

**Recording Secretary's Report  
2011 Annual Meeting  
January 29, 2011**

**Board Members Present:** Cynthia Redman (President), Paul Scannell (Vice President, Jim Trocchi (Secretary), Dreda Hendsey (Treasurer), Mike Raber, Bonnie Beatrice, Mandy Ranslow, Robert Martinchek, Dan Cruson (ASC).

**Ex officio Board Members:** Nick Bellantoni, Leanne Kennedy Harty.

**Non-Board Members:** FOSA, CMNHAC, ASC and the general public.

**Call to Order:** President Cynthia Redman welcomed and called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

**Secretary's Report:** Presented by President Cynthia Redman in the absence of Secretary Jim Hall.

1. Productive and helpful work continues at the lab at Horse barn Hill, with significant progress having been made on cataloging of the backlog of past projects' field work and in the cataloging of the OSA materials in the library.

FOSA members were joined by UConn students and four Work-Study students in the 2009-2010 semester. There were 2086.5 student hours. Due to cutbacks in the Federal Work-Study grants, we were only allotted one Work-Study student in the Fall 2010 semester. FOSA hired another UConn student to help with the work at Horsebarn Hill.

2. A weeklong Adult Field School was held at the Captain Frances House in Wethersfield as part of the annual field-and-classroom session, supervised by our Dig Supervisor Bruce Greene and Nick. In addition a 1-day Student Field School held at the remains of Killiam's Plane Shop in South Glastonbury, which was later followed by more detailed excavation work, also supervised by Bruce and Nick.

3. We continue to collaborate with the Archaeological Society of Connecticut in activities and meetings, pursuant to our two organizations' closer collaborative association begun last year.

4. The Board purchased a Digital Voice Recorder for Nick's use in the preparation of site reports, and was first used on the effort to locate the crash site of Lt. Eugene Bradley, after whom Bradley Field was named. It also purchased an auger, for use in taking soil samples during preliminary site analysis.

5. The Board voted to purchase 2 books for the OSA Library at Horsebarn Hill, one authored by a member of FOSA and the other edited by Nick.

6. On October 30, FOSA members were invited to participate in a Geology Walk at Rocky Neck State Park, given by retired CT State Geologist Dr. Ralph Lewis and accompanied by CT State Archaeologist Nick Bellantoni. 39 people were in attendance, where both the rock formations and geology were described, as well as how local geology influenced how people lived in the area.

7. Lastly, while there's no formal Web Site report, since I'm also the webmaster I figured I'd quickly tell you about some of the additions to the site:

> All FOSA Newsletters have now been digitized and are available on the web site. In addition, Reprints of selected articles are now available from a single page, so they can be read without going through the various Newsletters. Additionally, an index of the 3-ring binders of photographs of FOSA excavations, donated by John Spaulding, is included.

> We've added new descriptive and photo sections for the annual Adult and Student Field School sessions. Work has also begun on an Outreach section, to be similar in format to those for our digs and annual meetings.

> The Board approved a 6-month trial of a Facebook page, beginning this past October, which was set up by 2 FOSA members. A link to this page has been added to the web site, complementing a link to the web site from the Facebook page.

> Along the same lines, several videos located on YouTube can now be accessed from links on the web site.

> And lastly, while not formally part of Web Site activities, this year 115 slides of past excavations were scanned for Nick, generating 345 images. Thus far, a total of 1,137 slides have been scanned, yielding 3,411 images.

Treasurers' Report: Presented by Dreda Hendsey. Regular Checking Balance- \$11,140.66, C-14 Account- \$3432.80. Copies of report on file.

OSA Report: Presented by Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni. With the State in a financial crisis, support for his office is minimal. Nick expressed his thanks to FOSA for their support to OSA. With a slowdown in building, he has had less development project reviews; averaging only 1 or 2 reviews a week. Nick continues to make educational presentations and assist in police investigations.

ASC: Presented by President Dan Cruson. He announced the upcoming spring ASC Meeting will be a joint one with the Massachusetts Archaeology Society at Sturbridge on May 19. The Fall Meeting will be a half day session in Barkhamstead and a afternoon field trip with Ken Fedder to the Lighthouse Site.

Election of Officers and Board members: Presented by Mike Raber. Jim Hall (Secretary), Gary Nolf and Barbar Kipfer will be leaving the Board. Mike presented the slate of replacement BOD members. They are Peter Bortalan, Dick Hughes, Joan McCarthy (Correspondence Secretary) and Jim Trocchi (Secretary). The floor was open for further nomination but none were made.

Appreciation Award: Presented by Vice President Paul Scannell. Paul presented the 2011 FOSA Appreciation Award to Dreda Hendsey for her service as treasurer since 1997 when FOSA was founded. She is FOSA's longest serving treasurer. Paul applauded her other services in forming FOSA's Bylaws, handling legal matters, helping at digs and organizing our library collection.

FOSA business meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.

Tribute to John Spaulding: Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni presented a tribute to the late John Spaulding for his outstanding contributions to FOSA, especially the photographic record he left. Nick display the many wonderful field photos John took throughout his many years with FOSA.

CCSU contribution to 150 Anniversary of the Civil War: Professor Matt. Warshauer spoke about events taking place this year in conjunction with 150 years since the start of the American Civil War. An event on April 12, at the State Capital and a reenactment on April 15-17 at Stanley Quarter Park in New Britain.

Main Presentation: At 2:10 PM Dr. Nicholas Bellantoni presented John Jameson who gave a very interesting lecture on the archaeological and historical record of the Civil War prisons at Andersonville and Fort Pulaski, Georgia. .

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Trocchi, Secretary