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In lieu of a reading of the minutes of last year's annual meeting at the 1995 meeting, the minutes are published below. KyOPA members should read these and be prepared to vote to accept them as written or be prepared to amend them at the March meeting.

Minutes, KyOPA meeting, 2/25/94, submitted by Kim McBride, Secretary/Treasurer.

The annual meeting of the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists was held on February 25, 1994, at Northern Kentucky University. President Tom Sussenbach called the meeting to order and presented a summary of the most recent board meeting, which had resulted in a call for more working committees and a decision to not introduce further changes in membership categories or requirements at this time.

Secretary/Treasurer Kim McBride read the minutes from the last meeting, which were approved (moved C. Niquette). McBride also presented the treasurer's report (current balance of \$2400), which was also approved (moved K. Wesler). Members were asked to remit dues for 1994, which most did at this time.

The next item of business was a discussion of voting and election procedures. It was approved to conduct most routine business at the meeting with voice votes, with elections to be handled through a nominating committee which would compose a slate of candidates. A nominating committee composed of Kit Wesler

(chair), Jan Hemberger, and Jon Kerr was appointed. Tom Sussenbach noted that the bylaws tied voting to meetings, and that a change in the bylaws to allow voting by mail would be useful. Discussion followed, concluding that it might be useful to look into the voting procedures of other organizations, and to clarify the specifics of running an election.

The next item of business was new members. Two new members were nominated, Mike Anslinger (by C. Niquette) and Cecil Ison (by K. McBride). Both were approved by the board and the general membership.

The next item of business was the vacant Board of Directors position, occasioned by the move and resignation of former director Rose Kluth. It was suggested that this position be filled by Phil DiBlasi, the candidate who had been previously nominated to run against Rose Kluth. Chuck Niquette moved to close this nomination, and Phil DiBlasi was approved by a voice vote.

At this time several items of old business were addressed. Tom Sussenbach reported that Pam Schenian had volunteered to handle the KyOPA newsletter, and encouraged members to submit information. Pam Schenian suggested submissions in ASCII or Volkswriter formats. Discussion then turned to the KyOPA logo, it being noted that one submission had been received, from Dave Kluth. Kit Wesler moved that Sept. 1, 1994 be the deadline for further submissions, motion passed.

Chuck Niquette reported on the OSM suit, noting that although the OSM suit had been "won," a lack of movement toward compliance was leading to a consideration of a second suit. The paperwork for refund to contributors to the first suit was in progress, and at this time the second suit would probably only require signature, rather than monetary support. Mike Anslinger reported that the results of the OSM suit were mixed in Indiana, with larger coal companies still fighting the suit and much acreage not being looked at before mining.

The meeting was then opened up to new business. Mary Powell announced the renaming of the UK Museum of Anthropology to the William S. Webb Museum of Anthropology and reported on the upcoming SEAC meeting. After discussion on the possible role of KyOPA in the meeting, Pat Watson moved (second K. Wesler) that KyOPA should contribute to a reception, tentatively scheduled for the Children's Museum. After discussion on the need for visible acknowledgment of such a contribution and an amount between \$200 and \$300, Bill Sharp moved to amend the original motion to let the Board decide the final amount. Motion and amendment passed in a voice vote. Cheryl Claassen suggested that the total membership, rather than the board, should make more decisions. Tom Sussenbach noted that additional participation of KyOPA members in the SEAC meeting was encouraged, and Mary Powell noted that all volunteers would receive a waiver of the \$35 registration fee.

The next new business item was discussion of a possible fall outing or meeting. Options suggested included a picnic in a state park (P. DiBlasi) or excavation at a rockshelter (C. Ison), or a tour of petroglyphs (K. Carmean). Cecil Ison

indicated willingness to host a petroglyph tour.

The next item of business was KyOPA's participation in the state fair exhibit. Phil DiBlasi suggested that more formal commitment and organization from KyOPA would be helpful, and agreed to continue to coordinate volunteers. He requested that interested parties let him know by July 20th. Jan Hemberger and Steve Mocas agreed to also help with this.

