



The
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Inc.



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2011

OTTAWA CITY HALL

4:30 TO 6:30 P.M.



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THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2011 IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS

AT OTTAWA CITY HALL

FROM 4:30 TO 6: 30 PM

1. President's opening remarks
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from these Minutes
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Election of Directors
7. Constitution changes
8. Chapter Reports
9. Next Symposium
10. Other business
11. Adjournment

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2010

AT THE KILLARNEY BAY INN, KILLARNEY, ONTARIO

Board Members in Attendance

Neal Ferris	President
Jim Keron	Treasurer and Secretary
Morgan Tamplin	Directory of Advocacy
Alistair Jolly	Director of Membership

Services

Lorie Harris	Executive Director
Carole Stimmell	Director of Communication
Ryan Primrose	Director of Education

Regrets

Steve Timmermans	Director of Chapter Relations
Jennifer Birch	Director of Student Services

In total there were approximately 27 members present at the meeting.

President's opening remarks

Neal Ferris welcomed all those attending.

1. Minutes of the previous meeting

The Draft Minutes from the 2009 Annual Business Meeting were reviewed and

UPON MOTION, duly made by Chris Dalton and seconded by Alistair Jolly, it was unanimously resolved to approve the Minutes, as presented.

2. Matters arising from these Minutes

None.

3. President's report

Neal Ferris introduced the board members present and noted their various roles and responsibilities.

Neal Ferris thanked people on the board for their support in the first year of his presidency.

Ontario Archaeology will soon be up to date with a double issue and a large catch up issue so by the end of the year we should be completely caught up to date.

We have continued to work with the Ministry of Culture on the technical guidelines for consulting practices. We have also worked with First Nations on the Ministry's guidelines on consultation with first nations.

Board member Morgan Tamplin has worked with people in the Peterborough area to establish a new chapter in that

area.

A committee has been struck to review the future role of Ontario Archaeology now that it is caught up.

A review has been initiated looking at the suite of OAS Awards chaired by Alistair Jolly.

Neal Ferris provided a written copy of his report which is included in the Annual Report document.

4. Treasurer's report

Jim Keron, the treasurer reported to the membership.

A major risk going forward is the continued access to the PHO grant money. While we have had no official communication, various governments are actively looking for ways to cut deficits and funding to other arts and heritage organizations has been affected in other provinces. This money essentially provides funds for the Society's Office and the ED's salary.

The continued decline in subscription to *Ontario Archaeology* is a concern.

A review of membership indicates that we have a significant turnover in members. As of the beginning of August of this year, fully 121 people that were members in 2009 had failed to renew. Of these 23, were students and this could be expected. However, there were also nine institutions and 88 members. This also represents a loss of 83 *OA* subscriptions.

Several changes have been made to the Financial Statement to assist the Board in managing the Society and to provide better reporting to the membership

The operational budget for the year shows a budgeted deficit of \$1,955 and we are tracking well on the budget. This number is exclusive of the costs and subscription income for *Ontario Archaeology*.

The Investment Fund continues to increase. In 2009 it recovered substantially from Dec. 31, 2008 when it was \$166,764 to \$194,592 at Dec. 31, 2009. As of Aug. 31, 2010 it was \$202,148 for a gain of \$3.9% over the eight months. The Investment Fund is in a conservative equity fund so is sensitive to market fluctuation.

Note the Treasurers report in the Annual Report document.

5. Fee Increase

UPON MOTION, duly made by Nancy Van Sas and seconded by Kristin Thor the proposed fee increase of

\$2.00 across the board was approved. One member, Dr. Marti Latta, objected and wished to be recorded in the minutes.

6. Chapter Reports

• Toronto

Janice Teichroeb reported that regular meeting are the third Wednesdays of the month. Please feel free to attend if you are in the area. Activities included the annual winter weekend event and Archaeology Day was held at Black Creek pioneer village and was attended by 4,000 people. They are revamping their public displays. This year they ran a bus tour to several local sites on the Humber River. There will likely be more bus trips. Membership is stable and up slightly to 86.

• Ottawa

Glenna Roberts reported for the Ottawa Chapter. They run a series of public lectures, a couple of parties and are working on cleaning artifacts and developing a report from a site in the area. Their web site has been very effective for them in generating public support. They are very involved with the National Capital Commission on a review of archaeology in the area.

• Peterborough Chapter

Morgan Tamplin reported on behalf of the new Peterborough Chapter. An executive has been elected and regular speaker nights will commence in November. They have a web site under development and will be publishing a newsletter

• Huronia Chapter

John Raynor presented the Huronia report. They meet in the Huronia museum. The Huronia chapter has set up a blog which is for members only. They have a quarterly and monthly newsletter. They have a Facebook presence and have acquired two members through this facility. They have undertaken a major research project to identify Huron villages that were visited by Champlain in 1615. They are looking for legacy projects attached to the Champlain events to leave a significant facility after the events are complete in 1615. The Huronia Chapter has offered to host the 2015 symposium

• Thunder Bay

Bill Ross reported that Thunder Bay is a smaller chapter supported by the Dept of Anthropology at Lakehead University. They have a significant problem getting speakers due to the remote location.

The OAS sends congratulations to Clarence and Jennifer Surette on the arrival of their first born.

• London

Nancy Van Sas reported that London holds speaker nights during the September – April period and in December the members gather for the annual Christmas Party and executive election. Archaeology day was held in July at Longwoods Conservation Area. London has offered to host the 2012 Symposium.

7. Next Symposium

The Symposium for 2010 will likely be held in Ottawa hosted by the Ottawa Chapter. Organizing is underway the dates are Oct. 13 to 17. Thursday is at the war museum, Friday will have tours and Friday night will be a public lecture. Saturday will be the paper sessions. And Sunday, could be either more papers or a walking tour. The hotel has been booked. The Ottawa Chapter requested and obtained a break on the normal price structure and this was granted because we are a charitable institution.

The London Chapter has offered to hold the 2012 Symposium and the membership expressed interest in locating it close to significant war of 1812 locations as opposed to the City of London proper (e.g. Windsor or Niagara).

The Huronia Chapter has offered to hold the 2015 Symposium in conjunction with the 400th anniversary of Champlain's arrival in Huronia.

8. Nominating Committee

Neal Ferris reported that Dr Chris Watts the chair of the nominating committee reported no success in nominating people to the board. Neal asked for nominations from the floor and Chris Dalton was nominated and agreed to stand.

9. Changes to the Constitution

Neal Ferris provided the background on the constitutional changes which are all directed at a change in governance structure. The primary thrust of this is to structure board turnover in order to maximize knowledge retention that could be lost if too many board members decided to retire at the same time.

UPON MOTION, duly made by Jean-Luc Pilon and seconded by Nancy Van Sas the amendments to the constitution were approved with the following small word changes.

Article 7-1 'Board of Directors' should be 'Executive Board'.

Article 7-10 'Their' should be 'His/her' and 'Board of Directors' should be 'Executive Board'.

The motion carried unanimously.

UPON MOTION, duly made by Alicia Hawkins and

seconded by Cathy Crinnion the members wish to direct the board to maintain a strong focus on student services and we should revisit this year at next year's ABM.

10. Other Business

Jean-Luc raised the issue of maintaining the initiative to continue to make the OAS a strong voice in liaison with First Nations communities with respect to archaeological matters and ministry guidelines.

UPON MOTION, duly made by Jean-Luc Pilon and seconded by Margie Kennedy it was approved by the membership that we strike a task force lead by Ron Bernard and the community of Pikwakanagan to seek the development by the aboriginal peoples of Ontario, of a common approach in regards to archaeological practices and procedures in Ontario.

Neal Ferris noted the receipt by the society of a certificate signed by the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty congratulating the OAS on it's 60th year.

