Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission

On March 5, 1996, Governor Paul Patton signed Executive Order 96-272, creating the Kentucky Native American Heritage Commission (Commission). The executive order charges the Commission with several duties and responsibilities. The Commission will advise the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet and the Kentucky Heritage Council on matters relating to Native Americans in Kentucky, whether prehistoric, historic, or contemporary. The Commission also will advise the Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet agencies on matters relating to Native American heritage and the Governor on matters relating to the official state recognition of Native American tribes or groups. It will be responsible for encouraging private organizations and public agencies associated with the arts, humanities, and sciences to include information on Native American influences in programs developed on the history and heritage of Kentucky, and it will recognize and sanction projects which advance wider knowledge of Native Americans' impact on life in Kentucky. The Commission will support the preservation and interpretation of historic properties, artifacts, documents, and lifestyles that represent and embody Native American heritage. The Commission also is responsible for identifying and applying for any federal funds available to the Commission as a nonprofit state Native American organization.

Executive Order 96-272 requires the Commission to represent a network of groups and individuals interested or actively involved in promoting awareness of Native American heritage of Kentucky. The specific categories to be represented are stipulated in the executive order. The Commission will consist of 17 members, with the following breakdown: the Secretary of the Education, Arts and Humanities Cabinet or designee; three (3) representatives of institutions of higher learning; two (2) members from the preservation or archaeological communities; one (1) representative of the arts community; and ten (10) public-at-large members. The executive order requires the Commission members to be from geographically diverse areas of Kentucky and state law requires commissions to be balanced by political party affiliation. The Governor will appoint the chair and vice-chair of the committee.

The Kentucky Heritage Council (KHC) will be responsible for the Commission's correspondence and recordkeeping, and a KHC staff person will coordinate Commission staff needs. Each agency within the Education, Arts, and Humanities Cabinet will be required to appoint a staff person to act as the liaison between that agency and the Commission. The Executive Order enables the Commission to hire its own staff, but does not mandate it.

The Commission must meet a minimum of three times each year. Com-
mission members will not be paid for their services, but may be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of Commission duties.

There is the potential for KyOPA members to serve on the Commission under two of the categories— institutions of higher learning and preservation or archaeological community. To submit your name for consideration for appointment to the Commission, send a resume and cover letter to Governor Paul E. Patton (Office of the Governor, 700 Capital Avenue, Ste. 100, Frankfort, KY 40601). The cover letter should state the Commission's full name, which slot (e.g., archaeologist, public-at-large) you are interested in, and why you are interested in serving on the commission.

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A New Radiocarbon Date from the McLeod Bluff Site (15Hil), Hickman County, Kentucky by William L. Lawrence, Tennessee Division of Archaeology

The McLeod Bluff site, also known as O'Byams Fort, consists of a large Mississippian mound complex and associated habitation area situated on the loess bluffs adjacent to Obion Creek. The site is located a few kilometers upstream from the creek's confluence with the Mississippi River at Hickman, Kentucky.

Small scale excavations were conducted at the site during the late nineteenth and twentieth centuries (Thomas 1894, Webb and Funkhouser 1933), but no professional excavations had been accomplished since the work of Funkhouser and Webb. The University of Illinois Western Kentucky Project (Lewis 1986) was unable to gain permission from the current landowners for any type of investigation at the site. The Western Kentucky Project's inability to work at this site has created an unavoidable, but unfortunate, void in the project's otherwise thorough coverage of Mississippian sites in the Jackson Purchase Region.

In January 1995, I visited the site and observed a portion of what appeared to be a structure that had been exposed by erosion along the site's eastern boundary. This structure consisted of a 5 to 10 cm thick lens of reddish orange daub rubble beneath approximately 20 cm of dark brown midden. The daub lens was visible for a distance of almost 3 m and one post mold was observed at each end of the daub lens. The southern post mold was included within a wall trench although no wall trench was visible on the northern end. A large midden-filled trash pit originated from the structure floor and had been essentially bisected by erosion. Wood charcoal was observed in the exposed profile of this trash pit. I contacted the landowners and they declined my request to salvage the remaining portion of the structure, however they did allow me to excavate the trash pit and collect samples for radiocarbon dating.

