Greetings Members,

With the end of the year fast upon us, it’s time to hold elections for new Board member terms. We’ve received nominations for all of the positions open this year. Please take the time to review the ballots and send in your vote electronically, or by mail.

During the next term, the membership should prepare for a vote on several amendments to the Society Bylaws. It has become apparent that we need to update the organization of the Society and revisit membership rates for individuals and institutions. Our Bylaws have not been updated since 2001 and we need to add some accommodation for operating in the digital age. If any members have any proposed amendments, please submit them to the Chapter Presidents or the Board. We’ll need to hold a popular vote for any amendments to be added to the Bylaws.

We’ve set the date for the Spring Conference for Saturday February 20th. The Conference will be held in Columbia, likely on the USC campus. We’re looking forward to a strong day of presentations on South Carolina archaeology.

I would like to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve as the President of the Society for the past two years. I’m looking forward to remaining active in Society events and seeing everyone at the Conference in the Spring.

- James Stewart
Chapter Updates

Foothills

The year has been really good for the Foothills chapter and we are already making plans for next year. First up Lamar Nelson and Bob Hanselman did a program for Mauldin Middle School and Lamar and Todd Puttman also did a program for Greenville Middle School. We taught a total of 800 students about archaeology and Native American history, showing artifacts, throwing the atlatl, shooting the bow, and flintknapping, along with other interesting things related to history. The students loved the programs and we may have a few new archaeologist in the future. Lamar and Angie Nelson returned the artifacts from the Green River Plantation excavation to the land owners. The artifacts had been cleaned, weighed, ID work completed and report written. A site number has been assigned and we were the first known group to excavate the site. The owners can’t wait for us to come back and plans are being made for shovel testing the area and excavation work in the spring. We have been given complete access to the site and the owners have a lodge and campground near the site, giving us free lodging for future work. Lamar attended the Falling Leaves event in Westminister. If you like history and something different I recommend this event. The smaller fall excavation took place at the Fisher Site November 6-8th. The 3 days of work continues on the unit 21 started in June. Lamar has completed all the work on the artifacts from June and will return the artifacts to the owners in November. A larger excavation will take place next June with around 25 people working. Laura and Henry Price along with Fitz Williams have been attending historical war events dressing as soldiers and firing a large cannon to the excitement of the crowd. Richard Sawyer help set up a display of old timer baseball players in Greenville and attended the Owens historical event. Its great that all our members do something during the year to promote our chapter and naming all the events would take up the entire newsletter. Our chapter Christmas program will take place December 8th and all are invited. We also as a chapter want to express how sorry we are to the people of Columbia and other parts of the state, that were damaged from flooding and all our archaeologist friends such as Carl and other great professionals that lost so much. We are truly sorry for your loss and to the people that helped with the recovery of the books, records, and artifacts, you are the greatest. Thank you very much.

- Lamar Nelson

Send articles, photos, ideas, and suggestions for the next issue of Features and Profiles to the archaeologysocietysc@gmail.com. We’d love to hear from you!
**Hilton Head**
The Hilton Head Chapter is off to a great start this Fall. Our speaker in September was Dr. Rex Garniewicz, the President of the Coastal Discovery Museum, which graciously hosts our Chapter. He gave us an interesting and effervescent talk on his work on the archaeology of beer. We cheerfully drank in his words on this timeless topic.

As always, October was a busy month for archaeology in the Lowcountry. We had Dr. Eric Poplin of Brockington come and identify artifacts for our annual What the Heck IS It? Dr. Karen Smith of SCIAA gave us an informative update on the excavations at Ft. Frederick. And the 3d Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeological Film Festival was a big success; Kudos to Jean Gilleaux and everyone who made the Festival happen.

Our November speaker is Rick Kanaski, the Archaeologist and Regional Historical Preservation Officer for U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service’s Southeast Region, who will be speaking on his research on the Gullah Community at the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge, Georgia.

- David Gorton

**ASSC Grant-in-Aid**

The Grant-in-Aid Program was established to assist graduate students in their thesis or dissertation research. Funds raised during the course of the year are available on a competitive basis to graduate students, both at USC and out-of-state universities, who are working on theses or dissertations that pertain to the archaeology of South Carolina.

You may use the PayPal button on the Society’s website (http://www.assc.net) or send a check or money order to:

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Arkhaios Cultural Heritage and Archaeology Film Festival serves as an educational event showcasing the discovery of past cultures gained from archaeological research and illustrated by documentary films. For the third consecutive year, Arkhaios has succeeded in meeting its mission. The 2015 Arkhaios screened fascinating films highlighting archaeology and cultural history from 12 different countries at the Coligny Theater on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. In developing the final program, the Arkhaios team evaluated more than 40 submitted films. The 17 films shown at the festival were excellent representatives of the rich, diverse cultures and archaeology being explored visually through documentary film.