Neal Ferris formally thanked Dr. Alicia Hawkins and her organizing committee for hosting the 2010 Symposium.

UPON MOTION, duly made by Cathy Crinnion and seconded by Margie Kennedy, Dr Alicia Hawkins and the organizing committee were thanked for the work and originality displayed in the 2010 Symposium.

11. Adjournment

UPON MOTION, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45.

Jim Keron
Secretary



London Chapter's Archaeology Day at Longwoods

President's Report for 2011

It always comes as a bit of a shock when Lorie calls on the Executive Board to generate annual reports for the Society's annual report to members... it is a sure sign that the year has sped by. More troubling is that it takes awhile to recall exactly what filled those months of OAS governance, though one I do recall everything I find it all troubling at another level!

Provincial Funding

One task that kept various of the Board and Executive Director busy this past year was applying for funding from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture. This included applying for and obtaining a small end-of-budget-year grant the Ministry was making available to allow for various technological advancements to improve services. We were able to argue for both hardware and IT services in order to improve member services and governance, and were happy to receive that grant.

Among other things, this modest grant paid for laptops and tele-conference phone, accounting software, and a subscription to an online membership database. The latter has had a bit of a learning curve to get going, but we were able to have a Western work study student tackle that database with me this past summer, and we should be able to begin to go 'live' with that service as people renew memberships this November and December.

Later on it came time to apply for the Society's PHO (Provincial Heritage Organizations) grant from the Ministry. The good news was that the province provided PHOs with an opportunity to make an argument to justify an increase in base or core funding. The word came through while writing this report that we did indeed receive our PHO grant, including the increased funding. Cheers and we extend a big thank you to the province.

The trick, though, is that the funding process was heavily revised, and importantly, that revision included the need to much more clearly make the case for funds requested, and to outline a business and impact case for those additional funds, and identify measurables in which to demonstrate the funds help us achieve our goals. Moreover, the Ministry instituted an external review to assess PHO grant applications, which creates a more arms length and arbitrary evaluation process. We applaud the Ministry's revisions to the PHO granting process.

However these changes clearly signal the need to work hard both making the case, and documenting the outcomes in future years. So, for example, we have argued this year that part of the increased funding is needed to enhance online member services, since this

reflects a huge dimension of where members and potential members mostly interact with the OAS.

Enhancing services can include providing additional content and exploring opportunities to adopt more interactive informational services about archaeology and the society. So it makes sense to focus efforts in this area.

Nonetheless, any such effort comes with potentially huge costs of money and time. And certainly Jean-Luc Pilon, our most excellent web editor, has to grapple with already heavy demands on his time. So, as with everything, good intentions don't happen just because we wish them so! As such, we will need to work with members who have web design and web page management skills; or pay for the service, in order to advance the goal of enhanced online and digital services for members. Achieving this goal will certainly be critical to demonstrate a level of success in future PHO applications to sustain our increase in core funding.

Operations and Administration

Much of this year seemed to be spent getting on top of various dimensions of OAS operations, ranging from overhauling various programs, to figuring out how we would like day to day operations of the Society to actually work!

For example, in the area of overhauling programs, Alistair reports on our new and expanded range of awards and standardized nomination process elsewhere in this document. We are excited that Alistair has been able to work with members to come up with a standardized nominations process, and to have expanded award categories (see Arch Notes 16 (30: 13-14) or our webpage, for more information). New award categories include the J.V. Wright lifetime achievement award, and excellence awards in Culture Resource Management and in publishing (all of which need ideas for the design of the awards to be handed out). We hope members will start availing themselves of all our award categories next year.

Other housekeeping matters have included another effort of revising the OAS constitution. This tended to be more housekeeping than last year's overhauling of the OAS governance structure, but it did include addressing a real gap around employees of the OAS, and specifically the role of the Society's Executive Director. Surprisingly, the existence of an ED was never acknowledged in the constitution previously(!), and with these revisions, we'll be able to develop a more coherent and longer term plan for the roles and responsibilities of the ED of the OAS. These proposed draft changes appear elsewhere in this report, and will be voted on at this meeting.

The Board also had occasion to review the status of our endowment funds. Treasurer Jim Keron noted that all three of our existing funds (Futures, OA publication, and Awards) are in decent shape. As such, when the estate of long time member Valerie Sonstenes left the OAS a sizeable donation on the sad occasion of her passing away, the Board deliberated on how best to use these funds to celebrate Valerie's very kind gift. After much deliberation the Board decided to use the donation to start up a new endowment fund that would support student research into Ontario archaeology. Details of this fund will appear in the next issue of *Arch Notes*, and we will be actively fund raising for this initiative in the months ahead, but the idea will be to use interest on the principal of the fund to provide small research grants to students who need to cover the costs of various specialist studies, archival research, collaborative consultations, etc. It will be exciting, once the fund is large enough to start supporting research, to think the Society will play a role in helping the next generation of archaeological researchers advance and focus their efforts on the archaeological record of Ontario!

Another housekeeping challenge was planning for and thinking through this transition year into a new Governance structure for the OAS Executive Board. You will note that some positions now require people to stand for them, in addition to a compliment of directors. And, in order to more effectively manage transitions, executive members will hold their positions for multiple years, and stand for election on a staggered cycle. Sorting this all out and figuring out who is running for 2012 and who is not, for what position, has been a puzzle that required a great deal of thinking through. Hopefully we've got it right, now!

Ontario Archaeology became an operations task early this year, as the board, editors, and Ottawa Chapter all grappled with the logistics of getting out two issues, including the mega Mike Spence volume, out to members. Thanks to Lorie we were able to reduce what had been looking like a prohibitive mailout cost for that volume, and thanks to the diligence of the Ottawa Chapter, we able to undertake the much more labour intensive process that entailed (bundling by postal codes). Sadly, reviewing the mandate and role of OA was one of a number of tasks I failed to get on top of this year, and will carry forward. However, I was thrilled to hear that Chris Ellis will have enough submissions to get out a 2011 edition of OA by the end of the year!

A range of other day to day housekeeping issues were also tackled this past year, and several more substantive tasks have been identified as still needing to be tackled, such as reviewing production and delivery of *Arch Notes*, updating our Policies and Procedures manual, developing an Executive Board member orientation

guide, etc. This is the day to day stuff of the Executive Board, both glamorous and tedious, but always a task to share with members willing to assist!

A final note: one looming task ahead in the upcoming year will be to renew the Society's Strategic Plan, which expires in 2012 (I know, it does feel like just yesterday when we were developing it!). That will be an important task that will need to coherently focus on where we want to go and the vision we want to advance for the future of "encouraging an ethical practice of archaeology" in Ontario, as our founder, Norman Emerson, called for over 60 years ago now!

Ministry of Tourism and Culture Advocacy

We have had an opportunity to discuss a range of topics with the Ministry this past year. This included advocating for protection and preservation as the preferred management option for a large early contact site in Vaughan along the Humber River, rather than CRM-styled full scale site excavation. While this advocacy was not embraced by all, the last we had heard was that the Ministry had managed to facilitate discussions that included the landowner and the Huron-Wendat of Wendake, Quebec, who have been consistently advocating for preserving this locale of heritage importance to their community. While we believe these talks are continuing, it does seem that these parties are working towards preservation of the site.

We also reviewed with the Ministry the role the Society can play as we move further into the implementation of the Ministry's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and Engagement with Aboriginal Peoples Technical bulletin this year.

We proposed to the Ministry that the best role the OAS can serve is by facilitating open and regular communication and advice between various practitioners and sectors in the archaeological community, and between the archaeological community, other interests such as First Nations, and the Ministry. This kind of open sharing of experiences, issues and creative problem solving can help reach beyond the perennial 'us' vs 'them' that so dominates our community day to day, regardless of which 'us' or 'them' one happens to refer to, and help see where practice and conventions need to change.

