

Minutes of the 55th Annual Meeting

NEW YORK STATE ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

for 1971

State University of New York At Binghamton

Binghamton, New York

April 16, 17, 18, 1971

Executive Committee Meeting

A meeting of the Executive committee was held on Friday, April 16. President Michael J. Ripton called the meeting to order at 8:35 pm. The following members including State officers, Chapter presidents and trustees were present.

Michael J. Ripton	(Morgan Chapter)
Theodore Whitney	(Chenango Chapter)
William F. Ehlers	(Orange County Chapter)
Nannette J. Hayes	(Morgan Chapter)
Louis A. Brennan	(Metropolitan Chapter)
*Carolyn Weatherwax	(Auringer-Seelye)
*Dorothy Taylor	(Auringer-Seelye)
Stanford Gibson	(Chenango Chapter)
*Monte Bennett	(Chenango Chapter)
Henry Wemple	(Chenango Chapter)
Dolores Lalock	(Frederick M. Houghton Chapter)
*Edwin Phillips	(Frederick M. Houghton)
Charles Pierce	(Frederick M. Houghton)
Harrison Case	(Incorporated Long Island Chapter)
Alfred Dart	(Incorporated Long Island)
Dr. George Gottral	(Incorporated Long Island)
Daniel M. Barber	(Lewis Henry Morgan Chapter)
Charles F. Wray	(Lewis Henry Morgan)
Richard McCarthy	(Lewis Henry Morgan)
Richard Wingerson	(Metropolitan)
*Roberta Wingerson	(Metropolitan)
Jack Littell	(Orange County Chapter)
*Frank Davidson	(Orange County)
*William Vernooy	(Orange County)
Dean Veres	(Triple Cities Chapter)
Thomas Elliott	(Triple Cities Chapter)
Jesse Benton	(Triple Cities)
Calvin Behenke	(Upper Susquehanna Chapter)
F. J. Hesse	(Upper Susquehanna)
*Jackie Hesse	(Upper Susquehanna)
Paul Huey	(Van Epps - Hartley Chapter)
Charles Gillette	(Van Epps - Hartley)
*Mrs. Charles Gillette	(Van Epps - Hartley)

\*Alternates

Not Represented - Mid Hudson Chapter

Committee Chairmen:

William Vernooy  
Alfred Dart  
Charles Merritt  
Charles Pierce  
Dr. Kingston Lerner  
Dolores Elliott  
Dr. Gladys Haase

Chapters & Membership  
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New York Indian  
Nominating  
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Public Relations

1. Roll call was taken.
2. Minutes of the last meeting were previously distributed. Motion was made by Thomas Elliott to accept the minutes as printed. Motion seconded by William Vernooy. Motion Carried.
3. President Ripton's opening remarks made mention of the increasing volume of Association business, the publications program undertaken and the program to sponsor scholarship students at the annual meetings. Four chapters are paying all expenses for students and it is hoped that each of the chapters will participate in this program next year.

Mr. Ripton reported that the Internal Revenue Department had made official recognition of the Association as a professional, non-profit organization and the result of careful screening had given the NYSAA a tax exempt status under federal section 501 C3.

OLD BUSINESS

4. Public Relations - Dr. Gladys Haase reported eight news releases had been prepared and distributed statewide. Many papers are using the material. She had hoped to prepare a news release each month but lack of material prevented this. Dr. Haase reported and expenditure of \$46.60 for her committee.
5. Chapters and Membership - William Vernooy reported on the progress of his committee by distributing a report of committee activities. Promotional material for the membership drive including new brochures was distributed to all chapters present. Chairman Vernooy reported the campaign had been postponed until 1971, due to the financial recession in the nation.
6. New York Indian - This committee co-chaired by Dorothy Taylor and Chaires Pierce reported that a list of colleges in New York State had been compiled where Indians could attend with scholarship grants-in-aid. The material was printed by the state Education Department through the efforts of Mrs. Taylor, who reported that the information will be made available to reservation Indian high school graduates in June. Total expenses for the committee was \$10.00.

7. Legislative Committee - Charles Merritt, Chairman. The function of this committee is to investigate state legislation concerning the archeological matters. The committee studied material from federal sources and also other states. Conference was arranged with Mr. Willcox of the State Department of Education and others to discuss current proposed legislation in the New York State Assembly and Senate relating to change in the existing antiquity laws.