The trash pit was approximately 50 cm wide and extended to a maximum depth of 43 cm below the structure floor. Although at least half of the feature had eroded into Obion Creek before the feature was discovered, a number of temporally diagnostic artifacts were recovered. Portions of at least three Mississippi Plain jars, one Kimmswick Fabric Impressed pan sherd, and a partially reconstructable Wickliffe Thick funnel were included in the feature fill. Non-diagnostic material included a bone awl or hair pin, assorted lithic debitage, and faunal remains. Although no formal analysis has been conducted, most or all of the faunal remains appear to be deer.
A 7.5 gram sample of wood charcoal was collected from portions of the feature that had not been exposed by erosion, all charcoal that was exposed or near the surface was discarded to avoid contamination. This charcoal sample was submitted to Beta Analytic through a grant from the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists and produced an assay of 600 +/- 70 BP (Beta-93041). Calibration at 2 sigma resulted in a date of A.D. 1280 (1395) 1440. The significance of this single date lies primarily in the fact that it is the only date available from this very large Mississippian site and considering the attitude of the present landowners toward excavation, opportunities to collect additional samples will not be forthcoming in the near future.

Of course a cautionary note is always in order whenever one reports a single radiocarbon date from any site, and especially so when the site is a large Mississippian multi-mound civic/ceremonial center. Surface collections amassed over the last several years, and inspection of vessels in private collections from the site suggests that 15H11 has a long and complex occupational history that almost certainly spans several centuries.

The structure from which this date was derived has completely eroded into Obion Creek in recent months. It is unfortunate that a more thorough salvage excavation could not have been conducted prior to its loss.

A sincere expression of thanks is extended to the KyOPA membership for providing funding for the date that we were able to obtain. Hopefully it will be of use in the continuing research into the Mississippian period of the Jackson Purchase Region.

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Mary Powell, Kelli Carmean, and Gwynn Henderson, members of the KyOPA Education Outreach Committee, met to collect ideas and information about a for-the-public booklet that KyOPA may like to produce. This winter the committee came up with a tentative Table of Contents, which was presented to KyOPA officers at the Kentucky Heritage Council meeting in Louisville. It is as follows:

I. Kentucky Prehistory
II. Kentucky History
III. What is Archaeology?
IV. Great Sites/Studies of Kentucky Archaeology
V. Being a Responsible Collector
VI. Archaeology and the Law
VII. Great Myths of Kentucky Archaeology
VIII. Commonly Asked Questions about Kentucky Archaeology
IX. Further Reading
X. Contact Organizations/People
The booklet's length and cost will depend on a number of factors: subject(s) covered; availability of existing good images (photographs, drawings, maps); availability of existing good text; and resources available, including money, people, expertise. Another factor will be the physical format, including page size, reproduction method (printed or photocopied), layout costs, paper type for cover and inside pages, and choice of black and white or color. Generally for a well-illustrated 32-page (including cover) booklet for the public, text runs about 7000-7500 words, or about two pages less than the average 20-page undergraduate term paper.

The committee solicited price quotes from Dick Ruehrwein of The Creative Company, a national publisher of guide books, educational workbooks, and children's discovery books (the company just produced a guide book for Big Bone Lick State Park, which is what brought the company to our attention). The Creative Company's cost for producing booklets includes all art, text (they write it and KyOPA approves it or KyOPA write it), design, typesetting, printing, and photography.

