

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2023

OAS 50TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM



**Maawnjigidwin: 50 Years of Gathering, Where
Yesterday Meets Tomorrow
November 3rd – 5th, 2023**



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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The Ontario Archaeological Society's 50th Annual Symposium and Annual Business Meeting will be held in Southampton in the treaty territory of Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation) and near the home of the Historic Saugeen Métis. We want to acknowledge the Territory of the Anishinabek Nation: The People of the Three Fires known as Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nations. And further give thanks to the Chippewas of Saugeen, and the Chippewas of Nawash, known collectively as the Saugeen Ojibway Nation, as the traditional keepers of this land.

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY (For Across Ontario)

We would like to acknowledge that our OAS events are taking place on traditional Indigenous territory. There are many Indigenous Nations in what is now known as Ontario and they have shaped the history of this land for thousands of years. On these lands, Indigenous Peoples have developed distinct languages, customs, economies, laws, and ways of life. We want to show respect for this by acknowledging that we are on the land of the Algonquin, Cree, Oji-Cree, Delaware, Mississauga, Odawa, Ojibway, Pottawatomie, Haudenosaunee (Mohawk, Onondaga, Onoyota'a:ka, Cayuga, Tuscarora, and Seneca), Huron-Wendat, Métis, and Inuit.

OAS 50TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM



Logo: Thank you to OAS Summer Experience Program student Landunika Tennakoon for creating the OAS 50th Annual Symposium logo.

ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING



Draft Agenda

50th Annual OAS Symposium

Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre

Bruce Power Theatre

33 Victoria Street North, Southampton

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Time: 4:15 - 6:00 pm

OAS 50TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM



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3. Matters arising from those minutes
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ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, Oct. 29, 2022 at 4:20 PM

at the Royal Botanical Gardens,

Burlington

Draft Minutes



Board Members:

In Attendance:

Jill Taylor-Hollings, President
Abbey Flower, Vice President
Nancy Kallina, Treasurer
Josh Dent, Director of Member Services; Webmaster
Craig Ramsomair, Director of Outreach
Jeff Seibert, Director of Heritage Advocacy
Greg Braun, Director of Publications
Jake Cousineau, Director of Education
Susan Dermakar, Director of Chapter Services (via phone)

Regrets:

Jim Sherratt, Past-President
Executive Director – Vacant, to be determined

1. President's opening remarks

1.1 *Indigenous and Land Acknowledgement*

We would like to acknowledge that our meeting is taking place on traditional Indigenous territory. There are many Indigenous nations in what is now known as Ontario and they have shaped the history of this land for thousands of years. On these lands, Indigenous peoples have developed distinct languages, customs, economies, laws, and ways of life. We want to show respect for this by acknowledging that we are on the land of the Algonquin, Cree, Oji-Cree, Delaware, Mississauga, Odawa, Ojibway, Pottawatomi, Haudenosaunee, Huron-Wendat, Métis, and Inuit.

1.2 *Motion to adopt the agenda*

Matt Beaudoin 1st; Craig Ramsomair 2nd – Passed unanimously

2. Minutes of the previous annual business meeting

2.1 *Motion to approve the minutes of the last Annual Business Meeting*

Moved Tom; 2nd Jeff Seibert – Passed unanimously

2.2 *Matters arising from these minutes*

- None raised

3. **President's report**

- Highlights of what the OAS and the board have been doing over the last year – in particular, as a president from the north, want to look at archaeology in different regions of the province and foster more interactions between various regions and archaeologists in different regions of the province.
- Several changes to the board this year – Jill's first year as president, Jim outgoing as the Past-President; Susan as new director as chapter services; Greg moved into the Director of Publications role; Jake new Director of Education and another more northern archaeologist. ED position has been empty for several months, after Chiara moved to a full time position and we thank her for her service as the ED. The OAS is actively seeking to fill this role.
- Continue with the Indigenous Liaison/Monitor Training – Alicia Hawkins, Sarah Hazell, and Jake Cousineau continue their hard work to coordinate training sessions with First Nations communities. Partnering with the CAA to organize new workshops with geophysical survey. Working with seven new communities this year to organize training sessions. Looking to also develop the training program in Northwestern Ontario with First Nations in that region. Looking forward to working with various partners to make that happen.
- Woodland Cultural Centre – online tour of the facility and fundraising event. Virtual event made it available to wider membership to learn about the centre and the residential school survivor experience.
- Hired three Summer Experience Program (SEP) Students this past year, with wonderful students – Leandro Iglesias who joined onto the Hamilton Symposium Planning Committee; Lauryn Eady-Sitar and Amanda Henderson both from Lakehead University worked with Jill, Jake and Josh on various initiatives.
- Nine Chapters – in speaking with chapter presidents, they are doing a mix of both in-person and online meetings and sessions. Utilizing the shift to virtual world to have presenters from further afield. Glad that the chapters have been able to continue and revive their activities.
- Hamilton Chapter, special thanks to them for picking up and planning the symposium this year after the pandemic moved the 2020 Symposium online and organized by the general board. Thank you for all their hard work, it's been a great symposium so far and wonderful to return in person.
- *Ontario Archaeology* continues – testament that the publication is still running and recently reached it's 100th publication milestone. OA 101 should be coming soon.
- *Arch Notes* – thanks to the editors who have been working hard to keep the newsletter going. Content has been a bit of a struggle. If you have any ideas, please submit these for a future issue, and/or encourage others to submit.
- New website – big thanks to Josh for helping to coordinate the development of a new website for the OAS, to make it more accessible for the membership and more functional for the organization.