Certainly as 2011 has unfolded, differing expectations between practitioners and Ministry review staff have emerged, to the point that there is real frustration being experienced by many who are just trying to get the job done. To ensure this doesn't just harden into a renewed 'us' vs 'them', we have been trying to facilitate dialogue on a host of specific matters between practitioners and Ministry. We are also proposing to provide an online database on issues and solutions, so everyone can see how chronic or idiosyncratic a particular matter is, and people can flag ways in which they found resolution with

such issues. We are also encouraging the Ministry to use the OAS and vehicles like our webpage and newsletter as a means of communicating regularly to the archaeological community, and are happy to see the Ministry scheduling a program update and information session in tandem with our conference.

I think we can all agree we expected bumps as we worked through implementation... but it is only by talking and working together than these bumps do not become potholes or structural fault lines that undermine what we are trying to achieve (i.e., the good conservation and management of Ontario's archaeological record).

So there you go: I started this report wondering what I could report on, and find myself deep into multiple pages

at this point. So I'll stop and let you read other reports now, but before I do, let me, on behalf of the collective membership of the Ontario Archaeological Society, thank my fellow Board members, our Executive Director, newsletter, journal and webpage editors, Chapter executive members, symposium organising committee, and the many members and non-members who have volunteered and contributed to the life and vitality of this organisation. Without your efforts, your OAS would not exist for you and for all of us. Many thanks!

Neal Ferris
President

Treasurer's Report for 2011

The accompanying financial statement includes the actuals from 2009 and 2010 and the year to date (YTD) figures for 2011 as of Sept. 1, 2011. The 2010 books have been reviewed and approved by an external accounting firm, Thamesford Accounting and Financial Services. The letter from the accounting firm is included.

Risks Going Forward

In general the Society is in sound financial condition.

An ongoing concern is the rollover in new members. We seem to be capable of attracting new members in good numbers but there is a corresponding loss of existing members that is significant. This suggests that a major focus on membership retention would be the ideal way to grow the society.

Changes to the Report Format

At the recommendation of the external accounting firm, the change in the Mutual Fund value has been removed from the income and expense statement so totals here will not match those reported last year.

Commentary on the Report

The 2010 year-end value of the mutual fund was \$212,338 which represents a gain of \$17,746 on the year or 9.12%. The value of the mutual fund has fluctuated in 2011 with the market but still shows a small improvement to \$214,927.

The 2010 Administration Surplus/Deficit for 2010 shows a deficit of \$2,341. This line in the report is a subtotal which includes all income and expense excepting fund donations and expenses and *Ontario Archaeology* (subscriptions and cost). This number is critical to sound financial management of the Society and we are working on eliminating this deficit since a deficit here implies a draw on the Future Fund.

Membership revenue was down marginally from 2009 to 2010 but in 2011 is up 6.5% over 2010 part of which is the fee

increase last year. Somewhat disappointing, *OA* subscription income is up only marginally over last year despite the fact that we now have *OA* up to date as of the end of 2010.

The *OA* Publication Fund continues to be in a very strong position. It shows a decline in value this year because of the publication in early 2011 of three years of *OA* at a cost of almost \$10,500. The Future Fund includes a donation of \$10,000 from the estate of Valerie Sonstenes, an OAS member who passed away in 2010. The executive is proposing establishing a fourth fund (details to follow) and this \$10,000 will be moved to the new fund so that the value of the Future Fund at the end of the year will not be as high as it shows in this report.

The overall 2010 surplus was \$4,993. This occurred primarily as we didn't issue *OA* during the calendar year 2010. The catch up edition and the 2010 *OA* were issued in January and February of 2011 and these entries appear in the 2011 books. The subscription revenue was rolled into the *OA* Publication Fund where it is available to pay publication expenses when they are incurred.

Both the YTD Administration Surplus (Deficit) and the YTD Overall Operating Surplus (Deficit) totals are not meaningful until the end of the year. When the PHO grant cheque is received both of these will change by the amount of the grant. The budget for 2011 shows the PHO grant at \$34,000 but this year the Ministry provided the opportunity to submit a business case for an additional \$8,000 in funding. Assuming we receive that funding we should show a good surplus for 2011.

Jim Keron
Treasurer

The Ontario Archaeological Society

Financial Statements for the period ended Aug 31, 2011

INCOME/EXPENSE STATEMENT	Actual		2011		
	2009	2010	YTD	Budget	% Budget
Membership fees (excl OA subscription)	16,469	16,211	17,268	16,000	108%
Grants					
PHO Grant	34,000	34,000	-	34,000	
SEP Grant	-	-	2,785	2,785	
Income - Other grants	-	-	4,000	4,000	
Symposium income					
Registration and other	12,254	7,434		10,775	
Donations Corporate/Grants	1,500	4,428		9,500	
Donations Individual		1,090		100	
Other income					
Sales	1,024	1,201	472	1,000	47%
Other Income	739	-	630	600	
Operating Expense Donation		864	-	600	
Total Operating income	65,986	65,228	25,155	79,360	
Office Expenses					
Salary	33,894	34,146	24,148	31,785	76%
Rent	5,606	5,769	4,324	5,800	75%
Insurance	3,832	3,563	3,065	3,900	79%
Audit fees	-	390	390	400	
Legal fees	-	-	-	-	
Travel mileage	616	1,791	-	500	0%
Telecom	1,817	1,857	1,314	1,900	69%
Office supplies	495	52	360	500	72%
Postage	1,616	615	716	1,200	60%
Office equipment	298	24	82	300	27%
Petty Cash	170	-	-	-	
Bank charges	845	936	817	900	91%
Depreciation	162	162	162	400	
ABM Expenses (inc ED)		532	-	500	
Program Expenses					
Promotion expenses	458	178	-	315	0%
Grants awarded	152	-	-	-	
Web Site Upgrades	3,631	73	117	-	
Expense Symposium	12,937	10,641	-	19,328	
Expense - Other Grants	-	-	4,000	4,000	
Other expenses	699	291	86	300	
Arch Notes Expenses					
Production AN	3,949	2,815	2,033	2,800	73%
Postage AN	3,454	3,733	1,809	3,750	48%
Total Arch Notes costs	7,403	6,548	3,842	6,550	59%
Total Administration Expenses	74,631	67,569	43,422	78,578	55%
Administration Surplus (Deficit)	(8,645)	(2,341)	(18,267)	782	
Ontario Archaeology					
Subscription Income	4,692	4,368	4,404	4,500	98%
Production OA	3,684	121	6,324	7,000	90%
Mailing preparation OA	250	-	1,000	500	200%
Postage OA	1,397	-	3,165	2,300	138%
Total Ontario Archaeology costs	5,331	121	10,489	9,800	107%
OA Surplus (Deficit)	(639)	4,247	(6,085)	(5,300)	
Money Deposited to Funds					
Life membership (Future Fund)		750	-	-	
Future fund Donations	3,086	1,939	10,668	12,000	89%
OA publication fund Donations	686	723	320	600	53%
Awards fund Donations	50	138	185	200	
Peggi	152	-	-	-	
Money Charged to Funds					
Awards Fund Purchases		463	-	-	
Total Fund Surplus (Deficit)	3,974	3,087	11,173	12,800	

Total Operating Income and Expenses	Actual		2011	
	2009	2010	YTD	Budget
Total Operating Income	74,652	73,146	40,732	96,660
Total Operating Expenses	79,961	68,153	53,910	88,378
Overall Operating Surplus (Deficit)	(5,309)	4,993	(13,178)	8,282

Mutual Fund Performance	2,009	2,010	2,011	
			YTD	Budget
Total Fund Value	194,592	212,338	214,927	
Increase (Loss) over previous year	27,829	17,746	2,589	10,000