For a 20-page 7.5 x 10 inch black and white booklet with full color cover:

3,000 copies @ $2.50 = $7,500
5,000 copies @ $2.50 = $12,500

For a 48-page 7.5 x 10 inch black and white booklet with full color cover:

3,000 copies @ $3.50 = $10,500
5,000 copies @ $3.00 = $15,000

In comparison, the cost for KyOPA producing a booklet itself can be estimated from the price of the new for-the-public Slack Farm booklet published by the Kentucky Archaeological Survey. This 32-page 6x9 inch black and white booklet with two color cover cost: 2,000 copies @ $2.75 or $5,500 (but this does not include time to write and edit the text).

The KyOPA Education Outreach Committee feels it can go no further on this project without input from the Board and membership alike. Some questions for thought include:

1. Who should be the target audience?
2. How long should the booklet be?
3. Is a booklet format the correct format? Would a folded brochure or handout sheet be more appropriate?
4. How much money does the organization want to spend?
5. Will the booklet be free or for sale?
6. How will it be marketed if KyOPA sells it?
7. Given the variety of topics covered in the tentative Table of Contents, should KyOPA consider several smaller booklets (i.e., an educational series)?
8. How much new text will need to be written?
9. How much responsibility are people willing to take on versus how much should be farmed out (i.e., the difference between volunteered time and paid time, which would ensure timely project completion)?
10. Should KyOPA do this project alone, or solicit the aid and involvement of other organizations?

These and other considerations will be discussed at the next general membership meeting and should be resolved before KyOPA embarks on this project.

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To submit materials for the newsletter, mail disks (3.5" in ASCII) or mail or fax articles to: Pamela Schenian, 3200 Raintree Place, Louisville, KY 40220-3364. Home phone/fax: (502) 495-1628; work fax: (502) 624-1868.
American Cultural Resources Association
by Charles M. Niquette

The American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) is an association of private consulting firms with the mission to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association. ACRA has been around for a little over a year now—a very active year. But unless you are a member and have e-mail (and have sent us your e-mail address) you may not be aware of some of the things we have done.

Since incorporation in March 1995, we have gained over 115 corporate members and 25 associates. We have spent most of our time and money on lobbying, our national conference, and management (mailings, internet, finances, etc.). You might well ask, what has ACRA actually done that benefits you or cultural resources consulting. Here are a few highlights.

ACRA successfully helped preserve the Advisory Council in 1995 by sending out letters to members of Congress, helping our compatriot organizations (Preservation Action, SAA, SHA, NCPH, etc.) to join in the fight, and getting solid information to our members and thousands of others via the Internet that they could rely on, and respond to, in a timely fashion. We have sent representatives to Capitol Hill to testify for the first time on behalf of private consultants for the Advisory Council and Section 106.

ACRA has published a monthly newsletter that has up-to-date information on major issues of concern to cultural resources consultants and our members. We set up and are coordinating several committees on topics of concern to our members including labor relations, OSHA, membership and fund raising, academic education and training, competitive practices, and best practices. The latter committee came about from a meeting last October with various federal agencies, including the National Park Service, the Forest Service, and the National Conference of State and Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), which came up with the idea of the best practices committee.

ACRA is now recognized as a national organization by other preservation organizations and by federal agencies. We have had meetings with or sent representatives to meetings of federal and SHPO staffs in Washington D.C. and elsewhere to represent for the first time the consultants' point of view on federal regulations and procurement. These included meetings with the President's Advisory Council (spring 1995), the staffs of 23 states' Historic Preservation Officers and the Keeper of the National Register (November 1995), the joint federal and SAA/SHA Reinventing Archaeology conference (winter 1996), etc.

This is the first time many of these agencies and staffs have met with representatives of the cultural resources industry and discussed mutual problems and concerns. We have also been asked to send speakers to state professional organizations and to national conferences of other organizations.

