

Friends of the Office of State Archaeology, Inc.
2013 FOSA Annual Membership Meeting
January 26, 2013
Location: Smith Middle School, Glastonbury CT.

Board Members Present: Cynthia Redman (President), Mandy Ranslow (Vice President), Dreda Hendsey (Treasurer), Jim Trocchi (Recording Secretary), Mike Cahill, Dick Hughes, Jeremy Pilver, Mike Raber, Paul Scannell.

Board Absent: None

Ex officio Board Members Present: Nick Bellantoni (OSA), Leanne Kennedy Harty (CSMNHAC), Dan Cruson (ASC).

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

Secretary's Report: Recording Secretary Jim Trocchi presented a summary of FOSA's activities for 2012.

Throughout the year FOSA is involved in many projects to assist the OSA to carry out its mission. Here is a brief 2012 summary of your FOSA membership at work supporting the OSA.

2012 began with our 15th Annual Meeting on January 28th. This signature event's featured speaker was Zack Zorich, Senior Editor for Archaeology Magazine. His presentation was on France's, Paleolithic Paintings: Art and Science Inside Chauvet Cave. This outstanding presentation was very well attended and received.

FOSA members Ken and Bonnie Beatrice head the FOSA Outreach Committee. This committee participated with exhibits in three events during 2012. On March 31, at the Connecticut Gravestone Network Symposium in East Hartford, they exhibited a trowel shaped sign listing disciplines associated with archaeology. On October 6 and 7 at the Hammonasset Jamboree in Hammonasset State Park, FOSA member Gary Nolf exhibited the history and use of atlatls. His exhibition was designed to coordinate with the event's theme of atlatl competition and activities. A hands-on of Native American artifacts setup by the committee was included. And on October 27th at the Archaeology Fair in the Keene Memorial Culture Center in Wethersfield the committee featured an artifact display of colonial, industrial and other archaeology sites. All of the above events included a DVD slide presentation of FOSA volunteers in action along with FOSA organization and membership information.

Our thanks go out to Vice President and Volunteer Coordinator Mandy Ranslow. Throughout the year she has sent emails of FOSA excavation announcements and associated information to solicit dig volunteers at sites in Bridgeport, Glastonbury, Hammonasset and Willington.

Also Mandy and member Sharon Clapp handle FOSA's Social Media. Since September 2012 FOSA's Facebook and Twitter pages were used to post updates about FOSA events, such as the Newsletter, Annual Meeting, Archaeology Fair and excavations in

(Bridgeport and Coventry), Announcements of Nick's talks and new articles mentioning Nick are also posted to the Facebook and Twitter pages. A Facebook event was created for the Archaeology Fair to help advertise the event. Additionally, FOSA event photos sent are posted on Facebook. They monitor these social media applications regularly for appropriate content.

Under the direction of President Cynthia Redman, the assistance of volunteers and a FOSA funded UCONN work-study student, the OSA Library at HBH continues to be more organized. Incoming books, journals, periodicals, CDs and DVDs are cataloged, given call numbers, entered into the computer database and filed appropriately away.

FOSA Webmaster and member Jim Hall continues to do a very meticulous job on our website. The user will realize after viewing it that it contains almost everything FOSA has ever done and been involved in since its inception. It is extremely comprehensive. Our thanks to Jim for diligently monitoring and keeping it current.

This season's field excavations led by Dig director Bruce Green and Dr. Bellantoni occurred at sites in Bridgeport, Coventry, Glastonbury, Hammonasset, Willington and Windsor. An exciting and very interesting event this year was at the excavation and reburial of a Lakota Sioux named Albert "Afraid-of-Hawk" who died in 1900 because of an illness while performing in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show that was touring in Danbury. Dr. Bellantoni was entrusted to exhume Alfred's remains in a respectful and professional manner for return and reburial in South Dakota.

Finally, the revival of the Archaeology Fair in 2012 proved very successful. Volunteer Coordinator Mandy Ranslow led and organized the event and got an overwhelming response of volunteers coming forward to assist in the fair's activities, including a few new members who were volunteering for the first time. Fifteen separate groups supported this event. Besides the many display tables, there were 5 interesting lectures throughout the event. Let's hope we can continue this event for years to come.

In summary, FOSA volunteers have contributed over 600 hours in 2012.

On behalf of the BOD, we thank all FOSA members for their support throughout the year. Without your support, our mission to assist the OSA would not be possible.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dreda Hendsey presented the FOSA Annual Account for 2012. It is attached to the end of these minutes. (See separate file for annual treasurer's reports)

Nick's Report: Nick summed all the activities his office has been involved with this year. They are as follows: conducted 280 economic development reviews for 117 municipalities, participated in 176 field reviews and meetings, gave 71 public and school presentations to an estimated audience of 3705 people, instructed four independent studies for anthropology students. Further, he was involved in 4 police investigations, including one homicide, one cold case and two accidental discoveries of historical burials after a tree fell over on NH Green during Hurricane Sandy. With FOSA assistance and

coordination with Dig Director, Bruce Green, they conducted excavations at 16 archaeology sites in CT, including the Phelps House in Windsor, the Barclay Farm in Ashford, the New England Hebrew Farmers of Emanuel Society in Montville and the exhumation of Albert "Afraid of Hawk" in Danbury. He appeared on 5 video TV and Internet productions and 3 radio programs. Finally, Nick mentioned that GPR surveys at 9 CT. sites were performed with the assistance of the NRCS

ASC Report: Dan Cruson mentioned the Fall Meeting at Gungywump and the upcoming meeting on April 20 at the Barnum Museum in Bridgeport. Its agenda will be a tour of the Museum and talks on Southwestern Connecticut Archaeology. He encouraged everyone to visit the ASC table in the lobby to renew membership and look over publication that can be purchased.

Nomination Committee: Mike Cahill presented the slate of BOD members whose terms are expiring and placed in nomination. They are Joan McCarthy-Corresponding Secretary and the following 5 BOD: Dick Hughes, Dreda Hendsey, Cynthia Redman, Paul Scannell and Jim Trocchi. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations. Motion passed.

2013 FOSA Achievement Award: Mandy Ranslow Presented this years FOSA Achievement Award to Roger Thompson for his outstanding leadership as past President and his continued role in doing historical research on FOSA projects.

Adjournment: A motion was made at 1:20 PM by Mike Cahill to adjourn and second by Paul Scannell and approved. _

The Feature event commenced at 2:00 PM with Dr. Bellantoni introducing keynote speaker Dr. Stephen Houston, Professor of Anthropology at Brown University. The talk was, "Death Comes to a King: A Classic Maya Tomb at El Diablo, Guatemala" The talk was followed by a 20 minute question and answer session. An audience of about 150 to 200 people attended.

A special meeting of the BOD was held after the feature event to approve of FOSA paying for parking passes for volunteers who come to HBH. A motion was made by Mike Cahill to expense \$150 from FOSA's treasury to finance parking passes for HBH volunteers, it was seconded by Mike Raber and the motion was passed.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Trocchi Recording Secretary