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# KyOPA NEWSLETTER

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## Call for Nominations

The KyOPA nominating committee requests nominations for three members of the Board of Directors to be installed at the next Annual Meeting. Board members Patty Jo Watson, Kit Wesler, and Phil DiBlasi are completing their terms of office, and KyOPA will hold an election to seat new members.

Board members are elected for three-year terms. Two seats are elected separately from the current three to promote some continuity in the governing board.

According to the bylaws, Members are eligible to vote, but there is no indication that the source of nominations is restricted to full Members. A Member, but no Associate Member, may serve on the Board of Directors. No Member may serve simultaneously as an officer and a voting member of the Board of Directors.

In accordance with the bylaws, a single campus or office may not be represented by more than one person on the KyOPA Board of Directors, although the campuses or offices represented by Board members may overlap with campuses or offices represented by the officers. Therefore keep in mind in making nominations that they cannot duplicate the campuses or offices held by the Board members who were elected last year (Ison and Carmean), but can duplicate those of the officers elected last year (Tune, Powell, and Sharp).

The nominating committee requests that all nominations be forwarded to any of the following committee members by December 16, 1995: Kit Wesler, Chair, Wickliffe Mounds Research Center, P.O. Box 155, Wickliffe, KY 42087, phone 502-335-3681; Jan Hemberger, ORLPD-R, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Box 59, Louisville, KY 40201-0059, phone 502-582-5696, fax 502-582-6734; or Jonathan Kerr, Cultural Resources Analysts, 143 Walton Avenue, Lexington, KY 40508, phone 606-252-4737, fax 606-254-3747.

## Letter from the President

A KyOPA Board meeting was held on May 13, 1995, at Rough River Dam Resort Park in Breckinridge County, Kentucky. Board Members present were Cecil Ison, Kit Wesler, Phil DiBlasi, and Kelli Carmean; not in attendance was Patty Jo Watson, who was out of the country for an extended time. Officers attending the meeting in addition to myself as president, were Mary Powell (VP) and Bill Sharp (Sec./Treas.).

- Topics discussed during the meeting included:
- suggested changes to the bylaws;
  - activity planning;
  - the creation of a manual for each Board member and the three officers outlining duties, responsibilities, procedures, and notes or records that are relevant to the specific positions;
  - the possibility of establishing four standing committees (bylaws, nominating, membership, activities);

- the possibility of archiving past KyOPA records at the W.S. Webb Museum of Anthropology, University of Kentucky;

- possible changes to the make-up of the nominating committee to ensure that researchers, CRM, governmental workers, and females are all represented; and,

- the possibility of donating KyOPA money toward the excavation of a National Register site.

These items will be discussed further at the Annual Meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, January 20, 1996. A meeting notice and agenda will be mailed to members after the first of the year.

Having concluded with Old Business, the Board then turned their attention to items of New Business. The first item on the agenda concerned the "Kentucky Archaeological Survey" (Survey or KAS). The Board and Officers were presented with written requests from several members of the archaeological community regarding their desire to have more specific information about the proposed activities of the Survey. After reading and discussing the submitted requests, all available printed KAS information, and the contribution of additional background information about the Survey by Dr. Mary Powell, the Board agreed that KyOPA should offer to act as a vehicle of disseminating information to the archaeological community about this topic. A motion was made and passed, to contact in writing Mr. David Morgan, of the Kentucky Heritage Council, and Dr. Tom Dillehay, of the University of Kentucky, to formally offer to host a meeting or facilitate communication in any way possible regarding this topic.

