

**FRIENDS OF THE OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY, INC.
MINUTES OF THE 9TH ANNUAL MEETING**

January 28, 2006
Smith Middle School Auditorium
Glastonbury, CT

PRESENT:

Board Members: Roger Thompson President, Mike Raber Retiring-Vice President, Bonnie Beatrice Retiring-Secretary, Dreda Hendsey Treasurer, Kenneth Beatrice, Gary Nolf, Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell, James Trocchi, Retiring Board member George Kinsella and Incoming Board member Frank Pearson

Also present: State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni, FOSA members, Connecticut Archaeology Center members, ASC members, Guest speaker Dr. James Chatters and general public.

Exhibit Tables:

>Photo albums by FOSA photographer John Spaulding, of Field Projects performed by the Office of State Archaeology assisted by FOSA volunteers.

>Atlatl exhibit by Gary Nolf

>FOSA membership and volunteer information with tee shirts and tie tacks available for purchase.

>Book written by guest-speaker Dr. James Chatters, "*Ancient Encounters: Kennewick Man and the First Americans*", on display for purchase from UConn's Co-op Book Store.

>Note: Following the meeting, Dr. Chatters was available for "book signing".

FOSA BUSINESS MEETING

Called to order at 1:00pm by Roger Thompson.

Roger welcomed members of FOSA, CT Archaeology Center and attending public. Also, thanked the Smith Middle School for its support and the use of the facilities.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

By Bonnie Beatrice

Copy of report on file.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

By Dreda Hendsey

Copy of report on file.

Treasury Account Balance \$7,010.58

Radiocarbon Dating Account Balance \$ 1,745.75

OFFICE OF STATE ARCHAEOLOGY (OSA) REPORT:

By Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni - State Archaeologist

OSA was involved with the followings projects in 2005:

23 Field Excavations

Assisted in 4 Police investigations

Surveyed properties for 300+ Economic Development Projects

64 Educational Presentations including 2 on Forensic studies

Travel miles for 2005 totaled 26,000.

Connecticut Archaeology Center's Expansion Project:

Plans have been finalized. Week of January 30, 2006, bids expected to go out to contractors.

Projected date for construction to begin in the Spring of this year.

ELECTIONS of OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS:

Presented by Cynthia Redman

The second 2 year term for the following members as Officers has been fulfilled:

Vice-President Mike Raber and Secretary Bonnie Beatrice.

2 year terms have also been concluded for the following seats on the Board of Directors:

President Roger Thompson, and Board members Ken Beatrice & George Kinsella.

Slate of nominees for 2-year terms are as follows:

Roger Thompson for 2nd term as President, Cynthia Redman for Vice-President, Paul Scannell for Secretary, Also Mike Raber, Ken Beatrice and Frank Pearson for seats on the Board.

Floor was opened for further nominations, none made.

Paul Scannell moved that the above nominations be accepted, Dreda Hendsey seconded, Vote carried unanimously.

Two year terms of the following Directors will be up in 2007:

Dreda Hendsey, Gary Nolf, Cynthia Redman Paul Scannell and Jim Trocchi

YEAR IN REVIEW:

By John Spaulding - FOSA photographer

Narrated PowerPoint presentation of archaeology field projects that OSA, assisted by FOSA volunteers, was involved with throughout 2005.

Including photos from 12 dig sites and 7 sites using GPR

Volunteer Field Work ~ 1,740 Hours

Volunteer Office time and other "non-field work" ~ 615 Hours

Mr. Spaulding also presented an excerpt from the David Letterman show, of Gary Nolf demonstrating the use of an Atlatl.

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS:

Presented by Mike Raber,

To Bonnie and Ken Beatrice for "dedicated involvement" with FOSA.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45pm.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

By Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni,

Dr. James Chatters, archaeologist and pale ecologist who has dedicated his life to understanding the human and environmental prehistory of North America. Dr. Chatters was the first scientist on the scene following the discovery of the estimated 9,400 year old remains of Kennewick Man by two college students in the Southeastern region of Washington State.

