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in the

**Atlanta Marriot Marquis Hotel
Room, L503**

**Discussion with the leaders of the
SAA Public Education Committee
re mutual interests**

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Draft Agenda

- I. Call to Order
 - II. Officers' Report
 - A. President (Nick Bellantoni, Connecticut)
 - B. Vice-President (Ann Early, Arkansas)
 - C. Secretary-Treasurer (Arthur Spiess, Maine)
 - i. Discussion of NASA Dues, CD Income
 - D. Newsletter Editor (Hester Davis, Arkansas)
 - III. Approval of the 2008 Minutes
 - IV. Approval of the Treasurer's Report
 - V. NASA Code of Ethics
 - A. By-laws Review
 - VI. State Budget Crises
 - A. Update South Dakota Archaeological Research Center
 - VII. Setting 2009–10 NASA Agendas
 - VIII. Old Business
 - A. NCSHPO Update
 - IX. New Business
 - X. Joint Session - Presentation and Open Discussion with SAA's Public Education Committee:
 - A. Introductions
 - B. Project Archaeology
 - i. Maureen Mallory and Joelle Clark
 - C. Mutual Issues:
 - i. NASA and Public Education Collaboration
 - XI. Adjournment
- Ceremonial Photograph

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGISTS

Annual Business Meeting minutes
Wednesday, March 26, 2008
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Vancouver
in conjunction with Society for American Archaeology meeting

Nicholas Bellantoni, CT, President
Ann Early, AR, Vice-President
Arthur Spiess, ME, Secretary-Treasurer

After a brief business meeting, NASA members were joined by by Canadian Association of Provincial and Territorial Archaeologists members.

The following were in attendance:

Nick Bellantoni, CT
Ann Early, AR
Paul Picha, ND
John Halsey, MI
Arthur Spiess, ME
Dave Snyder, OH
Dennis Grin, OR
Scott Anfinson, MN
Hester Davis, AR
John Doershuk, IA
Christina Reith, NY
Richard Boisvert, NH
Daniel LaRoche, Parks Canada
Doug Stenton, Nunavut
Greg Hare, Yukon
Carlos Germann, Saskatchewan
Albert Ferguson, New Brunswick
Brian Ronaghan, Alberta

NASA Business Meeting

Nick Bellantoni called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M. beginning his 4 year term. The Secretary's minutes from the 2007 meeting in Austin were approved as printed in the Spring 2008 NASA newsletter by unanimous vote.

Arthur Spiess summarized the Treasurer's report as printed in the Spring 2008 Newsletter, with a current balance of \$11,797.99 in a CD and checking account. We discussed the balance in the treasury, dues level, and opening up the \$500 emergency site protection grant program to other uses. The membership decided to continue the dues at \$25.00, request personal checks to avoid purchase orders and other paperwork, and to set the membership and fiscal year as the calendar year. The membership voted to accept the Treasurer's report (Early, seconded Anfinson), unanimous vote.

David Snyder raised for discussion the issue of sponsoring an SAA Forum at next year's meeting. A joint forum with the SAA Public Education Committee was discussed. The membership consensus was to hold a forum on the kinds of information that SAA members would find most useful on State archaeological web sites.

Hester Davis (NASA member emerita, editor of the Newsletter) began a discussion about the utility of continuing to issue a paper Newsletter, versus web based publication. The membership supported posting the Newsletter as a PDF file on the web site for download, and referencing it in the dues notice. The only paper notice that would go out to members would then be the dues notice.

Nick Bellantoni then briefed the membership on several legal actions involving State archaeologists. David Brown (Hawaii) had insisted on a Phase 0/I survey of a major development and then been terminated by the SHPO. He is fighting his termination with a lawsuit, supported by his union. He has asked for NASA support. Nick will ask for further information on the case and circulate that information by listserve.

In Kentucky, George Crothers developed a GIS site file system, and developed a fee-for-use of the digital data for contract archaeologists, with no fee for access to paper data. One contract archaeologist has filed a freedom-of-information suit, saying that access should be on a no-fee basis. The SHPO office in Kentucky has an exemption for archaeological data to state freedom-of-access laws. Nick Bellantoni has sent a letter of support for Crothers to the circuit court hearing the case.

A wide-ranging discussion followed of state practices in charging fees for access to archaeological data, state GIS data systems, and state laws concerning archaeological site protection.