4. Treasurer's report

Introduction from Nancy and what brought her to join the board this year.

4.1 Financial statements

- Focusing on the 2021 financial statements. Have enjoyed working with the board and with an organization with finances as stable as the OAS has.
- Nancy provided an overview of the Treasurer's financial report and the 2021 financial statements. Details provided in the report attached to the agenda.
- Noted and explained the apparent discrepancy or loss was only due to the timing of when some of the training sessions occurred compared to when the balance of the associated very large Ontario Trillium fund grant was received. Once rectified, the society did not experience a loss.
- 2022 has been a very stable year for the society to date. At the moment have some temporary savings with the ED position not yet filled
- PHO grant is currently delayed. At the moment have no reason to believe the fund will not be received, but currently have no timeline on when.

Motion that the 2021 financial statements be approved: Moved by Holly Martelle, Alicia 2nd – Passed Unanimously

4.2 Appointment of auditors

Motion to appoint the auditors Weinberg and Gaspirc for the 2022 financial year:

Moved by Matt Beaudoin, Abbey 2nd – Passed Unanimously

5. Election of Directors

- No director positions currently vacant, but are looking for a President Elect. No nominations from the floor. Jill asked that the membership to think about who might be a good candidate and spread the work through their networks.

6. Next OAS symposia

- 2023 - Planning to potentially host next year in Bruce County, would be hosted by the main board as the OAS's 50th Anniversary. Working with local Indigenous communities as potential partners in organization, planning and delivering the event.
- 2024 – considering Thunder Bay as a location to host. Will likely be polling membership to see if there would be enough interest and draw to that location, preliminary feedback has been positive.

7. Progress on Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

Continue to work on the long-term strategic plan which was previously spearheaded by Alicia

- Leadership and the Practice of archaeology – guidance and advice to the regulator, especially in preparing for any updates to the Standards and Guidelines.
 - Working on Best Practices and want to move these along. Looking to hire a full-time ED for the next contract – a full-time ED would do the typical ED activities while also take on a project coordinator role with the best practice guides.
 - Quarterly meetings with the regulating Ministry, bring up concerns that we hear from our membership with respect to the practice of archaeology and

working under the Standards and Guidelines. Ministry has recently changed and will be planning to meet with them further on this as the ministerial transition settles.

- Initiative to continue to have more northern and Indigenous representation on the board and its committees, working groups, etc.
- Establishing different committees – RRR, Outreach, Fundraising, Human Resources

8. Other business

8.1 Discussion on changes in terminology and in relation to the S&Gs. Opportunity with the proposed changes to the OHA in the governments initiatives towards housing. Ministry wants to change the criteria for heritage properties under the act, to require 2 or more criteria – which likely will mean that a property will have to have something built on it. Problematic proposed changes, but also an opportunity to proposed to the government what should be changed for the better. Open invitation to collaborate among organizations (brought up by former chair of Architectural Conservancy Ontario)

9. Motion of thanks

Motion of thanks from Jill to everyone who has been helping and supporting to board throughout the year.

- Recognize Past President Jim Sherratt and all that he has given to the board
- Outgoing co-editor of *Arch Notes* Katie Mather and current Sarah Timmins who did great work revamping our newsletter.
- Chiara Williamson as the past Executive Director.
- Alicia Hawkins, Sarah Hazell and Jake Cousineau for organizing the very successful Indigenous Monitor Training sessions.
- *Ontario Archaeology* co-editors – Suzanne and Bonnie, big thanks to them for all their efforts this year.
- Josh - big thanks for your huge amount of work as the webmaster and with the website for the symposium, in addition to your directorship.
- Symposium organizing committee, including SEP student Leandro Iglesias, for all their extremely hard work in organizing this wonderful event that we're at today – both online and in-person.
- Chapter executives and volunteers, thank you so much.
- All other volunteers with social media, events, and everything else that helps to keep the organization going.
- Cindie Tuttle as the bookkeeper, especially in the absence of an ED.
- Arek for all is tech support, especially with the new website.
- And our three 2022 SEP students Leandro, Lauryn and Amanda

Moved by Tom; Matt 2nd

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Moved by Holly and 2nd by Chris

PRESIDENT'S REPORT for 2023

Greetings! I hope you are all staying well. Reflecting about 2023, it has been another very busy and successful year for the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS). Although we have still been dealing with the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is clear that the nine chapters of the OAS have adapted to these circumstances but also found new and innovative ways to operate. Those adaptations include organizing great in-person events, hosting fascinating talks to share with others, creating informative newsletters and websites. Chapter members are supporting heritage advocacy even more than ever also (see the OAS Chapter Presidents' reports). I am always amazed at how much the Chapter Executives and members are doing. Thanks to them for all of their enthusiasm and hard work!