The next item of new business was possible KyOPA participation in the 1996 SHA meeting in Cincinnati, which is hosted by Gray and Pape, Inc., and co-hosted by the University of Kentucky and Kentucky Heritage Council. Members Kim McBride and Bob Genheimer encouraged KyOPA's support. Gwynn Henderson made a motion for KyOPA support. During discussion, Tom Sanders and Chuck Niquette voiced concerns about monetary support. Chuck Niquette moved that Tom Sussenbach appoint a committee to develop an appropriate form of involvement, which would be reported to the membership in the newsletter. This motion was passed by a voice vote. Nancy O'Malley, Pam Schenian, and Kim McBride were appointed.

The next item of business was the need for additional committees. Chuck Niquette moved that a bylaw review committee be created. After passage by a voice vote, Pat Watson, Chuck Niquette, Tom Sussenbach, Berle Clay, and Cheryl Claassen were appointed. Discussion also followed that KYyPA needed to conduct more activities, such as workshops (such as remote sensing or pottery analysis) or tours (Civil War sites or Adena sites suggested) for the membership, and that a special events committee would be helpful. Chuck Niquette moved that a special events

committee be created. After passage of this motion, Berle Clay, Bill Sharp, and John Carter were appointed.

The next item of business was the specifications for fieldwork. David Morgan suggested that the Kentucky Heritage Council could take the lead on this and possible issue a questionnaire. Chuck Niquette asked for clarification about the summary forms currently used by KHC, with David Pollack responding that they were still useful.

Concern was then raised about construction activities at Coldstream Farm, by the University of Kentucky, with possible involvement by the Lexington Fayette Urban County government as well. No definite action was recommended at this time.

Cheryl Claassen suggested that KyOPA should consider the needs of unemployed or underemployed archaeologists, perhaps sending out a survey to gather information on the extent of the problem.

Pam Schenian reported on the Legacy Program and opportunities for archaeological research, and that Fort Campbell might be hiring a staff archaeologist in the near future.

Bob Genheimer invited KyOPA members to respond to a call for papers for the Ohio Archaeological Council's upcoming meeting, one week after the SEAC, with a theme on Late Prehistoric.

Chuck Niquette moved adjournment, which passed unanimously.

The moving date for the Program for Cultural Resource Assessment, University of Kentucky, is now scheduled for March.

Updating Your Kentucky Archaeology Bibliography with NADB

The Office of State Archaeology (OSA) published The Bibliography of Kentucky Archaeology: 1764-1981 in 1982 and updates in 1983, 1984, and 1987. Since all reports submitted to OSA are now entered into a National Archeological Database (NADB) file, OSA has discontinued the practice of publishing the bibliography updates, which are time-consuming and expensive to compile and publish. In lieu of paper updates, OSA will provide a copy of the NADB file, free of charge, to interested professional archaeologists. Individuals wishing to obtain a copy must supply two high-density IBM compatible 3.5 inch disks to: Dr. R. Berle Clay, Office of State Archaeology, Department of Anthropology, University of Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky 40506. The NADB file can be updated by submitting new disks to Berle on an annual, or whatever, basis, and overwriting the version on the computer with the most recent version. For more information, call Berle at 606-257-5735.

Remember that in order to get listed in NADB, you have to submit materials to OSA. Everyone should scan the file to see if anything they have written is missing, and submit those materials to OSA if you want them to be more widely known (i.e., a lighter shade of gray).

Free Archaeology Resources for Teachers

Conversations with teachers at the Archaeology Education reception held at the SEAC/MAC meetings revealed that many school systems lack the funding to obtain materials for use in teaching archaeology units in elementary and secondary schools. If you know any teachers

looking for cheap study materials, pass on the information that some free resources actually exist.

The National Museum of Natural History (Office of Education, Room 212, Mail Stop 158, National Museum of Natural History, Washington, DC 20560, 202-358-2747) loans slide sets for three-weeks, free of charge. The archaeology/Native American studies slide set titles are the following: 1) "Ancient Cultures: 10,000 B.C. - 600 A.D."; 2) "An Introduction to Archaeology"; and 3) "Native Peoples of North America". Another branch of the National Museum of Natural History (Anthropology Outreach and Public Information Office, National Museum of Natural History, Room 363, MRC 112, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, DC 20560, 202-357-1592) offers free leaflets, entitled "Egyptian Mummies" and "Egyptian Pyramids," geared for grades K-12, and a free teaching packet "North American Indians," for grades 1-12. This last packet contains suggestions for classroom activities and information on locating Native American penpals, both of which would fit into KERA's emphasis on interactive activities and multicultural awareness.