Having concluded the discussion of KAS, it was suggested and agreed upon by the Board that KyOPA should draft a letter to be sent to the

state legislators that expressed support of historic preservation. At 6:00 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

In May and June, open meetings were held at the University of Kentucky to discuss the formalization and future direction of the Kentucky Archaeological Survey. As of October, the KAS had conducted a number of surveys and educational activities in conjunction with archaeological investigations. Work has included:

- State Park surveys: 1) Big Bone Lick; 2) Cooperas Creek Wilderness Area in the Daniel Boone National Forest; 3) Levi Jackson State Park; and 4) Tom Sawyer State Park);

- archaeological excavation projects: 1) History Center Archaeological Project -- urban archaeology in downtown Frankfort; 2) Louisville Convention Center excavation of historic privies; 3) Louisville Farnsley-Moorman House weekend excavations in conjunction with the Louisville Archaeology Weekend; and

- educational based community involvement projects: 1) "Digging Your Community," a week-long teachers' workshop covering the topics of archaeology, oral history, folklore, and the built environment, conducted in conjunction with the History Center excavations; 2) activities involving 4th Graders at a Lower Shawneetown site; 3) several school presentations; and 4) fieldwork and laboratory processing activities with volunteers from Georgetown College and the University of Louisville.

During early spring, a bill was introduced in the United States House of Representatives to eliminate funding for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. With a flurry of telephone calls, E-mail, faxes, etc. (time was too limited for a newsletter) an effort was made by Chuck Niquette, other KyOPA members, and myself, to contact as many individuals and groups as possible

to urge them to call or write the appropriate in-state and out-of-state legislators to urge them to vote against this bill.

Then, when it seemed all might be lost, the effort from fellow Kentuckians and interested parties across the U.S. resulted in VICTORY. Yes, we did it! We Won! In mid-July the United States House of Representatives voted overwhelmingly to approve the funding for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and to defeat an attempt to cut the funding for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The votes were 267 yeas versus 130 nays to approve the amendment made by Rep. Sanders (I-Vermont) to restore funding for the Advisory Council. Similarly, the vote was 129 yeas versus 281 nays to defeat the amendment by Rep. Hutchinson (R-Arkansas) to delete funding for the Council. I cannot stress to you, just how close a call this was and that the favorable outcome was nothing short of a small miracle.

Other federally funded organizations and groups were not so fortunate (e.g., Tribes and the Forest Service, etc.) having had their funding levels dramatically reduced. These events underscore the importance and need for a strong and active professional organization in Kentucky.

A group outing at Wickliffe had been proposed for a fall activity, however, problems arose at the last minute and attempts to schedule another event this fall were not forthcoming. If you have suggestions for an activity for Spring '96, please discuss them at the upcoming Annual Meeting.

The bylaws committee will meet in December, and possibly again in January, in order to discuss recommended changes to the bylaws. All

proposed bylaw changes will be voted upon by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Have a Happy Holiday,

Terry

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#### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

January 2-7, 1996. Society for Historical Archaeology Conference on Historical Underwater Archaeology, Omni Netherland Plaza, Cincinnati, Ohio. The dual themes are Bridging Distances: Recent Approaches to Immigration, Migration, and Ethnic Identity and Forging Partnerships in Outreach and Education. Contacts: Marcy Gray, Conference Chair, Gray and Pape, Inc., 1318 Main Street, Cincinnati, OH 45210, 523-665-6707, email 76554.3313Xcompuserve.com; or Kim A. McBride, Program Coordinator, Dept. of Anthropology, 211 Lafferty Hall, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY 40506-0024, 606-257-1944, email: kamcbr004pukcc.uky.edu.

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January 20, 1996. KyOPA Annual Meeting. Time and place to be announced by special mailing, which will include an agenda.  
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March 2-3, 1996. 13th Annual Kentucky Heritage Council Archaeology Conference, Shelby Campus, Conference and Training Center, University of Louisville, 9001 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Abstracts should be submitted no later than January 5, 1996, to: David Pollack, Kentucky Heritage Council, 300 Washington Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601, 502-564-7005. Participants will be allocated 20 minutes for paper presentations. Selected conference

papers will be assembled into a proceeding's volume and published by the Kentucky Heritage Council. Maximum paper publication length is 40 double spaced pages.