The Cook - Stafford Bill was discussed at length and the following motion was made:

71-1 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association hereby endorses the Cook - Stafford Bill 4210A in the Senate and 4843A in the Assembly and opposes Bill 3284A and that the Association officially inform the Legislature of its conclusions.

Motion by Louis Brennan. Second Dolores Lalock.  
32 in favor, 1 against, 2 abstain - Mr. Huey and Mr. Gillette. Motion carried.

Mrs. Lalsck asked that Dr. White's name be placed on the list to serve on the proposed State Antiquities Board. Mr. Ripton suggested that we hold off action until the Board established criteria for membership and all professionals in the state be contacted.

8. Chapters - Vice President Whitney reported visitations to all Chapters but two. Chapter problems were discussed with Chapter officers and members and all Chapters expressed practically the same problems. Follow-up on Chapter concerns is planned.
9. Publications - Dolores Elliott, Chairman, reported three Bulletins, One Occasional Paper, and two editorials had been printed this year. A publication booth had been set up in the meeting room and order forms were available for all publications.

Editor Brennan discussed The Bulletin's future plans, and some of the pitfalls encountered. Rising costs are the major concern at this point. Brennan reported that he spent \$14.00 more than the authorized \$15.00 for The Bulletin last year. Various bids are being received from printers and all proposals so far, exceed the present cost of printing by Braun-Brumfield.

It was suggested that Braun-Brumfield be retained until the publications committee can further investigate the prices of other publishers. It was also suggested that other sources of income be considered.

71-2 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association appropriate the sum of One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,836) for the expenses of publishing three issues of The Bulletin for the coming year.

Motion made by Mr. Whitney, seconded by Dr. Haase.  
Motion carried, 1 abstaining - Mrs. Hayes.

Discussion continued on other publications of the Association including the manuscript of Dr. Peter Pratt. Mr. Wemple reported that he had tried unsuccessfully to raise additional funds to publish Pratts' manuscript but that after writing the Smithsonian, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and our congressional representatives in Washington, he had run out of contacts. Mrs. Hayes suggested that we concentrate on The Bulletin.

71-3 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association regretfully return the Pratt manuscript to Dr. Pratt with a letter from the president explaining our position and that the money (\$1,600) earmarked for the Pratt work be released to the publication's fund for another publication.

Motion made by Mr. Pierce, seconded by Mrs. Taylor.  
Carried - 1 abstaining - Mr. Dart.

Mr. Wemple was instructed to return the manuscript to Dr. Pratt after the presidents letter was written and sent.

71-4 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association hereby reappoints Louis A. Brennan as editor of The Bulletin for another one year term and recognizes his eleven (11) years service to the publications program of the Association.

Motion by Mrs. Elliott, seconded by Mr. Pierce, carried.

10. Report of Chapters - President Ripton asked for a report from each Chapter. All Chapters except the Mid-Hudson Chapter reported various projects underway. Published Chapter Annual Reports were distributed to all presidents.

#### New Business

11. Budget - President Ripton suggested a budget increase of 10% over last year's budget with the additions of \$20. to the Legislative committee and \$20. to the Awards committee.

71-5 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association authorize the elected officers of the Association to spend up to Nine Hundred and Twenty-Seven Dollars and Thirty Cents (\$927.30) for the administrative needs of the Association.

Motion by Mr. Veres, seconded by Dr. Haase, Carried.

71-6 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association authorized the Treasurer to withdraw Two Hundred and Twenty-Five Dollars (\$225) from the small interest account to pay the expenses of the membership drive.

Motion by Mr. Veres, seconded by Mr. Pierce, Carried.

12. President Ripton discussed the need to look for outside funds to operate the Association in the seventies. He encouraged Chapter Presidents to prepare research projects and accompanying budgets so that when outside funds become available, the Association will be able to move in a hurry to secure them. Cited were the N.Y. State Council on the Arts, the Department of Education and others.

71-7 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association prepare a master plan of Chapter research projects to be presented to outside funding organizations for possible future grants-in-aid.

Motion by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Wemple, Carried.

13. President Ripton asked that the Executive Committee establish a policy for the distribution of the Association's membership list. A discussion followed.

71-8 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association directs the President to answer all inquiries concerning the use of the membership list and that he will release the list only to reputable publishers of archeological or anthropological material in the interest of the membership. A fee will be charged where appropriate.

Motion by Mr. Brennan, seconded by Mr. Veres, Carried.