The main OAS Board of Directors has also kept advancing education, heritage advocacy and mentoring projects, so here is an overview of what we have been doing (and see the Directors' reports)! There were few changes to the board in 2023. Since former Executive Director **Chiara Williamson** accepted a full-time position and had to leave the OAS in June of 2022, we were without one for many months. We wish Chiara all the best and are grateful for her service. When given an opportunity to re-evaluate that key ED position though, the board decided to offer a full-time job to help us catch up on so many critical issues that are challenging to a volunteer-based board. After an extensive search, the Human Resources committee interviewed four people for the position. The board accepted their recommendation and we welcomed former OAS Board member **Kaitlyn Malleau** on February 1, 2023. In

addition to many other things, Kaitlyn has helped to get the office organized (!) and furthered our initiatives in immeasurable ways as an energetic full-time employee. Yes, this has even begun to help with me getting answers back to people sooner (you know who you are) ☺!

Going into my second year as President, the role has been much easier after being able to hire Kaitlyn. I am the first one based in Northwestern Ontario, which created some logistical challenges and a steep learning curve about other Ontario archaeological and political contexts. However, with the advent of Zoom and other communication tools, it has worked out well.

One of the duties of the OAS Vice-President, **Abbey Flower**, is helping with the Board of Director meetings. She then takes and processes the minutes, which is a considerable task, but is so important with our audits and recordkeeping. Abbey also offers great advice from her varied archaeological perspectives and many years of experience on the OAS Board. She has a calm, considered intellectual take on matters that we appreciate very much.

In late 2021, we welcomed financial whiz **Nancy Kallina** (MBA, CPA, CA, CBV) to the board. We were lucky to have such an amazing addition to the team, helping us decipher the best ways to enhance or refine the healthy financial situation of the OAS. Her financial advice has actually been incalculable (see what I did there?) since she helped with two symposia, sat on several committees, set up budgets, led the way to revising our investment policy, and completed easy to comprehend financial reports. Unfortunately, Nancy is moving on

to other projects and leaving the board at the end of 2023. We thank Nancy for her work, will miss her very much, and wish her well with new endeavours!

We offer congratulations to Director of Public Outreach, **Craig Ramsoomair**, who has been so dedicated to the board! He was recognized nationally for his efforts by winning the Canadian Archaeological Association Public Communications - Social Media award this May. Craig works tirelessly on promoting the OAS and all of our events (see his beautiful ads) on the website, Facebook, Linked-in, and Instagram. He also compiles the job ad bank for archaeologists. As part of his endeavours, he and members of the Public Outreach committee also set up the Archaeological Mentorship program last year just prior to the annual symposium. Mentoring the next generation of Ontario archaeologists is all important, so contact us if you would like to help with this initiative (as a Mentor or Mentee). Unfortunately, after three years on the board, Craig will be leaving the Director position, at the end of this year. We thank him for all of his exceptional efforts and wish him well!

Jeff Seibert, as Director of Heritage Outreach, has also been tackling some complicated situations with people needing support with archaeological issues. The OAS is often told about potential looting or inappropriate development concerns, so Jeff has been taking on many of those requests. In one example, an Indigenous person is dealing with issues that affect a whole region. We appreciate him working on those concerns with such professionalism and care but we are noticing an uptick in these situations with the push to develop areas for more housing.

The OAS will continue to support Indigenous communities and individuals, particularly with issues related to

archaeology. It is important that the OAS persist in working on steps towards reconciliation, so the OAS mandates of education and outreach is clearly needed. Following several very successful years of Indigenous Archaeological Monitor (IAM) Training with communities and individuals, Director of Education **Jake Cousineau**, **Sarah Hazell**, and **Alicia Hawkins** were asked to organize more sessions this year (see details in Jake's report). We thank them, the many participants, and volunteer archaeologists who have worked on this year's training. There are also increasing requests from various nations to learn more about these programs. I was contacted by several communities in NW Ontario. So, we have started new training programs along with communities, the Thunder Bay Chapter, Dept. of Anthropology at LU, Woodland Heritage Northwest, Parks Canada (Nipigon), and the Waasigan Transmission Line project. With board approval and input, I was obtained a Federal Community Service Recovery Fund grant through United Way of Thunder Bay for about \$66k to assist with that training development in 2023/2024.

Finances

The OAS finances are in great shape even after the pandemic (see **Nancy Kallina's** report and the audited financial statements). We are a non-profit charity organization receiving grant monies and are required to proceed with an audit. Although this is a relatively expensive procedure (~\$9,000), it enables us to demonstrate financial responsibility to our members and funding providers. We have applied for the 2023 Provincial Heritage Organization Operating Grant (\$42k) from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and are waiting to hear if it will be awarded.