An equally diverse audience attended the three-day festival. Young and old, families, historians, filmmakers, well-known archaeologists, and students all gathered to explore the world’s history through film. A strength of Arkhaios is bringing people together to engage in dynamic conversations and this proved true again this year. The audience connected not only with
the films but also in some cases directly with the filmmakers, some in person while others from Columbia, Honolulu, Paris, and London attended virtually via Skype. The breaks provided an excellent opportunity for the attendees to chat in person with some of South Carolina’s most familiar faces in archaeology, including Drs. Chester DePratter, Steve Smith, and Jim Spirek, each of whom shared stories from the field and updates on their current projects. SCETV’s Vice President, Kerry Feduk, was also in attendance and closed this year’s festival emphasizing the importance of archaeological exploration as well as drawing parallels between the missions between the festival and SCETV.

Highlights of the awards given at the 2015 Arkhaios Festival include:

The Best South Carolina Heritage Film Award: "Down on Bull Street", Director Lynn Cornfoot
The 2015 Arkhaios Grand Prize by Jury unanimous votes: "Saving Mes Aynak", Director Brent E. Huffman

For more information please visit http://www.arkhaiosfilmfestival.org/
The SC Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Heritage Trust archaeologists are seeking volunteers to assist in the Archaeological Archive Flood Recovery Project. Volunteers will work with professional archaeologists to process artifacts from sites across South Carolina, as well as digitally archive paper records, print photographs, negatives, and slide impacted by the 2015 Flood. No experience is required. Those wishing to volunteer may contact Meg Gaillard, DNR Heritage Trust archaeologist, at 803-528-1455 or by email at GaillardM@dnr.sc.gov

The Project will take place in the old Lexington Two Fine Arts Center on the corner of B Avenue and 9th Street in West Columbia (GPS address 826 B Avenue, West Columbia, SC 29169). The center will be open for volunteers each Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-7 pm and every Saturday from 10 am-3 pm, with the exception of 11/21/15, 11/28/15, 12/26/15, and 1/2/16 when the Center will be closed. Although walk-in volunteers are welcome, scheduled volunteer hours are encouraged.
2016-2018 Board Member Election

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SCIAA Maritime Research Division Wraps Up Exciting Year In & Out of the Office

By Nate Fulmer

Since our last update earlier this year, 2015 has shaped up to be one of the most productive and exciting years in recent memory for the SCIAA Maritime Research Division. In April and May, MRD staff spent a total of 4 weeks on the water offshore just outside Charleston Harbor completing the Charleston Harbor Stone Fleets Survey. Aided by some decent weather and excellent water conditions, we were able to dive on multiple Stone Fleet wrecks and multiple submerged anomalies on the two major Stone Fleet wreck fields. On days where conditions were not suitable for diving, we towed a magnetometer behind the Division’s C-Hawk to fill some gaps left on the map from previous field seasons.

June was another busy month as we welcomed Jessica Irwin to the team as our new Education and Outreach Coordinator and returned to the field for a week on the water in Beaufort County with Dr. Chester DePratter. Joined by volunteers Cat Sawyer and Jimmy Armstrong, we investigated several potential historic Yamasee Indian occupation sites. Despite capturing some decent remote sensing data, we didn’t turn up much evidence for Yamasee settlements.

The summer dive season was in full swing by July and the Charleston Office spent much of the month issuing Hobby Licenses and assessing a record number of quarterly recovery reports. On July 25th Jessica Irwin and I participated in the CSS Georgia ‘Raise the Wreck’ Festival in Savannah, GA where we represented SCIAA and spent the day discussing the South Carolina Hobby Diver Program with festival attendees. I’m sure we made a positive impression on a few future underwater archaeologists with our children’s underwater writing activity at our booth.

In August and early September, several news articles featuring the SC Hobby Diver License Program and a DNR Hobby License enforcement campaign resulted in a record number of Hobby License applications at the Charleston Field Office.
The increased public awareness of the SC Underwater Antiquities Act and the Hobby Diver program have spurred quite a few new faces to participate in recording and preserving valuable information about our cultural and natural heritage.

In late September, the whole MRD team traveled to the Great Pee Dee River in Florence County to conduct the recovery of three cannons jettisoned from the CSS Pee Dee in March 1865. This project was the culmination of 20 years of work by a large number of professional and avocational archaeologists, hobby divers, volunteers and donors. As the cannons were being wrapped and prepared for transport to the Warren Lasch Conservation Center in Charleston, news of the lift spread across the globe and we were pleased to see a 24 hours stint where “Pee Dee cannons” was the top trending topic on social media. For further details on the project and a complete rundown of the individuals involved in this outstanding effort, check out the Feature article in the latest issue of the MRD’s Quarterly Reporter newsletter at http://artsandsciences.sc.edu/sciaa/mrd/news_archive.

The day after the Pee Dee cannons were transported to Charleston, a record period of drought in SC abruptly came to an end as an estimated 11 trillion gallons of water fell on the state. After the floodwaters receded, SCIAA and our partners at the State Museum and SHPO issued a call to action for citizens to report damages to archaeological, historical, and paleontological sites, along with any newly exposed sites caused by the floods. We have already fielded several reports of exposed cultural material. In addition to responding to these reports, we also intend to investigate some known sites to see what if any impacts occurred. It’s hard to believe the year is already coming to a close, but all of us at the MRD look forward to 2016 as we continue our mission of preserving and protecting the state’s maritime cultural heritage.
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