14. A discussion followed on the Association's proposed site survey, collections survey and registration of sites in the State as suggested by Vice President Ted Whitney. Mr. Whitney spoke briefly on all significant sites and collections. Mr. Ripton will appoint a committee to set up the survey and possibly fund the project through the New York State Bicentennial Commission.
15. Budget - Mr. Dart recommended that sustaining membership be increased to \$20.00. It was suggested a committee be appointed to study the possibility of changing membership classifications. Most present sustaining memberships are retained by institutions. Mr. Dart was appointed to study this proposal further.

16. 71-9 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association sponsor events other than the Annual Meeting during the year, especially workshops and certain summer field trips and regional meetings.

Motion made by Mrs. Gillette, seconded by Mr. Wemple Carried.

Mr. Alfred Dart said that the Incorporated Long Island Chapter was considering a field trip to their site at the Flint Mines near Coxsack, New York. Their board would soon invite the whole Association to the proposed field trip.

17. 1972 Annual Meeting - The Van Epps - Hartley Chapter offered to host the 1972 NYSAA annual meeting with Albany as the headquarters. President Ripton suggested final decision be postponed to a later date.

18. A discussion of proposed federal legislation was introduced by Mr. Brennan.

71-10 RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association would direct the secretary to write our federal Congressmen asking them to endorse HR 6257 and S1245 to amend Public Law 86-523 of June 27, 1960.

Motion by Mr. Brennan, second by Mr. Wemple, Carried.

19. Mrs. Hayes suggested that a list be sent to the state secretary of Rochester Museum staff who handled the NYSAA publications program so well last year, so that these people could be thanked officially.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 pm.

#### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

1. The meeting began on Saturday, April 17, 8:40 pm EST. A quorum was present at that time.
2. President Ripton opened the meeting with a review of the Executive Committee meeting, explaining the tax exempt status of the Association and thanking the officers for their past cooperation.
3. Minutes of the Executive Committee meeting were read by the secretary. Corrections were made and minutes were approved.
4. The Treasurer's report was read by Mr. Ripton in the absence of Mrs. Hayes.

TOTAL BANK BALANCES

Checking Account:		\$1739.64
General Fund	\$162.33	
Publications Fund	\$1577.31	
Savings Account:		<u>2024.40</u>
	Total =	\$3764.40

5. Membership

	<u>1970</u>	<u>1971</u>
Total Memberships	407	532
Total Number of Individuals	513	667

6. President Ripton reported on the October Executive Committee meeting in Binghamton mentioning that all persons attending did so at their own expense and no expenses were incurred to the Association.
7. Membership drive - Bill Vernooy, Chairman reported that material had been distributed to conduct the drive, and instructions had been given out. Mr. Vernooy impressed on the members that the strength of the drive would depend on the Chapter captains chosen to head the campaign in each Chapter.
8. Nominating Committee - Kingston Lerner reported that a strong slate of officers were in office, and he had wished to retain them. The Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer asked to be received. Dr. Kraus and Mr. Pierce were nominated for Vice President, the secretary was renominated and Mrs. Rose Barber was nominated Treasurer. Mr. Ripton, Mr. Ehlers and Mr. Brennan were encombants. Dr. Lerner pointed out that each Chapter secretary was a member of the nominating committee and each Chapter should participate.
9. Awards and Fellowships - R. Arthur Johnson, Chairman, reported the committee met on Friday and reviewed various awards and consideration was given to changing some categories. Mr. Johnson made it clear that the committee tried to stay within the letter of the law to make awards meaningful. The fellowship committee recommended to include a phrase in the category of Certificate of Merit. The phrase reads "Significant field work".
10. Resolution: 71-11

RESOLVED, That the New York State Archeological Association expresses its sincere appreciation to Dean Veres, Program Chairman, and Miss Kathy Rapp and the local arrangements committee and to the Triple Cities Chapter for the meritorious efforts in preparing for and executing all the final details necessary for the successful 55th annual meeting of the Association.

Motion made by Dr. Larner, seconded by Mr. Dart, Carried.

11. Tellars, Litta Berge and Dr. Cottral announced the results of the election.

President - Michael J. Ripton

Vice President - Charles Pierce

Secretary - William F. Ehlers

Treasurer - Rose Barber

E.S.A.F. Representative - Louis A. Brennan

12. Dr. Larner made a motion for adjournment. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m. E.S.T.

Respectfully Submitted,

William F. Ehlers  
Secretary