With the board's approval, I again applied for three Summer Experience Program (SEP) students through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. We were successful in securing \$11,436.00 for that. This program allowed **Landunika Tennakoon** to work with the main OAS Board and **Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc.** (TMHC) on the OAS Symposium Committee (supervised by Kaitlyn in the GTA). **Conor Egan** was hired in London and also worked with Kaitlyn. We are pleased that she and employees at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (**Heather Hatch** and **Rhonda Bathurst**) also worked with Conor, so that he learned from many experts in different contexts. **Lauryn Eady-Sitar** was re-hired in Thunder Bay working with **Clarence Surette** (President, Thunder Bay Chapter; Dept. of Anthropology, LU) and myself. As one objective of the SEP program is supporting northern Ontario communities, Lauryn worked with legacy collections, checking site forms and other tasks at LU to help improve the provincial site database and clear up inaccuracies. She just started a graduate degree this fall at LU, so we are very proud of her! All of these projects helped the students to learn more about Ontario archaeology, meet more archaeologists, build their skills, while also helping the OAS with various tasks. These three students were great to work with and I would highly recommend any of them for future employment.

I also acknowledge and thank our other loyal and helpful appointed board helper, **Cindie Tuttle** (Bookkeeper), who has worked with us for several years. She makes our lives so much easier by paying the bills, organizing payrolls, and many other tasks!

Website and Other Publishing

We hope that you have been using the much revised and updated OAS website (<https://ontarioarchaeology.org/>). **Josh Dent**,

who is our long serving Webmaster (also Director of Member Services), along with IT expert **Arek Skibicki** and others, have gone to great lengths to add more information and make it function better. Almost every detail has been reviewed, from easier-to-read fonts and colours to evaluating page content. It looks great, represents the OAS well, and allows members or the public to access more Ontario archaeological information.

Moving to our other publications, we thank Director of Publications **Greg Braun**, editors **Bonnie Glencross** and **Suzanne Needs-Howarth**, and the authors of the OAS peer-reviewed journal *Ontario Archaeology* Vol. 101 that was published this year. They are working on the next volume already. Putting together a journal of this high calibre is a daunting and time-consuming task, so we appreciate their efforts very much. It is more important than ever to offer and promote academic outlets for Ontario archaeology.

Katie Mather and **Sarah Timmins** have been editing our longstanding but revamped *Arch Notes* newsletter. However, Katie had to move on to other endeavours at the beginning of this year, so we thank her for all of her efforts! In 2023, we welcomed **Tiziana Gallo** as the new co-editor of *Arch Notes*. We are always looking for new material, if you would like to write a short article or share news (especially students!). If you have an idea for *Arch Notes*, let us know: ANeditor@ontarioarchaeology.org.

50 Years of Symposia!

We are excited to be celebrating the **50th Annual OAS Symposium** in Southampton in the Traditional Territories of Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation) and near the home of the Historic Saugeen Métis. The

theme is *Maawnjidwin: 50 Years of Gathering, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow!* and it is taking place from November 3-5th in the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, Southampton Town Hall and G.C. Huston School. Our conference Chair is our (already hard working) Director of Chapter Services **Susan Dermakar**, with the OAS Board of Directors, and **TMHC** working together with locals to put together a great program. Past President **Jim Sherratt** had actually suggested the plan of hosting it there, so we discussed this idea and then asked for approval from local communities. Following the successful return to an in-person symposium last year in Hamilton/Burlington, I am excited to actually meet with Indigenous representatives, board members, Chapter Executive, and members *in person* again. Thank you to the generous sponsors and volunteers who are donating to the OAS Symposium every year (and who will be acknowledged specifically in the symposium

and later). We could not do this conference without you!

With the hard work of **Josh Dent** (Director of Member Services), board members and members, we are able to celebrate fantastic individuals in archaeology, beginning with the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund early in the year. Then, we have the annual OAS awards to present to other deserving archaeologists at the symposium (see Josh's report). It is also very gratifying to be able to present our certificates and pins to 25- and 50-year members every year!

In closing, I am very honoured to have served as the President of the OAS in 2023. I look forward to continue working together, in a good way, with the Board of Directors, OAS Chapters, and other members to improve Ontario archaeology. Thank you to all the members who have helped us with heritage concerns, mentoring students, or bringing us ideas. Here's to another 50 years of the OAS!

Jill Taylor-Hollings

TREASURER'S REPORT for the FISCAL YEAR of 2022

This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2022. The accounting firm *Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP* was engaged to conduct the audit of 2022 financial statements because the OAS typically has revenues that exceed the \$100,000 threshold requiring an audit. The audited financial statements prepared by *Weinberg & Gaspirc* are included with this report (see last pages of the OAS Annual Report).

