17. Details and registration forms for these activities will be provided in the newsletter.

Membership Development Committee Chair Curt Hendricks reported that the other members of the committee have been appointed: Marlene Bakke, Bob Brooks, Mary Ann Drass, Gene Hellstern, Linda Mager, Byron Sudbury, and Pete Thurmond. At Mr. Sudbury's suggestion, the charge of the committee is being expanded to include education down to the elementary school level.

Hospitality Committee Chair Cathy Compton described the packet she provides to first-time attendees of the Society digs and meetings, including a brochure on the OAS, a copy of the newsletter, and a list of Society and chapter contacts.

Point Guide Committee Chair Don Shockey gave the Board a progress report. The illustrations of arrow points in the collections at Gilcrease and TARL have been finished. The committee plans to complete and format the text for the arrow point typology guide, and generate a draft for peer review. The guide will include a distribution map and timeline for each type. The radiocarbon dating relevant to each type will be reported in detail.

Allen Marshall, on behalf of OAS Webmaster Jack Marshall, encouraged the local chapters of the OAS to prepare their own web pages for inclusion in the Society website.

Ken Bloom, Kathy Diamond, Jean Sinclair and Byron Sudbury presented brief reports on behalf of the Southwest, Central, Tulsa and Kay County chapters, respectively.

The Board discussed options for celebrating the upcoming 50th anniversary of the Society in 2002. A 50th Anniversary Celebration Committee was formed, chaired by Paul Ferguson, joined by Charlette Gifford, Nona Leatherwood, Mary McHard, Frieda Odell, and Buck Wade. Dale McHard recommended that all OAS publications next year feature a "50th Anniversary" banner, and Allen Marshall offered to prepare one. Byron Sudbury suggested that a history of the first fifty years of the Society be prepared for Volume 50 of the annual bulletin. The celebration committee agreed to take that project on, and
begin interviewing longtime members. Charlette Gifford suggested that these interviews start with OAS founder Robert E. Bell. Nona Leatherwood offered to contact Oklahoma Today about doing an article in 2001 on the OAS spring dig, addressing the role and history of the Society. Dale McHard suggested that the spring 2002 meeting of the Society be a weekend-long event at a state lodge, and that founding and former members be contacted and encouraged to attend.

Dave Morgan asked for further guidance as to the design and contents of the OAS mobile exhibit trailer he is working on. After some discussion, it was the consensus that mockups of the displays should be prepared before a trailer is purchased.

Dale McHard reported a request by Don Wyckoff for help with the purchase of individual artifact bags for the archeological artifact collections at OMNH. Many of the collections are packed *en masse*, and the artifacts rub and grind on one another, causing damage. Dale noted that many thousands of single artifact bags would be needed, and Bob Brooks stated that the bags would have to be of acid-free archival quality. It was the consensus of the Board that purchase of the materials for repackaging the archeological collections at OMNH would be beyond the financial means of the Society.

Bob Brooks sought permission to auction an OAS membership at the upcoming OU College of Arts and Sciences Kaleidoscope Dinner. Upon a motion made by Dave Morgan and seconded by Allen Marshall, the Board approved the auctioning of a Contributing membership, including a member handbook and the registration fee for the 2001 spring dig.

Finally, the Board discussed at length a proposal for delegating the task of conferring Society recognition awards to a committee, in order to avoid the awkwardness of reviewing award nominations at Board meetings where one or more of the nominees are present. Jean Sinclair presented a proposed amendment to Article VII of the OAS Bylaws to create and charge such a committee. The Board members liked the basic idea of delegating the recognition awards process, but there was significant disagreement as to the specifics of committee composition and procedure. Jean Sinclair and Curt Hendricks agreed to work on a redraft of the proposed amendment, incorporating modifications suggested by the Board.

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

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