2:00pm Dr. James Chatters gave a slide presentation and lecture entitled “The Discovery of Kennewick Man and its Aftermath”.

Followed by an informal question and answer period.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie J.M. Beatrice
Secretary

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Minutes from Electronic Board Meetings and Votes

Since our meeting on October 2, 2005, we have been able to conduct all business VIA email. Therefore, the following will be a combination Secretary Report and "Minutes" from our electronic meetings.

Secretary Petty Cash:

Starting Balance: January 1, 2006 \$ 87.04

Postage - 35.48

Office Supplies - 8.99

Ending Balance: January 28, 2006 \$ 42.57

Membership 2006:

6 New Memberships

8 Lifetime

61 Renewals

(Note: These figures do not reflect the fact that "Family" memberships have more than one member.)

Renewals and New Members were mailed Membership cards enclosed in Thank You and Welcome letters respectively. New Members also received copies of the current Newsletter.

Donations 2006:

General Fund: 7 Donations \$ 540.00

Radiocarbon : 13 Donations 640.00

TOTAL \$1,180.00

Thank you acknowledgements were mailed.

Other Correspondence:

Copies on file.

~ Received note from Dr. Robert Bedard stating that he received the Fall issue of the Newsletter with the ASC enclosure on October 27th, too late to attend the ASC Meeting.

~ Letter with \$50.00 donation for FOSA, from Bob Siegler President of Connecticut Marine Model Society was mailed to FOSA member Cece Saunders of Historical Perspectives in appreciation of the talk Ms. Saunders presented their organization.

~ Card mailed to Dr. Nick Bellantoni in sympathy of the loss of his mother Carmella Bellantoni.

~ Thank You received from Dr. Bellantoni for FOSA's "kind thoughts and sympathy" and donations made in his mother's memory.

~ Acknowledgement received from the Westbrook Foundation for the donation to the Manstan/Nolf Scholarship fund in the name of Harold Manstan.

~ Thank you received from Barbara Manstan for FOSA's "kind thoughts and sympathy" and donations made to above scholarship fund in her husband's memory.

~ Thank you received VIA e-mail from Kevin McBride for FOSA's continued assistance with the Mason's Island burial site.

~ Notification of the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) 2005 Certificate of Commendation awarded to Historical Perspectives, Inc. of Westport for its Archaeological State Preserves Booklet Series.

Electronic Reports, Meetings and Votes:

Copies on file.

> E-mail report of Newsletter printing from Mae Johnson.

> Annual Meeting planning committee of FOSA board members Roger Thompson Pres., Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell, Ken Beatrice and CSMNH/CAC publicity administrator Carol Davidge have met on several occasions in person and VIA e-mail.

>E-Mail discussion on inviting Archaeological Society of Connecticut (ASC) to FOSA's annual meeting without request of admission donation (no charge for admission).

Responses received from all but one board member. All those received were "affirmative".

> E-Mail received Dec. 14, 2005 from CSMNH/CAC program coordinator Cheri Collins VIA Roger Thompson, inviting FOSA to participate in the CPTV Science Expo April 29 - 30, 2006. Response was required by Dec. 15. Therefore, without Board vote I, as secretary and Exhibit coordinator, responded "yes".

> E-Mail received from Ruthie Shapleigh-Brown inviting FOSA to participate in the Connecticut Gravestone Network (CGN) Symposium on March 25. Further details to come.

> Minutes of the Annual Connecticut Preservation Action (CPA) Meeting sent to FOSA Board members VIA e-mail from Roger Thompson, to be reviewed. FOSA's continued participation as a member of CPA will be discussed and Voted on at Board of Director's meeting, Feb. 26. (Date yet to be confirmed.)

> Discussion VIA e-mail of FOSA's continued participation as a member of Connecticut League of History Organizations (CLHO). No decision made as of this date.

Next Board of Directors Meeting:

Date set for Sunday February 26 at the Rocky Hill Historical Society building.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bonnie J.M. Beatrice