We have held three board meetings, one in Atlanta, one in Washington, and one in Baltimore. Our next board meeting is scheduled for Sacramento before our second national conference on November 1-3, 1996. These are open meetings and members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member, we encourage you to join and come to our meetings.
We maintain a popular and successful internet mailing list, ACRA-L, with over 250 subscribers that is being quoted to and referred to by others in academia and in federal and state agencies. If you have had trouble signing on in the past, please try again. We have had some snafus with approvals that have now been corrected.

We maintain a content-oriented web site that is receiving as many as 1,200 hits per week, and several requests per day for more information about ACRA or problems confronting the cultural resources industry. Our web site provides links to downloadable information on federal laws, federal procurement offices, a list of our members, other information of interest to our members, and links to other organizations.

We have mailed out thousands of brochures and other mailings soliciting support and providing information. We have answered countless telephone calls for help and for more information about ACRA and the issues we are addressing. We have sent out a list of our members and an ethics statement to all the SHPOs, informing them that there is a group of consultants that supports ethical behavior and sound business practices. We have mailed press releases, such as this one, and information to various national and regional CRM related newsletters and journals about ACRA and the Advisory Council problem.

We hired a lawyer, Maurice Baskin, through a special fund to help address the Department of Labor wage determination issue, and the labor relations committee held a meeting in Washington with him and three federal agencies to discuss the issue this winter. This was followed by meetings with our board of directors in Baltimore and with federal agency cultural resource staff at the Society for American Archaeology conference in New Orleans to discuss this issue. We are supporting the U.S. Forest Service's appeal of the archaeological field technician job description. This is important for everyone seeking federal contracts, whether or not they are archaeologists, because cultural resources contracts also contain history and historic preservation research.

Where do we go from here? Not everything has been perfect or gone smoothly. We need more members to help pay for our lobbying and information gathering services. We also need more members to have more clout with Congress, federal agencies, and others. If you would like to join, call Tom Wheaton, our executive director at (770) 498-4155, or David Ketz, our membership chairperson, at 612-290-0977, or any of our board members.

By now you have probably heard that the United Archaeological Field Technicians (UAFT) is making a concerted effort to force companies into financial difficulties by appealing 70 federal contracts to the Department of Labor over the wage determination issue. We would like to advise you to be careful bidding on any federal project requiring archaeological technicians (no matter what term is actually used, no matter if the contract does not mention the Service Contract Act, no matter if there are no other wage determinations attached). Ask the Contracting Officer if the agency has submitted an SF 98 to determine the need for wage determinations. If they have not done so, ask them to do so. If they have not, this means they do not really know if they have to use the #29020 (archaeological technician) job description or not.

As cultural resource consultants, we have other problems as well. Even though Rep. Hanson's subcommittee will pass along the National His-
toric Preservation Act reauthorization to the full committee, it has been badly wounded. The reauthorization appears to be more of an attempt to gut the law over the next two years, than to support preservation. We need to keep the pressure on, and with the help of CEHP Incorporated we will keep on top of things. As part of this effort, ACRA recently approved an agreement with CEHP Incorporated to supply ACRA corporate members with an on-line newsletter. This is in addition to Internet alerts and ACRA-L.

To contact ACRA, find out who we are, or leave us a note, please visit our web site at: <http://www.mindspring.com/~wheaton/ACRA.html>.

To join ACRA-L, send this one line message:

SUBSCRIBE ACRA-L Billy Bob Smith
(or whatever name you prefer)
to this address: <listproc@listproc.nonprofit.net>.

The subject of your message does not matter unless you put the message in the subject, and then weird things can happen!

Please remember that e-mail is not case sensitive, but the web is. If all else fails, e-mail Tom Wheaton at <tomwheaton@aol.com>.

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MEETINGS AND EVENTS

July 14-November 24, 1996. The Indianapolis Museum of Art, 1200 W. 38th St., Indianapolis, IN, is hosting a series of Africa-related events. The American Discovery of Ancient Egypt, about 1899-1980 excavations by American scholars, runs July 14-September 29. Egypt in Africa, examining differing scholarly viewpoints on the relationship of Egypt to African societies, runs August 24-November 24. AfricaFest, an African arts, culture, and food festival is August 24. For more information or tickets ($6) call the Civic Theatre Box Office 317-923-4597.