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March 23-24, 1996. 14th Annual Symposium on Ohio Valley Urban and Historic Archaeology, at the Shelby Campus of the University of Louisville, Kentucky. The meeting will be hosted by Joseph E. Granger, arrangements chair, and Kit W. Wesler, program chair. Papers are sought concerning all aspects of regional urban and historical archaeology. The Symposium is oriented towards providing a forum for formal papers. To enable as many colleagues as possible to participate actively, we are seeking short (20 minutes) substantive papers on a one paper per person basis. Papers may be submitted for publication in the Symposium's Proceedings, Ohio Valley Historical Archaeology, edited by Robert Fryman.

Interested participants are requested to submit a response slip (available from Kit Wesler, President and Treasurer, Wickliffe Mounds Research Center, P.O. Box 155, Wickliffe, KY 42087, 502-335-3681) as soon as possible, and an abstract (100 words or less) before March 1, 1996. Abstracts must be received by March 1 to be included on the agenda.

Lodging. The U of L Shelby Campus is a self-contained conference center. Dorm-style rooms are available at \$13/person/night for double occupancy or \$18/person/night for single

occupancy. For reservations, contact Judy Metcalf, University of Louisville, Shelby Campus, 114 Burhans Hall, Louisville, KY 40292, (502) 852-8577, FAX (502) 852-8573, by March 15, 1996.

Registration. A small registration fee to cover facilities and refreshments will be collected at the conference. Cash or checks only.

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April 10-14, 1996. 61st Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology, Marriott Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana. If this is a typical New Orleans conference, the conference specifics (hotel registration forms, agenda) will be available after the conference hotel and all nearby hotels are all booked solid and it is too late to get supersaver fares on the airlines.

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April 15, 1996. History and Prehistory of Ceramic Kilns Symposium, Indianapolis, Indiana, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the American Ceramic Society and sponsored by the Committee on Ceramic History. Focus will be on kiln and kiln-firing techniques. For further information, contact: Prudence M. Rice, Department of Anthropology, Mailcode 4502, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL 62901; or W. David Kingery, MSE-338E Mines Building, #12, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

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To submit materials to the KyOPA newsletter, mail disks (3.5" in ASCII) or mail or fax articles to Pamela Scheinian, 3200 Raintree Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40220-3364. Phone and fax: 502-495-1628. I prefer receiving KyOPA material at my home, but an automatic dial/computer generated fax may not work with my home answering machine. If you can't get a fax through to my home number, send it to me at work (502-624-1868).

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#### Seeking Workshop Input

The KyOPA Board and Officers are interested in having KyOPA sponsor workshops which would be of interest to the membership, particularly workshops which would enhance the professional abilities of KyOPA members. If you have any suggestions for workshops you would like to attend or would be willing to give, please submit them to: Terry Tune, DSMRE/Permits, #2 Hudson Hollow, U.S. 127 South, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601-4321. There is no deadline for submission.

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#### New Historic Archaeology Publication

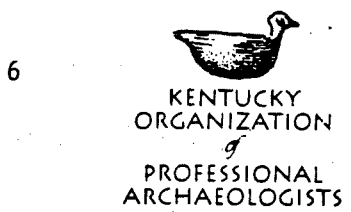
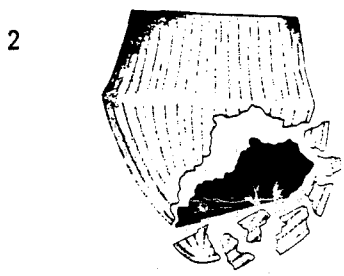
The Historical Archaeology in Kentucky volume, which has been "in prep." for some time, is now at the printers and is expected to be available for purchase in January at the Society for Historic Archaeology meetings in Cincinnati. Not going? Contact Kim McBride for purchase information.

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No Go on Logo  
 by Pamela Schenian,  
 Logo Committee, Chair

So few people responded to the logo vote that it was impossible to make a selection. The logo vote is repeated here, in the hopes that the rest of you will send them in this time. Please do not vote if you responded to the April call.



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**Notes from the Editor**  
by Pamela A. Schenian

The next KyOPA newsletter will be issued on or about April 1, 1996, unless I am swamped with submissions before that.

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Didn't get an issue since last April? There weren't any, due to lack of submissions.

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