Comments on the financial results of the year ending December 31, 2022:

Statement of Financial Position:

The Ontario Archaeological Society's financial position continues to be strong with a comfortable reserve for unexpected deficits and special projects. At December 31, 2022, the OAS held cash of \$96,832 and an investment portfolio valued at \$383,145. Total assets including smaller accounts were \$490,092. This was a decrease from \$515,748 held at the end of 2021. The

decrease is fully explained by the decrease in value of the investment portfolio due to a downturn in market value at the year end. Had the market not experienced an unrealized market devaluation of \$48,780 at the year end, the total assets would have increased.

The OAS' liabilities remained low at \$23,555. This was a slight decrease from \$26,304 at the end of 2021.

The net assets (assets less liabilities) decreased to \$466,537 compared to \$489,444 at the end of 2021.

The equity balances by fund category were as follows:

- **Endowment Fund** decreased to \$213,010 (2022) from \$247,375 (2021). The fund includes the OAS Publication Fund for \$188,473 and Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund for \$24,537.
- **Restricted Fund** includes the Trillium grants, the Awards fund, and the Charles Garrad fund, had a net fund balance of \$21,384 (2022), an increase from \$20,629 (2021).
- **Unrestricted Fund** generated for the general operation surpluses, increased slightly to \$232,143 (2022) from \$221,440 (2021).

Statement of Operations:

High Level Summary:

During 2022, the OAS mostly resumed normal operations with more in-person meetings for, both the OAS Board as well as chapter activities. Overall, revenue from all sources decreased by 67% to \$70,602 (2022) from \$216,269 (2021). Total expenses for the general operations and the specific fund programs totalled \$93,509 (2022) down from \$243,189 (2021). The drop in revenue is fully explained by the final payment of the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant received in 2021 related to the Grow

Grant project (obtained by Alicia Hawkins for Indigenous Archaeological Monitor training). Overall revenue over expenses excluding investment income was a surplus of \$10,223 compared to a deficit of 70,490 in 2021. Investment portfolio loss was \$33,130 compared to a gain of \$43,570 in 2021, therefore total net revenues over expenses was a deficit of \$22,907 in 2022 compared to a deficit of \$26,920 in 2021.

2022 was a year where the OAS did not run any special funded programs other than the Summer Experience Program (SEP).

Performance by Fund

Endowment Fund includes the OAS Publication Fund and Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund program.

- The *Ontario Archaeology* Journal is primarily funded by an investment portfolio and subscription fees. During 2022, the publication fund earned subscription fees of \$4,035 (\$4,436 – 2021), realized an investment loss of \$17,665 and incurred expenses of \$20,785, for total loss of \$34,365 within the fund.
- The Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund received no donation but made an award of \$810 during the year to fund student research.

Unrestricted Fund includes the Provincial Heritage Organization (PHO) Operating grant to fund the general operations, the SEP, and the Symposium activities.

- The general operation is funded by the annual PHO Operating Grant for \$42,000, membership fees, donations, and auxiliary income.
 - Membership revenue decreased by 6.9% (\$27,905 vs. \$29,284), with 690 active members (737- 2021).

- Donations in 2022, other than those received for the Symposium, were \$453. For example, no new donations were received for the “*Charlie Garrad Avocational Archaeological Collections Fund*”, created to provide support for the transition of archaeological collections from avocational archaeologists into long-term permanent curation facilities. To date, this fund has raised over \$10,000 in a matching donation campaign challenge.
- A SEP grant for \$11,067 was awarded to hire three summer students. Only three students applied and they were hired. Their main tasks included:
 - 1) Symposium Assistant for planning and promotion in Hamilton and Burlington;
 - 2) Artifact Collections Assistant at Lakehead University including data management and mapping for donated archaeological collections.
 - 3) Digital Assistant for OAS website work and a blog in Thunder Bay.
- The 2022 symposium was organized by the OAS Hamilton Chapter and OAS Board members and was mainly an in-person event with a virtual option. The symposium attracted 159 registrants. Overall, the Symposium generated \$31,809 in income, paid \$18,876 in expenses, and earned a net profit \$12,933 that was shared between OAS and the Hamilton Chapter. Thank you to the Hamilton Chapter for a successful and profitable symposium last year.
- Salary costs during 2022 were lower because OAS was operating without an Executive Director for half of the year.

Comments on the preliminary financial results for the current (2023) year to date:

During 2023, we were extremely fortunate to hire a wonderful Executive Director, Kaitlyn Malleau, who had vast experience with the OAS and was able to hit the ground running. Kaitlyn is hired on a full-time contract to allow OAS to catch up on overdue projects. For 2023, the OAS again received an SEP grant to pay for three summer students.

Membership revenues for 2023 are roughly 5% higher than the same time last year. Currently for 2023, there are 690 active members, where at the same time last year, there were 657 members. Next year, the OAS Board should be reviewing potentially raising membership fees and also the losses in publication costs.

The Provincial Heritage grant (PHO) in the amount of \$42,000 has not yet been received; however, the OAS has retained sufficient cash on hand to fund the operations until the grant is paid. The PHO grant is typically received later in the year.