ENDOWMENT FUND PERFORMANCE	Actual		YTD
	2,009	2,010	2,011
Ontario Archaeology Fund			
Value at Start of Year	126,156	142,193	159,692
Investment Fund Gain/(Loss)	15,989	12,529	1,846
Donations	686	723	320
OA Surplus (Deficit)	(639)	4,247	(6,085)
Final Value	142,193	159,692	155,774
Awards Fund			
Value at Start of Year	3,158	3,609	3,602
Investment Fund Gain/(Loss)	400	318	42
Donations	50	138	185
Withdrawals	-	(463)	0
Final Value	3,609	3,602	3,828
Future Fund			
Value at Start of Year	72,081	78,114	83,361
Life membership Purchased		750	0
Investment Fund Gain/(Loss)	11,439	4,899	701
Donations	3,086	1,939	10,668
Operating Surplus (Deficit) on the year	(8,493)	(2,614)	(18,267)
Final Value	78,114	83,087	76,463

STATISTICAL INFORMATION	Actual		YTD
	2,009	2,010	2,011
Renewals and donations through PayPal	6,930	9,130	5,674
Chapter renewals through the OAS	2,971	3,893	2,576
Peggi Armstrong Fund Donations through OAS	152	284	143
Accumulated Surplus (Awards +Future Funds)	81,722	86,689	80,291

2011 OAS Membership Statistics			
Individual	89	Individual with OA	2
Student	17	Student with OA	45
Family	24	Family with OA	84
Life	60	Honorary	2
Exchange	3	Complementary	13
Corporate/Institutional with OA		62	
Total Members		629	

BALANCE SHEET	Actual		YTD
	2,009	2,010	2,011
Bank balance			
Bank - RBC	28,115	31,192	18,121
Accounts receivable and prepaid expenses			
GST/HST receivable	503	992	2,685
Prepaid insurance	2,766	3,027	-
Symposium profit share receivable	-	-	-
SEP grant receivable	-	-	-
Symposium registration receivable	890	4,621	291
PHO Grant receivable	-	-	-
Other (Arch Day)	-	274	-
Total receivables and prepaid expenses	4,159	8,914	2,976
Long term investments			
Mutual fund	194,592	212,338	214,927
GIC	-	-	-
Total long term investments	194,592	212,338	214,927
Fixed assets			
Computer equipment - at cost	2,822	2,822	2,822
Office equipment - at cost	1,311	1,311	1,311
Field equipment - at cost	-	-	-
Computer equipment - accum depr	(2,821)	(2,821)	(2,821)
Office equipment - accum depr	(824)	(987)	(1,149)
Field equipment - accum depr	-	-	-
Total fixed assets	488	325	163
Current liabilities			
Arch Notes	-	-	-
Severance	-	-	-
Deferred revenue	(3,438)	(6,115)	(72)
Audit fees	-	-	-
Telecom	-	-	-
Legal fees	-	-	-
Symposium registration payable	-	-	-
Chapter member fees	-	-	(50)
Total current liabilities	(3,438)	(6,115)	(122)
Total net assets	223,916	246,655	236,065
Members equity			
OA publication fund	142,193	159,692	155,774
Awards fund	3,609	3,602	3,828
Future fund	78,114	83,361	76,463
Total members equity	223,916	246,655	236,065



Bill Fox (l) and Lorie Harris (r) present Ella and Charlie Garrard with the first ever Killarney Award for Outstanding Service at a Toronto Chapter meeting.



Thamesford Accounting & Financial Services

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July 14, 2011

The Ontario Archaeological Society
Suite 102-144 Queen St., E.,
Toronto, Ontario
M4L 1E1
c/o Mr. James Keron

Dear Members of the Society

Re: Fiscal Year End December 31, 2010
Review of Accounts

This letter is to confirm that Thamesford Accounting and Financial Services have performed a review of the bookkeeping files and records of your organization for the above-noted period.

We confirm a reconciled bank balance of \$32,068.53, and a reconciled value of mutual funds in the amount of \$212,337.95.

Deposits appear to be complete and accurate, and all information presented for this review appears to be satisfactory based on the documentation provided.

Over all we found your records to be well documented, but to improve the financial operation of your organization, we would recommend

- 1) That your records be kept on accounting software. We recommend Quickbooks 2010 Pro. This will allow your organization to conform to generally accepted accounting principles.
- 2) There is no verification for the PalPal Deposits and associated fees. A statement or printout from PayPal would indicate the gross amount of the deposit and charged PayPal fees. These fees would then be recorded as bank fees or miscellaneous.

If you have questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Darrell K. Dobbie
Thamesford Accounting & Financial Services

October 15, 2011

DIRECTOR'S REPORTS

DIRECTOR OF ADVOCACY

Here is a summary of activities in my second year as Director of Heritage Advocacy. This full-year review may offer a more representative sample than my previous report of the various duties this position entails from a local, provincial and national perspective.

In the fall of 2010 I made a presentation at the first official meeting of the new Peterborough Chapter. I also attended public meetings on the Peterborough Cultural Plan both as an OAS member/director and as an Advisory Committee member of Peterborough Museum and Archives (PMA).

I attended an MTC Heritage Conservation Workshop at the Lindsay Armoury sponsored by the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy and a regional meeting in Kingston on the five-year Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Provincial Policy Statement (PPS) review.

At the opening ceremonies for Provincial Heritage Week on Feb. 13, I represented the OAS and set up the POAS display. Later in the week I helped with the display at Lansdowne Place mall in Peterborough.

I attended two grant application seminars held by the City of Peterborough and the Greater Peterborough Community Foundation. Acting on the information provided, the POAS Executive applied for and received a Community Project Grant from the City of Peterborough.

In April I represented the OAS as an observer at the annual meeting of SOS: 'Save Ontario Shipwrecks'. I also attended and photographed an artifact identification session at the Lindsay Museum with other members of the Peterborough Chapter, which was reported in the latest (July/August) issue of *Arch Notes*: 'Archaeology at the Gaol'. In July, I returned to Lindsay for the Victoria County Historical Society's second annual heritage showcase, 'Honouring the Past', representing the OAS and the PMA.

In May, I attended the CAA Annual Meeting in Halifax NS. I delivered and set up the OAS Banner and donated a collection of OAS 'products' to the silent auction. Both the president and myself attended session and had discussions on heritage matters.

During the year various individuals and organizations contacted the OAS with heritage issues. These were usually specific queries about endangered sites so as in previous years, we directed them to government departments administering the legislation covering their concerns.

Morgan J. Tamplin

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

I will not be standing for continued service on the OAS Board of Directors after completion of my first three-year term, which expires Dec. 31, 2011. It has been a challenge for me to put in the time that is required to effectively fulfill my role as Director of Chapter Services. However, I am upholding my commitment to the OAS Board to continue seeing through an effort to apply for funding to support the development of the avocational Ontario Archaeological Stewardship Program, initially as a regional pilot project effort.

As such, I am working closely with Jim Keron and Lorie Harris to complete a funding application to submit to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their Nov. 1 funding application deadline. The application will be to request support for a two-year pilot project for the Ontario Archaeological Stewardship Program, and the proposed area of implementation is the Thames Valley catchment region.

If successfully funded by OTF, numerous avocational and project partners will be engaged prior to and during project implementation. If the project is funded and the project becomes successful, the long-term goal is to expand this project to become a permanent OAS program by securing additional Provincial OTF funds and other provincial and private funds, so that other OAS Chapters that might be interested in adopting the program as part of their annual activities can participate. We will submit the ASP funding proposal to OTF for their 2011 fall (November) grant application deadline.