We adjourned the NASA Business Meeting at 2:35 so that the discussion on State and Provincial archaeological site records, laws, protection and access to information could continue with our CAPTA colleagues. Each Canadian representative present gave a short introductory statement about legislation in the province/territory (in the absence of Federal legislation in Canada). A wide-ranging discussion followed about archaeological site records, legislation, relationships with First Nations/Tribes, permits, standards of archaeological site "significance," and cultural "affiliation" and similar issues related to Repatriation.

The meeting was adjourned about 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Arthur Spiess
April 12, 2008

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGISTS
TREASURER'S REPORT
CALENDAR YEAR 2008 TO DATE**

Arthur Spiess, Secretary-Treasurer
February 19, 2009

Narrative

Calendar year 2008 was again relatively inactive. We continued to pay for a web site at the University of Iowa, and for expenses to make the newsletter available to members. This Treasurer's report will be attached to a email newsletter for 2009, ending our paper mailings.

The membership set an annual dues rate of \$25.00 at the meeting in March, 2008, in Vancouver. Please note that **checks only** will be acceptable as membership payments. We can not handle purchase orders, state vendor paperwork, and other such items. **If your agency can not send a check without this paperwork, please send a personal check.**

Assets as of January 1, 2008

Checking account balance	\$ 1,034.99
CD, approximate balance	\$ <u>10,762.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,797.99

Assets as of January 31, 2009

Checking account balance	\$ 1,053.23
CD, approximate balance	\$ <u>11,170.37</u>
Total	\$ 12,223.60

Net increase

\$ 425.61

Notes

The expenses for 2008 were web site and email list serve maintenance (\$600.00 for two years to Iowa OSA, \$25.00 for mailing costs to Maine Historic Preservation, \$40.00 to Arkansas Archaeological Survey and \$56.26 to Hester Davis for newsletter costs. The Office of the State Archaeologist in Iowa has agreed to provide those services for a payment of \$300.00 per year. A check for \$600.00 was paid to Iowa OSA in January, 2008 for the 2007 and 2008 calendar years. The 2009 payment will be sent shortly. We did not receive a bill from SAA for our meeting room in Vancouver, so there was no meeting expense.

NASA - MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we prepare for the 2009 NASA meeting in Atlanta, the primary driving issue is the budget crisis affecting our individual state and federal governments. NASA has already responded to the potential closing of the South Dakota Archaeological Research Center. In addition, we have heard from a number of our members that funding cuts will hinder travel plans to Atlanta. While we are hopeful for a good turnout, NASA officers will work to place discussion issues on the List server so that the full membership can respond and provide input even if you are unable to attend in person.

One issue on the agenda is to develop a Code of Ethics for the Association. Our current By-Laws state that “ethics and standards adopted by the Society of Professional Archaeologists will be observed by members of NASA.” Since SOPA no longer exists, we need to discuss adoption of an alternative code.

The SAA Public Education Committee will be featured at our annual meeting in a joint session. Maureen Mallory, Joelle Clark and other members of the committee will present the latest developments in public education and discuss how state archaeologists can assist. There will be an open discussion of mutual issues and concerns.

Finally, we will need to set the agenda for the upcoming 2009–2010.

NASA officers see our roles as one of service to our members. Understanding the difficult economic situation we are all confronted with, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is any support/assistance we, as a national association, can provide.

We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta.

Nick Bellantoni

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IN THE INTEREST OF HISTORY

A cry went out on the NASA list-serve from South Dakota in February when the state legislature proposed eliminating funding for the State Archeological Office. The response was quick and successful. According to Jay Vogt, State Archeologist, “our biggest success was on the appropriations front where we saved archaeology!” We truly rallied our supporters and effectively made our case to the Joint Appropriations Committee, which enabled Secretary Benda and the Bureau of Finance and Management to work out a couple of agreements to save the program. Their work required two pieces—finding an alternative funding source to replace our general funds and get the program back in the budget. Every member of the Joint Appropriations Committee but one voted for HB 1072 which created the revenue (temporary increase to tourism tax) necessary to replace the general funds to support the work of the archeology program. The bill passed the House 57 to 13 and the Senate 26 to 9! The Governor has signed both HB 1072 which provides the alternative funding source, and HB 1300 (general appropriation bill) which was amended to reinstate the archeology program. However, funding issues remain a major concern in South Dakota—as elsewhere.