Jill was able to obtain an impressive Federal Community Services Recovery Fund grant through the United Way of Thunder Bay of \$66,246 for NW Ontario Indigenous Archaeology Monitor Training. The grant period is from May 1, 2023, and expires on June 30, 2024. A portion of the grant will be recorded in 2023.

Finally, I will be stepping down as the Treasurer of the OAS at the end of 2023, as I have completed the two-year term and would like to turn my attention to other projects. I have enjoyed my time with the organization, and I am pleased to leave the Society in a strong financial position.

Respectfully Submitted,
Nancy Kallina

DIRECTORS' REPORTS for 2023

VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Another year already! It honestly feels like hardly any time at all since our last annual get together. I am very happy to be continuing to work with the OAS Board, the members, and partner organizations and communities.

Over the last year I have continued to support the President and the board in meeting with the provincial ministry responsible for heritage and archaeology – now the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (formerly under Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries). I am starting to sound and feel like a broken record, but it is worth repeating again that a comprehensive review of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* is still much needed, with critical updates hopefully to follow. Critical updates are needed to reflect not only how far the industry has come, but that also support the continued growth and betterment of archaeological practice within the province. This is especially true of the requirements, guidance, and support with respect to engaging Indigenous and descendant communities in archaeology. And these cannot be successfully achieved without meaningful community consultation on what the updated standards and guidelines should include. In my role as vice-president with the OAS I will continue to look for opportunities to contribute and advocate for these changes in any way I can.

In addition to the regular duties as Vice-President and Secretary for the board, I was part of the Human Resources Committee as we looked for a new Executive Director for the OAS. The committee worked to refine the description of the ED role into a full-time position for this year, with the inclusion of a project coordination component for the OAS best practices papers. We could not have found a more capable and wonderful person for the ED role than Kaitlyn, and I am so happy and grateful to be working with her in this capacity. Kaitlyn has been an invaluable addition to the board in her new role.

I very much hope everyone who can attend the Symposium in person will enjoy being together with many colleagues and friends, old and new. I am very much hoping to be there for as much of the weekend as possible. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Saugeen Ojibwe Nation for welcoming this gathering within their traditional territory. And a huge thanks to the Symposium Organizing Committee for all their hard work in putting together this wonderful annual event.

All in all, I continue to feel optimistic for the future of archaeology in Ontario, and for finding new ways we can work and grow together. I remain committed to the ongoing initiatives and core mandate of the OAS as we continue to pursue opportunities for furthering education, awareness, and support of the ethical practice of archaeology across Ontario.

Abbey Flower

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICE

This has been a very busy year for the OAS Board of Directors and for me with the provincial Executive taking on the organization of this year's 50th Annual Symposium in Southampton. The bulk of my society-related activities and work on the board have dealt with the planning of the symposium.

The addition of Kaitlyn Malleau to the board as a full-time employee as Executive Director has relieved me of many of the clerical and communication duties, which I have executed since assuming the position of Director of Chapter Services. This year I sent out communications, generally as mass emails, to the chapters but it has been Kaitlyn who has dealt with most of the responses from the chapters.

In the last year, I have attended the quarterly virtual board meetings and additional single issue-based meetings, all of which have been highly informative and interesting. Several of these meetings have dealt with the declining state of the Toronto Chapter and have resulted in the production

of a preliminary plan to bring new energy to the chapter. This issue will be a major focus of my society activities in the coming months.

Over the course of the year, I have joined in on numerous virtual chapter meetings and presentations and enjoyed each one. While some chapters have returned to in person meetings, others have stuck with virtual meetings and a few have tried hybrid gatherings, which continue to attract large numbers of attendees. Each chapter has its unique geographic and social characteristics that make different presentation styles work. This year has also seen in-person community events run by many of the chapters, a welcome return including the weeklong Archaeology Days at Bonnechere Provincial Park hosted very successfully by the Ottawa Chapter.

I'm looking forward to the opportunities which come my way in my next year on the board.

Susan Dermarkar

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

It has been a busy year for the Education portfolio. Not only have we continued the Indigenous Archaeological Monitor training program, thanks to the help of our many volunteers, but we have officialised the Terms of Reference for the Education Committee.

For these training sessions, we offered a hybrid model where some of the workshops were held virtually, and others were in-person. This method is very helpful in meeting the demands for the training program among multiple descendant communities. The first of these trainings

occurred in April. During this session, 24 trainees received their OAS Liaison Certificates. The second training occurred in July of 2023. From this session, we trained an additional 24 liaisons, for a total of 48 liaisons from 17 different communities trained this year. Beyond First Nation Liaison training, we have entered into talks with other descendants' communities on how the OAS could provide educational services to empower them to learn about their past and engage with it through archaeology.

I am grateful for the opportunity that the OAS has allowed me, and I am excited to

continue working with our volunteers to carry on educating the public and making archaeology more accessible to descendant communities.