We continue to report on the activities of OAS Chapters through the OAS website, *ArchNotes*, our quarterly OAS Board reports, and we strive to make improvements to how we communicate this information to the OAS membership.

Steve Timmerman

DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Ontario Archaeology:

Thanks to a major effort by former editor Andrew Stewart and current editor Chris Ellis (with the able assistance of Dave Robertson), *OA* is now up to date.

Congratulations to everyone who made this happen.

Dr. Ellis is not just sitting on his laurels. He anticipates that another volume will be out by the end of 2011.

Annual General Meeting

When you renew your membership for next year, consider signing up for *OA* again.

Arch Notes:

Sheryl Smith and myself have been working hard to get *ArchNotes* out on time. We usually manage to set the online version out by the 15th of the second month of the issue. Because printing and mailing the paper version can take some time, you may not get your hands on a 'real' copy for a couple of weeks after this. We understand that, for those of you that do not have good internet connection, a paper copy is the only option. However, the email version is in full colour, comes sooner and saves a great deal in printing and mailing expenses. Consider signing up for it when you renew.

This will be my last report as an OAS Director. I am not standing for election for a further term. Since coming on the board in 2006, I have had the opportunity to work with some amazing people, and have come to understand the challenges faced by Ontario archaeology. Thank you for the experience.

Carole Stimmell

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

This is my fifth year of sitting on the Board of Directors and it has been another rewarding year for me in that I've been able to contribute in some small way to the operation of the OAS. While my role as Director of Membership Services is somewhat fluid, I have tried to aid our valued members in whatever capacity is needed when required and added my voice to board decisions throughout the year.

Once again, I had the honour to sit on the nominating committee for the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award. This year we have one nomination for the PAPA award, which has been offered by our Ottawa Chapter since 1996. Congratulations go to Catherine MacDonald, who has been committed to a greater public awareness in archaeology.

Every year we have the opportunity to give out awards to our membership but we can't hand them out without nominations and every year I make this plea: don't be shy and come forward with the names of those deserving individuals who warrant the recognition of their peers.

In an effort to generate nominations, the award categories have been renovated, new categories have been created and a (hopefully) streamlined nomination process has been introduced. New categories include a cultural resource management award and a publication award. Please visit the website for additional

information.

As always, updating addresses, while a common service, is important. So again, please contact me (contact information is provided in *Arch Notes*) as soon as you move. Without address changes, you will not receive our publications which is, arguably, our most valuable service to our membership. Furthermore, if *OA* and *Arch Notes* are sent to the wrong address, this may cause additional time and energy expenditures that could result in supplementary monetary expenses for the OAS, which is a loss for all our members. Email addresses also often need updating, so don't forget to drop me a line with your new contact information.

The past five years have been a delight to serve on the OAS Board of Directors and I look forward to 2012. Please, if any members have any concerns or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to provide for you!

Allistair Jolly

DIRECTOR OF STUDENTS SERVICES

Online Resources

The Ontario Archaeological Society maintains a number of online resources in order to provide students and other OAS members with useful information. These include Archaeology Programs in Ontario Post-Secondary Institutions, Ontario Archaeology Theses, and Archaeological Field Schools in Ontario and Abroad. I have continued to add updated information to these databases. If there is any addition material you believe should be added please let me know.

Arch Notes Digitization

Arch Notes is a valuable resource for students and other OAS members. Matthew Beaudoin, a graduate student at the University of Western Ontario, has spearheaded a project to digitize Arch Notes so that it can be added to the OAS website in a similar manner as OA. Funds were acquired to purchase a flatbed scanner and pay for a student to scan and organize the back catalogue. The work was completed this summer and will be available in the coming months.

Facebook

The OAS Facebook group has grown to 301 members, up from 260 last year. It continues to be actively used to post job notices, upcoming talks, and OAS business. I encourage you to join if you have not already.

John Moody

EDITOR OF ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGY

I took over as Editor of *Ontario Archaeology* (OA) as of 2011 from Dr. Andrew Stewart. We need to acknowledge the great job Andrew did as editor of our flagship journal and he has been of immense help in my transitioning to this new position. I am very pleased to note that he has agreed to stay on as book review editor and as editor for the short contributions series on individuals (Profiles) who have made substantial contributions to our Ontario archaeological knowledge – a series Andrew initiated. In addition, the members of the editorial board and editorial advisory established under Andrew's tenure have agreed to stay on including Mathew Boyd, Alicia Hawkins, Susan Jamieson, Suzanne Needs, Shari Prowse and Ronald Williamson.

I was honored and very pleased to be asked to be OA editor and of course, will do the best job I can fulfilling the trust that the OAS has placed with me. I am also pleased to note that, including one article accepted under Andrew's tenure, we have enough material to allow the 2011 OA to be to the printer and released later this year fulfilling our obligations to the membership. Of course, we want to keep OA released on schedule and can never have too many articles...so I encourage all members to consider submitting articles to our journal.

Chris Ellis

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The publishing of the OAS journal *Ontario Archaeology* (OA) no.'s 85-88 and no. 89/90 was a major accomplishment this year. The publication schedule is currently up to date thanks to Andrew Stewart, Dave Robertson and Chris Ellis for coordinating the two volumes, and to the London Chapter for producing the double volume.

Andrew Stewart who volunteered for over 10 years as the OA editor recently retired. Thank you for your dedication and years of service. Once the OA publications were printed and ready for mail out we were challenged to find a way to reduce the enormous postage cost which had been quoted. The Ottawa Chapter initiated cost saving discussions with Canada Post and informed the OAS office the organization matched the criteria for programs they offered. The OAS office began the process of applying to the alternative mailing options. Applications were approved

under the Canada Post Publication Mail NDG Sort Agreement in February.

The Ottawa Chapter then started the process of learning to sort and package OA as instructed in the publication mail document. This process involved categorizing mail by postal code, region, post office depot and preparing the correct bundles for delivery; an enormous undertaking with numerous volunteer hours required. Their efforts saved postage costs of over \$6,000.

A very special thank you to Ottawa Chapter members Stacey-Girling Christie, Jean-Luc Pilon, volunteers Megan Gardiner, Karen Albright Murchison, Elizabeth Imrie, Matt Black, Matthew Betts and the Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation.

Concurrent with the publication mail-out process the OAS office handled the successful 2011 membership renewal season. Weekly assistance was also provided to members and the general public regarding inquiries and referrals for field school opportunities (volunteering/employment), local artifact discoveries, locations for analysis and current legislation. Requests for past OAS publications and merchandise were also common and we are pleased several copies of the OAS Field Manual for Avocational Archaeologists in Ontario were ordered by a variety of educational groups.

For the planning of future OAS Symposia we also liaised with representatives from the Falls Avenue Resorts and the Niagara Parks Commission in the Niagara region.

New technology for the OAS office was greatly needed in order to be compatible with industry standards and improve overall administration. In March we received a year end grant from the Ministry of Tourism and Culture. The Heritage Organization's One Time Project Grant 2010-2011 enabled the purchase of a new office computer, printer, photo scanner, teleconferencing system, accounting software and services for developing a cloud based membership database.

As discussed by the Board of Directors, the current membership database developed in an older computer program was in need for an upgrade. An enhanced database using a cloud-based membership program would include features allowing OAS members to easily update their membership record such as changing residential or email addresses. The new system would also include many new enhanced features for producing membership statistics, mailing lists, financial and Chapter related information; thus improving overall operations and services to members. This new program will be introduced during the 2012 renewal season.