September 14-22, 1996. First official "Tennessee Archaeology Awareness Week", emphasizing "why archaeology is important". The organizers seek museums, libraries, and professional and amateur archaeologists to sponsor events (e.g., lectures at schools or libraries; demonstrations of prehistoric crafts; artifact identification sessions; museum exhibits; site tours). Archaeologists outside but bordering Tennessee or who have a research interest in Tennessee are encouraged to participate. Contact: Kevin Smith, Anthropology, PO Box 10, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN, 37132, 615-895-5958; or Katherine Sanford, TN Div. of Archaeology, 5103 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN, 37211, 615-741-1588.

September 21, 1996. KYOPA meeting and public event tentatively scheduled at Fort Knox is cancelled.


October 11-13, 1996. Archaeology Weekend at Riverside, the Farnsley-Moreman House, 7410 Moorman Road, Louisville. Friday, Oct. 11 will be for school children; Saturday and Sunday, for the general public. Call 502-935-6809 for more information.


November 2-3, 1996. "Preserving the Past" Archaeology Weekend at Mammoth Cave National Park will feature speakers, craft demonstrations,
exhibits, and children's activities. Nov. 2 speakers: Patty Jo Watson, "The First Farmers"; Guy Prentice, "Prehistoric Religions" and "Archaeology of Mammoth Cave National Park"; Valerie Haskins, "Glyphs of Crumps Cave"; and George Crothers, "Earthwatch at Mammoth Cave". Nov. 3 speakers: Charles Swedlund, "Names Without Faces Project"; Phil DiBlasi, "Archaeology and Cemeteries"; Charles Faulkner, "Historic Archaeology Overview"; and Susan Duncan, "Overview of Saltpeter Mining in Kentucky". Call 502-758-2251, ext. 17, for more information.

November 6-9, 1996. 1996 Southeastern Archaeological Conference (SEAC) meeting, Sheraton Civic Center Hotel, Birmingham, Alabama.

November 16-18, 1996. Kentucky Academy of Sciences (KAS) meetings will be held at Kentucky State University, Frankfort, KY. KAS meetings include papers from a variety of disciplines, and are a good venue for first time presenters (calms the nerves to know most of the audience knows less about archaeology than you do). Each presenter will have 15 minutes for their talk and 5 minutes to answer questions from the audience. Cash prizes for the three top student papers. Abstract deadline is September 13, 1996, and must be accompanied by a "Paper Submission Form". For form and more information contact: Robert Creek, KAS, Program Director, Department of Biology, Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 40475, phone 606-622-1539; fax 606-622-1020.

January 25, 1997. KyOPA annual meeting (tentative date; details to be announced).

March 22-23, 1997. Symposium on Ohio Valley Urban and Historic Archaeology, Executive Inn, Paducah, KY. Arrangements and program chair: Kit Wesler, Wickliffe Mounds Research Center, P.O. Box 155, Wickliffe, KY 42087. Further details to follow.


Newsletter Editorial Policy
by Pamela A. Schenian, editor

There have been some questions about the editorial policy for the newsletter. KyOPA has no formal editorial policy. I feel, however, that an editor, by definition, has the right to edit submitted materials for typos, grammatical errors, clarity, and space considerations, but not intent. Research articles are also edited to conform with American Antiquity style guidelines. If you have a problem with this, let me know beforehand and submit the material far enough ahead of the issue deadline so I can return materials to you with comments or questions. Blindsiding me with complaints after the issue is out will be taken as your application for and acceptance of the job of newsletter editor. Time-sensitive submissions and articles relating to issues which might affect the way the archaeologists work are given top priority for inclusion in an issue. Other items might be bumped for later use. Some "Events and Meetings" items are submitted, but I glean others from professional journals, press releases, and newspapers. Items relating to eastern North American archaeology or specific topics of interest to some KyOPA members are given priority. If space allows, other archaeological or anthropological events of possible interest to KyOPA members and within a day-trip radius of Kentucky might be included.