The Bureau of Land Management (Division of Public Affairs, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of the Interior, Washington, DC 20240, 202-208-6468) offers the free loan of the film "Antiquities," which is about the looting and vandalism of cultural resources.

The information about free resources is gleaned from Matthew Lesko with Mary Ann Martello's (1994) 1001 Government Freebies and Cheapies (USA, Kensington, MD) and Matthew Lesko's (1994) Lesko's Info-Power, Second Edition (Visible Ink, Detroit).

1995 KyOPA Meeting and Election of New Officers and Directors

The 1995 Annual Meeting of the Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists is scheduled for March 25, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Eastern time), Room 230, of the Student Center of the University of Kentucky, Lexington. The Student Center is located at the intersection of Limestone (US 27, Nicholasville Road) and Euclid Avenue (or Avenue of Champions). Parking should be available in one of the large lots on either side of Euclid Avenue. Members should come prepared to register for the 1995 meeting by paying 1995 dues (\$10 for Members and \$5 for Associate Members, checks or cash accepted), and also 1994 dues if these have not been paid. Kim McBride will provide you with information on your dues status at the meeting.

If you would like to speed up the meeting by prepaying your dues, use the dues form at the end of this newsletter (your name and address label will be on the back). If prepaying, mail your dues by March 1 to guarantee that the Secretary-Treasurer has time to receive your check and organize the records prior to the meeting. No "the check is in the mail" votes allowed. Do not prepay if you intend to change membership categories.

Election of new KyOPA officers and board members will be held at the beginning of the meeting. As current members register and pay dues, they will be handed a ballot to mark and deposit in a ballot box. These ballots will be tabulated as soon as all paid members have voted. New officers will be announced; candidates should come prepared to take over the meeting after old business has been handled. The Nominations Committee, consisting of Kit Wesler (Chair), Jan Hemberger, and Jon

March 25, 1995. KyOPA annual meeting, Lexington. See article in this newsletter.

Notes from the Editor
by Pamela A. Schenian

The next issue of the KyOPA Newsletter will be mailed on or about April 1, 1995. To submit materials, you have the following options:

1. Mail articles or disks (3.5" in ASCII) to my home address: 3200 Raintree Place, Louisville, Kentucky 40220-3364. Phone: 502-495-1628.

2. INTERNET articles in ASCII to Phil DiBlasi at:

PJDIBBL01@ULKYVM.LOUISVILLE.EDU

Include a note that it is for me. He will download the material on to a disk. If you want to submit an article and are running late, please call me -- I can hold up production.

All of the commercial fax centers want \$1.00 per page to receive faxes, which could really jack up the cost of producing the newsletter if used to transmit articles. I will probably have a fax machine in my home before it's time to prepare the next issue, however, so call to find out.

Please provide a day and evening phone number for yourself with submissions, in case I have a question. Also if you mention someone else as a contact person, please provide their work number or other phone number acceptable to the contact person.

Also, please include a title and authorship on articles (except for event or meeting announcements).

Due to a funding glitch, the archaeology program at Fort Knox went away, at least temporarily. Although, much like Frosty the Snowman, Steve Mocas and I expect "to be back again someday," (they had us keep our office keys, and we have the only keys for the equipment and documents storage cabinets), we don't know when. In the meantime, please contact us at our home addresses and phone numbers.

In the last issue, my article "A Cautionary Note on Legacy Grants" stated that Legislative Purpose No. 6 for the Legacy program was "to establish inventories of all scientifically significant ... asses of DOD lands. In addition to the specific attributes of the asses...". "Asses" should have been "assets". There are a finite number of scientifically significant assets on DOD land, so it should be theoretically possible to complete the inventories. It is probably not possible to complete the inventory of asses on DOD land, because they keep recruiting new ones.

Anyone else have this problem? I have come to the conclusion that I own way too many books and that it is time to unload some of the intro anthro, intro archy, linguistics, classical archaeology, and other similar textbooks and publications. If anyone has a suggestion of some place to donate these materials, please drop me a note, and I will publish addresses in the next issue.

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