Jake Cousineau

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

At the outset of the year, myself and an ad-hoc committee of volunteers adjudicated the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund. We had a number of strong applicants resulting in two winners for 2023. This year's recipients were Dylan Morningstar for their project *Macrobotanical Analyses on the Trent-Severn (MATS): Human Behavioural Ecology and Comparative Paleoethnobotany within the Great Lakes Watershed, Ontario* and Katherine Davidson for *"Long, Long Time Ago": Explorations of Identity and Memory with First Nations and Métis in Ontario Through Object Elicitation*. It was great to see more applications than we have had in previous years.

As usual, look for an announcement in January 2024 about the start of the next Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund application cycle. The Fund is intended to support student research that relates to and advances knowledge of Ontario's archaeological record. This fund provides students with small grants to assist them in undertaking new research for Honour's, Master's, or PhD projects.

In addition to attending board meetings, the other primary function of this portfolio is administering the annual OAS awards process. This year's 50th Annual Symposium is celebrating the following awards: the *Indigenous Advocacy Awards* (Jordan Jamieson and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environment Office); the *Charles and Ella Garrad Award for Outstanding Service*

(Christine Kirby [posthumously] and Michael Kirby); the *J. Norman Emerson Silver Medal* (Rory Mackay); and the *J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Awards* (Dr. Martha [Marti] Latta and Dr. William [Bill] Fitzgerald). It was heartening to see the new digital nomination form being utilized for the majority of the applications. It was also exciting to recognize such worthy nominees on such an occasion as the 50th Annual Symposium. A big thank you goes out to the nominators who took the time to pull together the applications and letters. I cannot emphasize enough how grateful I am for their efforts to realize these awards every year. Thank you!

This upcoming year will be the last in my four-year term in the Director of Member Services portfolio. As part of my last year, I want to invite anyone interested in assuming the role in Fall 2024 to contact me if they have any questions. This portfolio takes a reasonable amount of effort, increasing during the different awards seasons, but being able to help deliver those awards is a reward of its own. While thinking of succession, I also want to encourage folks to consider serving on the Executive Board of the OAS in any capacity. I know there are many talented emerging archaeologists in Ontario (I have seen their Sonstenes applications). I hope they appreciate that they would be capable and worthwhile additions to a body such as the OAS Board or any similar institution. The innovation and enthusiasm they bring to Ontario archaeology

should be met with opportunity and mentorship. Our discipline, our relationships with Descendant communities, and the future

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

It has been a quiet year on the Public Outreach front with efforts largely focused on a supporting role, advertising OAS awards like the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund, the symposium in Southampton, and other OAS initiatives.

The major development was the expansion of our OAS Mentorship program from just the Symposium in 2022 to a more virtually focused option. Time has slipped away from me on that front with plans to explore on how to make it a more fulsome approach. As always, I am overwhelmed at the support from our Mentors as we achieved over 60 pairings. However, as a free service to the wider public, it has also suffered from issues of diminishing interest from the Mentee-side, which has left some Mentors without Mentees. These will be considered lessons learned as we explore the best way to offer this service to our members. I believe it is still a worthwhile initiative to support

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

It has been a busy year for working on OAS publications including the peer-reviewed journal *Ontario Archaeology* and newsletter *Arch Notes*. We are also working with Chris Kerns and Aaron Mior, from the Ottawa Chapter, on a peer-reviewed proceedings volume, resulting for the 2021 Ottawa Symposium (in progress); it will be open access.

This year, the 101st volume of *Ontario Archaeology* (OA) was released, thanks to the efforts of editors Suzanne Needs-Howarth and Bonnie Glencross. We also

of archaeology in Ontario are enriched by their participation.

Josh Dent

developing professionals, but keeping a clear balance of mentor to mentees will always be a challenge.

We also prepared several smaller posts for “International Archaeology Day” on October 21, 2023, including an updated status of Ontario Archaeology, types of artifacts, and what to do when you find an artifact. There were smaller than the social media campaigns from past seasons, in part because it is difficult to promote the Symposium while also launching these campaigns in the same month without one impacting the other.

Outreach also continued with its semi-regular posting of job opportunities, but we are exploring more sustainable options to help our professional members more actively advertise the postings they have. We will likely have a few more tricks up our sleeves before the end of the year in order to keep people engaged as we bring 2023 to a close.

Craig Ramsoomair

appreciate the work of the authors, reviewers, other editors and type setters.

We anticipate having OA caught up with the calendar date by the end of 2024. There have also been ongoing discussions and consultations with the OAS Reconciliation, Reclamation, and Restitution committee, OA editors, and the board about practices when reviewing or publishing submissions with sensitive content, and establishing and refining our stated submission policies.

Greg Braun

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE ADVOCACY

In 2023, I continued the role of Director of Heritage Advocacy for the OAS. The last year has been an interesting and challenging one to work with this portfolio, as was the year before.