The Heritage Organizational Operating Grant (PHO) 2011/2012 application prepared in collaboration with the

Visitor Demographics

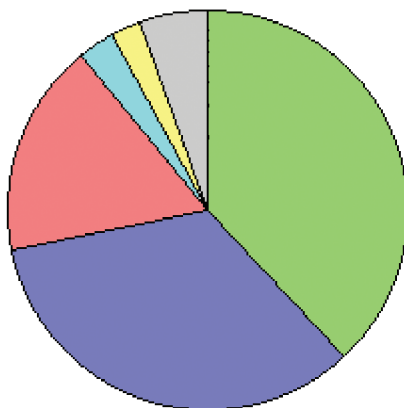
Place of Origin of Visitors

Provinces and States

42.19%	<u>Ontario</u>
23.78%	<u>Quebec</u>
9.73%	<u>Michigan</u>
2.78%	<u>Virginia</u>

Regions (GeoIP)

51.51%	<u>North America</u>
37.85%	<u>Unknown</u>
9.31%	<u>Europe</u>
0.68%	<u>Asia</u>



Visitors by Country

37.84%	(Unknown)
34.13%	Canada
17.25%	United States
2.91%	Sweden
2.53%	United Kingdom
5.35%	(All Others)

Board of Directors was successfully submitted to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture on June 16, 2011 and approved Aug. 31, 2011. The PHO grant also included the approval of additional funds for a business case which was submitted by Neal Ferris and Jim Keron for OAS website enhancement. Thank you to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture for supporting the goals and the work of the Society.

Since August of 2009 statistics collected show over 80,000 people have visited the website. This is an average of 3,000 hits per month and in September 2011, it reached over 4,000 hits. The impressive numbers certainly suggest how important our website is as an information and communication tool for Ontario archaeology and the work of the Society's members at large.

A vital and key role in the organization's growth and success are the eight OAS Provincial Chapters. Chapter members coordinate monthly meetings, host events, and produce newsletters and special publications. Consider joining a chapter if you are not already a member.

On-going communication and administrative support was provided to the Chapters throughout the year. The Toronto Chapter continued the role of mailing arch notes to the OAS Members utilizing bi-monthly the OAS office. Compensation to the Chapter assists in their fund-raising

initiatives. On behalf of the Board of Directors thank you to the Ottawa Chapter for coordinating the 2011 Annual OAS Symposium, 'Waterways Through Time - Recognition and Celebration'. Special congratulations to the members of the Ottawa Chapter on celebrating your 40th anniversary. We wish you many more successful years.

Volunteers are an integral part of the successful operations of the Society. The OAS office was fortunate to be assisted this year by several volunteers. Life members; Norma Knowlton, Art Howie and Charlie and Ella Garrad shared knowledge of past organizational history and provided assistance for community inquiries. Yvonne Mascarenas and Laura Antansanoff assisted weekly with a variety of clerical duties. With their help we improved the record keeping, archival filing, office accounting and general administration. Thank you to the members, volunteers, donors and grantors for your continued support and dedication to the society.

It has been a pleasure working with the Board of Directors and am looking forward to working with all of you in 2012.

Lorie Harris

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OAS CONSTITUTION

The OAS Executive Board has reviewed the constitution and is proposing some changes for the membership to ratify at the Annual Business Meeting in Ottawa this October. Explanations are provided before presenting the changes (Please note: unless otherwise indicated, inserted text appears in square brackets, deleted text appears as strike through):

A) Article 4 Fiscal Management:

Proposed Change to 4(3): Word changes are proposed to cheque signing authority to make the logistics of securing two authorised signatures more flexible. The proposal is to increase by one the number of Executive Board members who can have signing authority in a given year.

Proposed Change to Article 4.3:

All cheques in payment of authorised accounts and bills shall be signed by any two of the three [four] signing officers. The signing officers shall be the President, the Treasurer and [up to two other] one designated Director[s] or Officer[s].

B) Article 4 Fiscal Management:

Proposed Replacement of 4(10): A proposed replacement in 4(10) is required to reflect Society practice, which is that the Society's books are subject to annual accounting reviews each year, not a formal audit. A formal audit means something very specific within accounting practice today, and is a very costly exercise the Society does not require in a typical year.

Proposed Replacement of Article 4.10:

Current wording: "The Executive Board shall appoint the Auditor at the beginning of each fiscal year."

Proposed new wording: "The Executive Board shall appoint an accounting firm at the beginning of each fiscal year to conduct an

independent accounting review of the Society's books and documentation of expenses and revenue. The Executive Board may choose to have the Society's books undergo a formal legal audit in a given fiscal year, if necessary."

C) Article 8 Committees

Proposed Change to Article 8: This article provided very limited guidance to the Society on the role and function of committees. As well, there is a complete absence in the Constitution recognising the fact that the Society employs an Executive Director, or terms and definition of the position's mandate, or the fact that the Society also, from time to time, employs other individuals. The proposed changes to Article 8 is intended to provide clearer guidance and encompass what has been a major dimension of the Society for the last several decades.

Proposed New Article 8:

Current Article:

ARTICLE 8 – COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Board shall appoint Committee Chairs.

2. The Quorum for any Committee meeting shall comprise the total number of attending members.

Proposed New Article 8:

ARTICLE 8 – APPOINTED OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

1. The Executive Board shall appoint officers to serve various functions of the Society, including as editors of publications and online content, committee chairs, project leaders, and other positions as deemed necessary.

2. Appointments shall be for one year. Appointed officers can be re-appointed by succeeding Executive Boards.

3. Appointed officers are entitled to attend Executive Board meetings as ex officio members, without voting privileges.

4. Appointed officers are required to submit an annual report of their activities (or of the activities of the Committees they chair) to be included in the annual report to the membership.

5. Appointed Committee Chairs will appoint other members of the Society and non-members to the committee as they may deem warranted. The Quorum for any Committee meeting shall comprise the total number of attending members.

6. Committees may fact-find and bring forward recommendations to the Executive Board for consideration, but cannot incur any liability or cost on behalf of the Society, or make a commitment on behalf of the Society, without Executive Board approval.

7. As deemed necessary and provided core operations of the Society are not impaired, the Executive Board may hire employees to undertake specific functions or services of the Society. The Board will determine the need and approval of such hiring. The society will adhere to all relevant Ontario employment and workplace legislation and standards.

8. The president is responsible for defining the terms and conditions of employment for any employee of the Society, which will be ratified by the Executive Board.

9. An Executive Director for the Society will be maintained on salary provided core operations of the Society shall not be impaired.

10. The Executive Director will serve the operational and strategic planning needs of the Society, and support the Executive Board in the manner needed and defined in the Executive Director's Terms of Employment.

11. Duties and responsibilities of the Executive Director will be defined in a Terms of Employment (ToE) contract entered into between the Society and the Executive Director. The President

is responsible for negotiating the content of the ToE and defining performance measures with the preferred candidate.

12. Final approval of a preferred candidate to be hired for the ED position, and the ToE negotiated with that candidate, must be ratified by the Executive Board.

13. Duration of an Executive Director ToE will be one year. Approval of the Executive Director's contract will be ratified by the Executive Board annually.

14. The Executive Director will attend all Executive Board meetings, and the Annual Business Meeting of the Society as an ex officio member without voting privileges.

15. The Executive Director is considered an honorary member of the Society during their tenure, and not obligated to pay membership dues.

D) Article 9(15) - Word Change:

In the event of revocation or surrender of the Charter, all Chapter property and records, ~~artefacts~~ [collections (artifacts, remains and associated field records and reports)] and articles and official documents bearing the name of the Society, will

be returned to the Society.

E) Article 10(2) - Word Change:

The Society supports [Ontario,] Canadian and International legislation and conventions that discourage and/or prohibit the purchase, sale and trading of original arte[i]facts, and it expects its members to comply with the spirit and intent of such legislation and conventions. Should the Society become aware that a member may have violated the spirit and intent of this clause, then the Executive Board may consider invoking the provisions of Article 11 below, but only once it has given the subject member an opportunity to appeal against any remedies contained in this article.

