

ASSOCIATION OF IOWA ARCHAEOLOGISTS
Business Meeting Minutes
Shirley Baker Commons, Luther College
Decorah, Iowa
June 2, 2007
10:30am – 1:40pm

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Joe Thompson at 10:35am.

Members and applicants were noted (see attached list)
2. Approval of the Minutes of the 2006 Meeting

Minutes were approved as submitted
3. Membership Applications (John Hedden)

Angela Collins, Cindy Nagel and Melanie Riley were applicants for Fellow membership in attendance at the meeting. The prospective members were asked to leave the room during the voting process. The members were accepted into membership. m/s/c.
4. Secretary/Treasurer's Report (John Hedden)

As of the meeting the AIA has \$1,135.56 in it's bank account. The organization is in good financial condition. A complete financial report will be made available after June 30, 2007, the end of the fiscal year. Dues for the fiscal year 2007-2008 and earlier are due and owing.

On January 5, 2007 the Registered Office of the AIA was transferred from Louis Berger's address to the Office of the State Archaeologist at The University of Iowa. The Registered Agent was changed from Susan Butler to John Hedden.

The non-profit Biennial Report was filed on January 16, 2007.
5. Board of Directors Elections

President-Elect: Randy Withrow was nominated for this position. m/s/c.
Randy's term will run from 2007-2010.

Member-at-Large: Eloise Ramirez was nominated for this position. m/s/c.
Eloise's term runs from 2007-2009.

6. Committee Reports

A. Historic Context Committee (Randy Withrow)

The Historic Context Committee failed to meet this year. The committee plans to look into the historic farmstead context developed for the state of Minnesota. Joe Thompson suggested a day-long meeting of the committee to work on various subjects.

B. Advisory Committee on Digital Documentation

No one on this committee was present at the meeting.

7. Office of the State Archaeologist (Steve Lensink)

A. John Doershuk has been hired as the new State Archaeologist. John will start in this position July 1, 2007.

B. Report from the SAA Meetings. Steve Lensink and Lynn Alex attended the National State Archaeologists Meeting and the Council of Council Meeting at the Society for American Archaeology Meeting in Austin, Texas. Steve reported the meetings were devoted to education and outreach in relation to Section 106. States across the country are beginning to put a lot of resources towards this.

C. LIDAR Coverage of Iowa Project. Steve Lensink and Melanie Riley reported on the new LIDAR project being developed for the state. This process can be utilized to detect mounds and building foundations, even through dense vegetation. The entire state coverage should be available by 2010. Joe Thompson suggested applying for grants to study the potential for new site discovery.

D. Digitization of OSA Documents. First parts of the CCR report series are complete. Joe Artz will be moving these documents onto I-sites in the future. An HRDP grant was submitted to begin digitization of catalog sheets.

E. Conservation Easements. OSA and SHPO can now accept conservation easements. The Annie Wittenmyer Mound, within the city Davenport, is the first easement received by the OSA. The city of Davenport owns the site. The OSA will conduct bi-annual inspections. The OSA and SHPO will use these easements as a tool for people who want to protect sites but do not want to sell the property.

F. Flyer Concerning Preservation Planning and Protection. Shirley Schermer reported on a new flyer concerning long-term preservation planning and protection and the new handbook from the Iowa Natural Heritage Association on protection archaeological sites. Copies were made available to members and additional copies can be obtained from Shirley. Shirley also reminded everyone about the human burial brochures that are available. The guidelines concerning burial sites and human remains will be put up on the OSA website.

G. Mike Perry published an article in *Iowa Heritage* about the early collecting days of Charles Keyes.

8. Iowa Archaeology Month. (Steve Lensink for Lynn Alex)

Lynn thanked the AIA for continued support of Iowa Archaeology Month. A motion was made to provide \$300.00 in support of the 2007 Iowa Archaeology Month s/c.

Lynn will establish a clearing house of any public outreach activities performed throughout the state. Please contact her about any outreach activities.

9. State Historic Preservation Office (Doug Jones)

A. History Day Award. Erin Beck won the History Day-Archaeology is Awesome Award for 2007. Ms. Beck will be presented a check for \$25.00 from the AIA along with the award.

B. Guidelines for Archaeological Investigations. The guidelines are now available on-line. The SHPO will continue to upgrade the site so specific sections can be downloaded separately. The guidelines need to be updated. Specific areas needed to be addressed.

The Use of Heavy Equipment during survey. Please advise SHPO concerning your methods prior to the use of heavy equipment. Can use e-mail to inform SHPO. Does not apply to Giddings Drill.

Survey in Winter Conditions. If visibility is limited because of snow the site must be tested at 15 m intervals.

Cemeteries. If the cemetery is on the topographic map it is not to be recorded as an archaeological site. We may need to modify how we deal with cemeteries.

Linear Sites. Currently these types of sites (abandoned railroad grades, roadbeds, etc.) are recorded as segments within the proposed project areas. In the future please do not record railroad beds as sites unless there is infrastructure present. The SHPO is going to develop a state-wide railroad historic context to identify the actual extent of these sites. Same is true with abandoned roads, unless they are definitely very early i.e. associated with an early trail.

- C. National Register Eligibility of Sites Not Fully Investigated. If a site extends beyond your project area and the entire site has not been evaluated you cannot state the site is not eligible. A site cannot be split up into portions for evaluation. The entire site either is or is not eligible. You must examine the entire site or state that the site is potentially eligible but not fully evaluated. Current project could be of no effect to site based on the portion within current project area.
- D. Documentation Issues. Must include soil probe locations and some type of soil profile even for disturbed areas and areas that have no potential for buried sites.
- E. The SHPO has received a grant to inventory and digitize archaeological records. Process should begin in the next month.

10. Bylaw Changes.

A change in the bylaws designating the OSA as the repository for AIA records was postponed until next year.

11. Location of the 2008 Meeting.

Next year's meeting will be on Saturday June 7, 2008 at 10:30am in Iowa City, Location to announced at a later date.

12. New Business

Steve Lensink moved to thank Luther College for providing the facility for this years meeting and reminded all AIA members that they must also remain members in good standing with the Iowa Archaeological Society. A number of members owe past dues to the society.

13. The business meeting was adjourned at 1:40pm. Several members presented information on current research.

2007 Annual Meeting Attendance

David	Benn
Colin	Betts
Lowell	Blikre
Angela	Collins
James	Collins
John	Cordell
John	Doershuk
Nurit	Finn
John	Hedden
Daniel	Horgen
Sarah	Horgen
Doug	Jones
Stephen	Lensink
Adam	Meseke
Cindy	Nagel
Michael	Perry
Cindy	Peterson
Eloise	Ramirez
Melanie	Riley
Shirley	Schermer
Dave	Stanley
Joe	Thompson
Randall	Withrow