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KYOPA MEMBERSHIP STATUS UPDATE

Add to 1996 KyOPA Paid Membership

The names, addresses, and phone, fax and e-mail numbers of all KyOPA members, paid, "about to lapse", and prospective were published in the April 1996 letter. The following is a list of individuals from the April "about to lapse" list who either have subsequently paid or notified the Secretary-Treasurer that their status was previously incorrect. Individuals with addresses changed since the April issue are indicated by the (c) followed by their name and new address.

BRADBURY, Andrew P.  
DROOKER, Penelope  
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HARD, Robert  
HENDERSON, A. Gwynn

KLUTE, David  
KLUTE, Rose  
LOGSDON, Phil  
MCILHANY, Calvert G.

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(c) FAULKNER, Johnny, U.S. Forest Service, Stanton Ranger District, 705 W. College Avenue, Stanton, KY 40380, 606-663-2852 (wp)

Additional Prospective Member

Prospective members are individuals who have submitted their credentials, but have not yet been inducted into KyOPA by a vote of the membership. Prospective members will receive the newsletter gratis until the next general meeting.

Bill Lawrence, Department of Environment and Conservation, Northwest Tennessee Field Station, Route #1, Box 27, Tiptonville, TN 38079. 901-253-8003 (wp), 901-885-4846 (hp)

NOTICE OF LAPSED MEMBERSHIP

If your name appears below, your membership is now lapsed. You no longer have voting rights within KyOPA. This is your final newsletter. If dues are not paid within 30 days after the postmark date of this issue, you will be dropped from the organization roles and mailing list. After you are dropped, you must go through the formal application procedure stipulated in the bylaws to become a member again.

If you want to continue as a KyOPA member, please send your 1996 dues ($10) to Bill Sharp, KyOPA Secretary/Treasurer, 3010 River Circle Road, Richmond, KY 40475.

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FRENCE, Michael W.  
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HARDESTY, Edgar  
HASKINS, Valerie  
HEILMANN, James M.  
HILGERMANN, Sherri  
HINES, Valerie  
HUGHES, Myra  
IRWIN, Jeff  
MASLONSKI, Robert F.  
MCKELWAY, Henry St. Clair  
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STEVENSEN, Keith  
STOUT, Chuck  
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WAGNER, Mark  
WATTS-ROY, Jeffrey L.  
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The newsletter text must be an even number of pages in order to be folded and mailed without leaving a blank page. I write short filler articles or use graphics to fill space. My ideal length for a newsletter is 10-12 pages—it's long enough to make me feel like I've accomplished something worth the time it takes but it still can be folded and mailed for 32 cents.

KyOPA does not have a formal advertising policy. 501(c)(3) corporations, such as KyOPA, are restricted on types of ads, if they use bulk mail permits. KyOPA is too small for bulk mail, so that does not apply. Some articles have appeared which could be construed in part or in whole as ads, so it probably is time to develop a formal policy. Any ideas?

Call for Nominations: 1997--Year of the Officers

At the January 1997 annual meeting, a new president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer will be elected. If the nominating committee (Mary Powell, chair; Phil DiBlasi and Nancy O'Malley) identifies a slate of candidates before November, the ballot can be published in the November newsletter and all KyOPA members, not just those able to attend the annual meeting, will be able to vote. Current Directors (Cecil Ison, Kelli Carmean, Pamela Schenian, Nancy Ross-Stallings, and Kris Gremillion) cannot serve as officers. Submit nominations to any committee member by October 1.

Next issue is November 1996. Please submit materials by October 25.

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