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

April 26, 2003

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Society was held in the auditorium of the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History 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 Albert, Certification Program Chair
- Lee Bement, At-Large Director
- Bob Brooks, Ex Officio Director
- Jim Cox, At-Large Director
- Richard Drass, Content Editor of Oklahoma Archeology
- Kathy Gibbs, 1st Vice-President
- Charlette Gifford, OAS Historian
- Curt Hendricks, At-Large Director & Membership Development Committee Chair
- Dave Morgan, Dig Committee Chair
- Frieda Odell, At-Large Director
- George Odell, At-Large Director
- Don Shockey, At-Large Director & Point Guide Committee Chair
- Francie Sisson, At-Large Director
- Charles Surber, At-Large Director
- Pam Wallace, 2nd Vice-President
- Don Wyckoff, Memoir Editor


Upon a motion made by Dave Morgan and seconded by Richard Drass, the minutes of the January 25, 2003 meeting of the Board were approved by unanimous vote.

Dale McHard reported that the Nominating Committee had nominated the following candidates for election in 2003: President: Kathy Gibbs; 1st Vice-President: K.C. Kraft; At-Large Directors: Carl Gilley, Pat Gilman, Frieda Odell, and Byron Sudbury. Dale also reported that At-Large Director Valli Marti had resigned, and that he would be leaving it to the incoming President to appoint a replacement to complete her term in office.

Pete Thurmond presented a written balance sheet as of 03/31/2003, first quarter 2003 income/expense statement, and graphic analysis of membership trends since 1988, copies of which are appended to these minutes. He reported that an agreement to run public service announcements about the Society had been reached with KCCU Public Radio, covering western Oklahoma, and that KCCU is running some 150 OAS spots per month, using copy prepared by OAS Publicity Director Mary Ann Drass. The radio spots provide the Society’s website address and the telephone number of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey as contact points. Curt Hendricks and Pam Wallace offered to contact KGOU in Norman, and George Odell agreed to do the same with KWGS in Tulsa,
to see if similar arrangements can be made. There was a brief discussion of the Society’s new e-mail archeology news service, “The OAS News”, which seems to be popular with the membership. It was suggested that a trailer be added to these e-mails providing information on becoming a member of the Society, and encouraging recipients to pass the news items on to their friends.

Bob Brooks displayed a new poster prepared by the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, the National Park Service, and the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office to promote the Oklahoma Anthropological Society. Members of the Board were encouraged to take copies of the posters with them for distribution in schools and museums around the state.

Richard Drass reported that he has major article manuscripts in hand for the next three issues of *Oklahoma Archeology*, but needed more short articles, reports and book reviews. Rich noted that May 15 would be the submission deadline for the Summer 2003 issue.

Don Wyckoff reported that the Burnham monograph is complete, but for some final cleanup and incorporation of changes suggested by reviewers. Publication is expected late this summer.

Lois Albert noted that five certification seminars are scheduled for the Spring Dig: archeological photography, archeological sketching, cultural resource management, general excavation techniques, and general laboratory techniques. Details and a registration form were provided in the Spring issue of *Oklahoma Archeology*.

Dave Morgan reminded the Board that the Spring Dig will be held May 24 through June 1 at the Herndon site, a Choctaw homestead in the Ouachita National Forest of southeastern Oklahoma. Details and a registration form were provided in the Spring issue of *Oklahoma Archeology*.

Curt Hendricks stated that he plans to talk to officers of archeological societies in neighboring states to seek new membership development ideas. Curt stated his belief that the Society should reconsider the possibility of changing the name of the Society to something less esoteric and with greater mass appeal. Considerable discussion among the Board members ensued, and the consensus was that the Membership Development Committee should select a new name for consideration, assemble the arguments for and against the new name, and present them both to the Board and to the general membership via the Society’s journal.

Don Shockey presented the Board with a draft type description for the new arrow point typology guide. He stated that formatting of the guide is in progress, and publication is expected by the end of 2003.

Kathy Gibbs, George Hanggi, and Charles Surber presented brief reports for the Society chapters in Oklahoma City, Ponca City, and Tulsa, respectively.

The Board discussed the possibility of meeting this summer, and the consensus was that no such meeting would be necessary. Upon a motion made by Lois Albert and seconded by Pam Wallace, the date for the 2003 fall meeting was set for Saturday, October 4.
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

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Minutes of a Business Meeting of the Members
Of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society

April 26, 2003

A business meeting of the members of the Society was held in the auditorium of the Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at 10:00 AM on the date indicated. President Dale McHard presided over the meeting, and Secretary-Treasurer Pete Thurmond recorded the minutes.

Dale McHard briefly recapped the business transacted at the meeting of the Board of Directors held earlier that morning. He noted the ongoing membership development efforts of the Board, and that the Membership Development Committee is considering making a proposal to change the name of the Society to something more readily recognizable and appealing to the general public, and less apt to be confused with the Oklahoma Archeological Survey. He suggested that the Membership Development Committee formalize the pro and con arguments regarding any name change proposal, publish them in the Society’s journal, and then bring it to a vote of the membership.

Dale then presented the following slate of candidates for election to the OAS Board of Directors: President: Kathy Gibbs; 1st Vice-President: K.C. Kraft; At-Large Directors: Carl Gilley, Pat Gilman, Frieda Odell, and Byron Sudbury. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Upon a motion made by Lois Albert and seconded by Dave Morgan, the six candidates were elected to their respective offices by acclamation.

The Golden Trowel Award for 2002 was presented to John and Loy Flick by Bob Brooks, Richard Drass, and Don Wyckoff for their many years of service to the Society, the Oklahoma Archeological Survey, and western Oklahoma archeology. Don showed slides from some of the many archeological field projects the Flicks have participated in over the past three decades.

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

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Bank Balances And YTD Income/Expense Through 03/31/2003

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**Net Income Through 03/31/2003** $3,285.95

As of 03/31/2003, the Society has:

- 335 individual memberships\(^{(1)}\);
- 61 institutional memberships;
- 396 memberships total\(^{(2)}\);
- 11 new memberships in 2003 year-to-date\(^{(3)}\);
- 69 memberships were not renewed from 2002\(^{(4)}\).

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\(^{(1)}\) 430 individual members total, including the Associate Members.
\(^{(2)}\) The 15 year average annual year-end membership total is 520.
\(^{(3)}\) The 15 year average annual new membership total is 104. Perhaps more relevant is that the number of new members per year averaged 111 from 1988-1996, but has averaged only about half that at an average of 59 new members per year since 1997.
\(^{(4)}\) The 15 year average annual non-renewed membership total is 91.