

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, INC (ASSC)

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

January 18, 2025 | 10:00 am | Virtual (Google Meet)

Attendees:

<i>President</i>	John Fisher	<i>Journal Editor</i>	Justin Williams
<i>Vice President</i>	James Stewart	<i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Jordan Sandlin
<i>Treasurer</i>	Ashley Stewart	<i>Hilton Head Representative</i>	David Gordon
<i>Secretary</i>	Cate Garcia	<i>Members-at-Large</i>	Jeff Sherard David Anderson Katherine Parker

Officer Reports

Secretary Some membership renewals have been received but not a large number. Cate will send out an email to all 2024 members about renewing membership and include a reminder for chapter members to renew through the chapter.

Journal Editor

- 2023 journal is almost finished. David, John, and Justin assisted with peer-review and layout is in process.
- Goal is to release the 2024 and 2025 issues within 2025. Board members can help spread the word and encourage potential authors to submit articles to Justin.
- Justin and David have been working on the revamped 2020 issue with the article removed and revisions to David's article.
 - Katherine has a few edits to make to fix spacing issues.
- Jessica has concerns that the peer-review process is too laborious for a journal of our size. Justin suggests making peer-review optional for upcoming volumes and allow authors to choose. This would likely result in professional archaeologists' articles being peer-reviewed and avocationalists' not being peer-reviewed (although this would not be an enforced rule).
 - We would need to make it clear in the journal that not all articles are peer-reviewed without implying that peer-reviewed articles are superior in some way. A subtle way to indicate this would be to mark peer-reviewed articles with an icon that refers to a statement elsewhere in the journal.
 - Motion to make peer-review optional for upcoming journal volumes is approved by vote of the executive board.
- 2024 issue will have a public archaeology theme in honor of Mona.

Chapter Updates

Hilton Head

Christmas luncheon was held December 4th at the Crazy Crab and went well. Jean Guilleux presented a film from the Arkhaios film festival at the January meeting. In search of a speaker for February - Justin may be available. A

couple of members have participated in tours of the DNR's excavations.

Midlands

November - December hiatus and likely no meeting in January due to weather. Planning an extra meeting in February (in addition to the conference) to make up for this. Midlands Chapter will be participating in Tartan Day on April 5th.

Projects/Committee Reports

Conference

- Abstract submissions are continuing to roll in up to the last minute. The abstract submission portal has been successful. Currently have three thematic papers, four posters, and twelve general session papers.
- Conference committee will meet again before conference to finalize program, etc.
- John suggests holding future conferences in different locations - Charleston, Clemson, etc. This would open up possibilities for site visits.
- Justin suggests running a flatbed scanner during the artifact workshop at the conference to start collecting images for a future publication on SC ceramics.
- David Anderson says we could update and expand on Carl Steen's pottery website (now managed by UofSC) - potential to bring it back under COSCAPA. This would align our goals with COSCAPA's 30th anniversary revamp of the 1995 guide to Native American pottery. Question about NAGPRA and publishing images of Native pottery - John notes that we can use established channels of consultation to help with that (DNR, Charleston Museum, etc.).
- Nicole is still accepting participants in the artifact workshop.

Old Business

- Still in need of a Student Representative member. Justin will reach out to grad students at Clemson. Discussion of putting a channel in place at the conference to put students in touch with people looking for student work - possibly a table for students.
- Nominees for Avocational Archaeologist of the Year were discussed.

New Business

- David Anderson has a personal archive of journals and issues of Features and Profiles to be scanned and made public.
- Website updates:
 - Add a References page with links to resources to material culture.
 - Add all archived issues of the journal to the website, ideally indexed and in a searchable format.
- New COSCAPA standards and guidelines went out for contexts, metal detection, remote sensing. The standards are on the Department of Archives and History website. Be sure to replace any links to direct to the new standards page, since the old standards are also still on the website. Discussion of creating a new form specifically for cemetery archaeology.
- James suggests the hashtag #archaeologysc for all social media posts in the future.
- Request from the SAA Council of Allied Societies to apply for an allied society designation (\$35/year). Ashley will forward the info to the board members for consideration.
- John suggests actively updating the Events page on the website with events outside of ASSC. (For example, public dig at the Heyward-Washington House starting March 14th).

Adjourn:

Next Meeting: March 15th, 2025 at 10:00 am

2025 Meeting Schedule:

May 17th | July 12th | September 20th | November 15th