F) Article 11 Suspensions and Expulsions:

Proposed Change to 11(1): Word changes are proposed to clarify the status and duration of a forfeited membership as a result of non-payment of dues in a new member year.

Proposed Change to Article 11(1):

A member three months in arrears of dues shall [forfeit their membership in the society, but can be]

~~automatically be suspended subject to~~
~~reinstate[d]ment~~ upon payment of all arrears [prior to the end of the calendar year].

G) Article 11 Suspensions and Expulsions:

Proposed Change to 11(2): Under current wording, a member can be suspended if the Executive Board determines a member's conduct has been unethical. However, with the Society's Statement of Ethical Principles, it is proposed that Executive Board's authority in this matter should be restricted to whether or not the issue is a violation of the Statement.

Proposed Change to Article 11(2):

Any member, upon unanimous approval of the Executive Board, may be suspended, expelled, or subject to other disciplinary action for the following offences:

- i. Violation of the Constitution;
- ii. Violation of any resolution in force or effect;
- iii. ~~Unethical conduct, as determined by the Executive Board, based on the nature of the conduct.~~
- iii. [Violation of the Society's Statement of Ethical Principles.]



Peterborough Chapter visits the petroglyphs

October 15, 2011

CHAPTER REPORTS

HAMILTON

THE HAMILTON Chapter held a series of public lectures from October 2010 to May 2011. The attendance at the lectures varied from 10 to 30 people. A list of speakers and titles of talks is provided below. Some of the lectures were delivered by Chapter members.

Oct. 21: Rudy Fecteau – Archaeobotany in Canada: A Personal View

Nov. 18: Chris Redford – A Burial, Bread and Beer at Mendes, Egypt

Dec. 16: Mike McLean – Megaliths - Fosse Vallum Excavations in Wessex 1920 to 1940

Jan. 20: Gary Warrick – The Disappearance of the San (Bushmen) from South Africa

Feb. 17: Neal Ferris – In, Of, and Through A Late Woodland Borderland in Southwestern Ontario

March 17: Megan Brooks – Urban Archaeology: Excavation of a 19th century Toronto Boarding House

April 21: Phil Woodley – Redeemer College Site: A Typical Uren Village 1300-1350 AD

May 19: Lori D'Ortenzio – Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis of European Glass Beads from the Wood Site

In addition to Chapter lectures, a new website for the Chapter was launched in the fall of 2010, designed by Stuart Hill, a nephew of Art Howey and a Chapter member. Art is one of the founding members of the Hamilton Chapter. The website is attractive and filled with news notices and links to other Chapter events and external websites. It is an excellent website and rivals the Ontario Archaeological Society website. The URL address for the site is <http://hamilton.ontarioarchaeology.on.ca/>.

HURONIA

AS IN PREVIOUS years the Huronia Chapter membership has fluctuated between 25 – 30 members with about 50% overall participation in various chapter activities.

We have had eight members meetings so far this year including a review of our priorities in at the first of the year and as a result put our Champlain Project over to a committee. We had presentations from Dr Alicia Hawkins on the Thompson/Walker Huron village site, Jamie Hunter on Council Rock, Rudy Fecteau on Plants in Archaeology, Bryan MacKell regarding Simcoe County's trails master plan, Catherine Sutton on Dr C J Tache's work in Huronia, Janet Turner on the Mnjikaning Fish Fence Circle. We also held a pool party, BBQ social in July and have our AGM/election slated for December.

In addition to our regular activities Laurentian University conducted a field school at the Ellery site and Alicia was kind enough to host an open house to which our members were invited to attend. We also attempted to host a public archaeology day but this was not possible due to time constraints and the bureaucratic red tape seemingly unavoidable in such endeavours.

In support of our members and their activities we publish a quarterly newsletter titled *The Pot* along with the occasional update called 'The Sherd'. We also have a webpage courtesy of the OAS doing the web hosting. Our blog has continued with less member's participation than we might have hoped for but none the less gives us a presence online and has stimulated some public inquiries and information sharing.

Last years focus on Champlain and the villages he visited in Huronia in 1615 has been formulated into a funding request that has been submitted to a local francophone organization that has a mandate to promote the Champlain commemoration events slated for 2015. This is also the year that we have committed to host the OAS annual symposium.

As a result of our networking with the local First Nations community we were asked to become involved in some community consultation regarding the insulation of a Bell Mobility communications tower that was proposed in an area rife with archaeological and historical resources (the Ossossane sites). As a result Bell Mobility agreed to do an archaeological assessment even though not required to do so by Industry Canada who acts as the regulating body for these tower installations. We were also reminded that even though these sites are designated as National Historic sites, this affords them no protection from intrusion and or destruction. Communities across Ontario have been asked to develop a protocol regarding communication towers but seem to be discouraged from asking for serious community consultation and from what I can see ignore cultural landscapes and any question of archaeological assessments.

These issues might well be considered for action by the OAS advocacy committee in an effort to further the protection of archaeological sites in Ontario. We have also been asked for comment on an industrial site development that is close to some archaeological sites across the river from Ste Marie among the Hurons and visible from the Martyrs Shrine. This development was not asked to do an archaeological assessment and it would appear that the question of historical/cultural landscapes was never addressed.

Another project that we have been invited to become involved with is the Mnjikaning Fish Fence Circle and their project to build a bridge over and an interpretive centre at the Atherley Narrows. This is another National Historic site



Ottawa Chapter's Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Park

that is afforded no protection and is now being encroached by developments.

All in all this has been another good year with more potential projects in the works than active members to move them forward.

LONDON

Our meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology, 1600 Attawandaron Road, London, ON, from September until April. Doors open around 7:30 p.m. and meetings begin promptly at 8 p.m., at which time the executive present announcements and reports. This is followed by an hour-long presentation on archaeological research by a pre-arranged guest speaker. Refreshments are provided by the Chapter and all those in attendance are free to mingle following the presentation.

Our February meeting is Member's Night. The schedule is slightly different this month, as several short presentations of past or ongoing research are provided by our London Chapter members.

Elections

Elections take place during our December meeting/Christmas party. There is no speaker during this meeting however members often spend time reminiscing about recent and more distant field seasons.

Summer Picnic

The third Sunday in July is the longstanding date for our London Chapter picnic. It is held at Longwoods Conservation Area and Ska Nah Doht Iroquoian Village and Museum near Delaware, ON. Highlights include: an artifact identification clinic, flint knapping demonstrations, atl atl throwing, a tour of the Iroquoian village, and a barbeque.

KEWA: Newsletter of the London Chapter OAS

The London Chapter newsletter, Kewa, is published eight times a year. We are always looking for research reports, book reviews, and opinion pieces to publish. Please feel free to contact our editors!

Upcoming Events

The London Chapter will be hosting the 2012 OAS Symposium in Windsor. The Symposium will take place on Nov. 9 and 10 with concurrent sessions on the War of 1812 (to celebrate the bicentennial), the PaleoIndian/Archaic Period, the Woodland Period, and a special session on the Late Woodland Western Basin Tradition.

OTTAWA

THE YEAR since last year's symposium has been very busy for the Ottawa Chapter OAS, to a large extent because of preparations for the symposium. Stacey Girling-Christie has been chair of the committee, pulling together the many aspects of our rather complicated program. It has been quite a while since the symposium has taken place in the heart of the down-town of the nation's capital, so we wanted to show off as many aspects of local archaeology as we

could, including the institutions from which we benefit and sites related to our waterway location, both pre-historic and historic. We also wanted a public component.

Nevertheless our regular lecture program continued through the spring of 2011 with a tour of 'The Horse' exhibit at the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and talks from David Walden of UNESCO Canada, Jacquie Fisher, and chapter members Manuel Lapensée-Paquette and Rory Mackay. In September 2011 Rudy Fecteau presents his workshop on archaeo-botany. During the year Marian Clark prepared four newsletters, and Yvon Riendeau continued as master of our web-site, a valued contribution to our public face. We also spread the word about the importance of archaeology at heritage day events in Ottawa (Heritage Day on Feb. 22 and Colonel By day on Aug. 1) as well as at Eastern Ontario Provincial Parks (Bonnechere and Murphy's Point). Social events included two pot-luck suppers, as well as the community camping experience at Bonnechere.

Our president has been involved in renewal of the Ottawa Arts and Heritage Plan. To date I have attended a meeting of Ottawa City Hall officials with heritage organizations, been interviewed at length about the importance of archaeology, responded to discussion papers regarding proposed focus groups, participated in a focus group on Cultural Places and Spaces, and am at present encouraging members to attend public presentations of the results of the City's deliberations to date. Whether the strong recommendations both of OAS and of City Hall staff for a designated archaeologist at City Hall and a new Master Plan will survive the process, we will wait and see.

The Ottawa Chapter administers the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology award for the OAS. Long-time administrator, Peggy Smyth, retired this year, and her place has been taken by Lois King, who knew Peggi and also knows the conditions of the award. A presentation will be made at the annual banquet.

Our membership hovers at about 60, with attendance at meetings 20 – 25. We had what has become an annual fund raiser, selling donations collected from members at the Great Glebe Garage sale, which nets about \$500. We maintain a balanced budget with this income.

PETERBOROUGH

IT SEEMS like this, the inaugural year of the Peterborough Chapter, has flown by. It's fair to say that much of our effort has been expended in establishing ourselves, being the 'new kids on the block', both as an organization and as a local resource for all-things archaeological. Our Board of Directors has gotten to know each other and settled nicely into a routine of sharing duties and responsibilities as needed.

We have launched a web presence, thanks to Chapter

member Grant Karcich and fellow traveler Dave Francis. Our Vice-President Dirk Verhulst has assumed the duties of producing our excellent newsletter, *Stratus*, with two issues out and another due shortly.

In our first year, we presented five interesting public lectures on a variety of topics within the discipline. We have chosen to make our speakers' series available to the public at large as a Chapter outreach activity, free of charge, and are fortunate to have received a grant from the city of Peterborough to help defray costs. Continuing with public outreach, the chapter had a presence at both Peterborough's Heritage week celebration at Landsdowne Place, and the Victoria County Historical Society's Honouring the Past heritage showcase.

Making connections has been an important focus of the past 12 months. We have been pleased to establish a mutually beneficial relationship with the Mississauga of Curve Lake First Nation. Through shared executive members, we have an association with Lindsay's Olde Gaol Museum as featured in the latest ArchNotes. Peterborough's municipal Heritage Officer is a member. We have contributed to the City of Kawartha Lakes' Heritage Master Plan, and been featured in local newspaper reports. We are working towards a relationship with Trent University, and hope to become a resource to their Archaeology program. We are having discussions with the Kawartha Heritage Conservancy about co-sponsorship of an Archaeology workshop aimed at both the interested public and municipal staff.

The Chapter successfully conducted its first trip, visiting Curve Lake's Whetung Gallery, its Cultural Centre, and after a lunch in Lakefield, experiencing the Peterborough Petroglyphs. We'd like to acknowledge Curve Lake's Archival Officer Anne Taylor for interpreting the site for us from the Mississauga perspective.

In conclusion the Peterborough Executive would like to thank our members for their ongoing support, in particular Morgan Tamplin and Sheryl Smith, who have offered wisdom and guidance as we continue to establish ourselves as a fully functioning chapter of the OAS. The word's getting out!

THUNDER BAY

During the past year we have had four guest speakers: Dr. Scott Hamilton on the work he has been conducting at the Thunder Bay waterfront entitled 'The Roaring 40s': Archaeological monitoring of the old Prince Arthur's Landing waterfront'. Mr. Ryan Espersen, Ph.D Candidate, Leiden University, on his work on an abandoned village in colonial era Saba in the Dutch Caribbean entitled 'From Folklore to Folk History: Contextualizing Settlement at Palmetto Point, Saba, Dutch Caribbean'. Mr. John Nestico, a professional photographer, on how to maintain and preserve archaeological data electronically entitled 'So you think you have saved all your data eh!!!!'. Dr Paul Adderley Director of

Research at the Centre for Environmental History and Policy, University of Stirling (UK) entitled 'Understanding Cultural Soils: Recent Advances in Geoarchaeology, including Examples from the Thunder Bay Region'.

We have had one field trip, in collaboration with the Lakehead University Anthropology Association, to visit the pictographs at Pictured Lake, near Thunder Bay.

We have also participated in two workshops in collaboration with the Lakehead University Anthropology Association. One flintknapping workshop was taught by Bill Ross and I, and one pottery making workshop was taught by Jill Taylor-Hollings.

For the upcoming year we are still in the midst of contacting guest speakers but are well on our way to having workshops with the Lakehead University Anthropology Association. Workshops that are planned for this year include flintknapping and sourcing local materials for flintknapping, pottery making and sourcing of local clays, making pictographs using traditional techniques and atlatl throwing.

TORONTO

THE 2010/2011 season for the Toronto Chapter began with accolades for members Charles and Ella Garrad who were presented with The Killarney Award for Outstanding Service in recognition of their decades of service to the OAS. The award was presented in person to Charlie and Ella by Bill Fox at our October meeting as the Garrads were unable to attend the official Symposium presentation in Killarney.

The slate of accomplished guest speakers who shared their knowledge and expertise with our members over the past year resulted in excellent attendance at the Toronto Chapter meetings. Presentations encompassed a variety of topics from the significance of the War Exploit Paintings of the Plains Indians by Arni Brownstone at the beginning of the season to the discussion of field school exploits on a Meadowood lithic site on Grand Island in the Niagara River by Lisa Marie Anselmi at the final meeting before the summer break. All speakers provided us with engaging tales of their archaeological exploits and introduced the membership to a broad range of topics. The speakers for 2010/2011 season were: Arni Brownstone: War Exploit Paintings from the Blackfoot and Tsuu T'ina Indians; Andrew M. Stewart: Fort York Fortified, Preparations for the War of 1812 Bicentennial; Kristján Ahronson: The legacy of Old World

Prehistory and international significance of early Canadian archaeology; James Conolly: New Research on a Middle Woodland Mound Group in the Trent Valley; Heather Henderson and Megan Brooks: Urban Archaeology: Excavation of a 19th century Toronto Boarding House; Susan Maguire talking about her archaeological work at Fort Niagara, NY and Lisa Marie Anselmi: The Martin II site: An Early Woodland Meadowood Lithic Manufacturing Locality on Grand Island, New York.

In addition to the speaker series, the chapter hosts a number of annual events specifically for the members. The Member's Party held in December each year is an opportunity to celebrate and socialize. As part of the evening's entertainment this past year, a slide show of chapter members and events from the past provided an opportunity to reminisce over people, trips and excavations from years past. Each January the chapter hosts an open speaker night whereby members have an opportunity to present their research and archaeology related activities from the past year. This is always a popular evening.

Activities sponsored by the chapter outside of meeting nights included a winter weekend at Limberlost Lodge in Haliburton, and a bus tour of Iroquoian village sites along the Humber River in Woodbridge. The winter weekend is an annual event attended by a small group (usually 10 -15) of chapter members who enjoy a variety of activities including skiing, snowshoeing, photography and reading by the fire. The bus tour was a great success with a packed bus of members who enjoyed narrated tours by local experts. Of course member events always include opportunities for food, drink and socializing – perhaps the activities we enjoy the most.



Thunder Bay Chapter visits the Pictured Lake pictographs

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