As with other years, a portion of the work that this portfolio entails is monitoring the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for postings that impact archaeological resources. The ERO is a platform that the Government of Ontario uses to report on actions that they are taking that might impact various environmental factor areas, including archaeology. Monitoring the notifications posted to the ERO allows individuals and public bodies (including the OAS) to ensure that the Province is doing its due diligence with regards to fulfilling its obligations to mitigating impacts or potential impacts to cultural resources. Notifications have included the development of park and forestry management plans, the closing of cemeteries and the development of strategies for controlling invasive species.

In addition, a significant part of this portfolio involves responding to concerns brought forward to the OAS regarding potential impacts to archaeological and other cultural heritage resources. These concerns regard undertakings conducted by a number of public and private proponents, and it is the role of the OAS to advocate for mitigating

impacts to archaeological and other cultural heritage resources wherever possible. In the past year this has involved engaging with municipal governments to ensure that they are doing their due diligence with regards to ensuring that developers have fulfilled their legislated obligations under the planning act and OHA to ensure that archaeological sites are not destroyed without proper assessment and documentation. In particular, we have been working on a file like this in Northeastern Ontario, working with society members and local Indigenous communities to ensure that sites are being properly assessed.

As with past years, this year I was honoured to be invited to participate in the OAS Indigenous Archaeological Monitor training program. It is always a sincere pleasure to participate in this initiative and I always learn so much from speaking with the students and staff members from the participating First Nations.

I have also continued to serve on the ethics committee under the leadership of Greg Braun. This committee represents an interesting and exciting opportunity to discuss some of the key ethical issues facing Ontario archaeologists.

Jeff Seibert

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I am very happy to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to both the OAS Board of Directors as well as the OAS membership for their warm welcome and support as I set out in my new role as Executive Director this past February! For the first time in many years, the board had decided to expand the role to a full-time position, and I have tried to make full use of this opportunity to help support the organization in whatever way I can!

This year, I have had the pleasure of working with every director on some project related to their portfolio—whether that be hustling to compile the list of *Ontario Archaeology* subscribers, drafting e-mails to our membership, helping with the yearly audit, investigating potential archaeological features reported by members of the public, subbing-in to do a round of Executive Meeting minutes, corresponding with the chapters, writing out thank you notes to the Indigenous Archaeological Monitor training presenters, or sitting on the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund Committee. I also had the opportunity to work with our *Arch Notes* editors, brainstorming about the future of the newsletter and helping them to dig up leads on articles for upcoming issues. Each of these experiences have given me a greater appreciation for the importance of every volunteer role in the OAS, and how much labour it actually takes to keep an organization as large as the OAS running. And that's not even taking symposium planning into account! To all the OAS volunteers who work tirelessly for the good of this society—including board members, Chapter Executives, and our publications editors—I want to take this chance to thank you for all that you do behind the scenes.

At the beginning of this year, I was tasked with two major objectives: 1) organize the paper records still in the OAS office in preparation of moving them to the Archives of Ontario; and 2) relaunch our efforts to produce a set of Ontario Archaeology Best Practices. In the first task, we have made great progress—much in thanks to the efforts of high school co-op student, Matthew Alabaszowski, and Summer Experience Program (SEP) employee Conor Egan. Several boxes of files were organized and transported to the Museum of Ontario Archaeology for digitization. I estimate that by the end of next summer we will have finished digitizing the paper records in the OAS office and will officially be ready to deposit the bulk of our records at the Archives.

In the case of the Best Practices project, we have seen a slow start. Though we have begun to successfully assemble committees of some of the top experts in Ontario archaeology, as well as had the opportunity to hold a few productive meetings, it will take more time for the overall project to gain momentum.

Finally, I joined the Symposium Planning Committee to help organize the Ontario Archaeological Society's 50th Annual Symposium. The SEP Symposium Planning Assistant, Landunika Tennakoon, and I worked together to help support the committee in whatever way we could. Excitingly, it was through my participation in symposium planning that I was able to take on what was perhaps my favourite project from this year: the Symposium Documentary project. In producing a video that celebrates the OAS symposia, I have had the chance to interview several OAS members and record their thoughts on this 50-year tradition. The

experience has left me humbled before the legacy of the event, as well as hopeful regarding the potential of what the symposium and the OAS can become in the future. Stay tuned for an online screening of

“Fifty Years of Gathering: The History of the OAS Symposium” in January 2024!

Thanks for a great year!

Kaitlyn Malleau

CHAPTER PRESIDENTS’ REPORTS for 2023

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

The 2022-2023 season began for the Grand River Chapter with an enthusiastic return to in-person meetings on the University of Waterloo campus, yet after both the September and October talks (given by Tiziana Gallo and Scott Martin, respectively) suffered from embarrassingly

poor attendance, a decision was made to cancel future meetings until a new approach could be finalized. We returned to an all-Zoom meeting format in 2023 and welcomed talks by Sarah Hazell in February and Pete Timmins in April.

Chris Watts

HAMILTON CHAPTER

The Hamilton Chapter has had a rocky take off for the year. We had a couple of meetings this spring to see what direction the membership wanted for the chapter and there was positive feedback for the talks -- focussing on more local archaeology was something that the membership wanted. We had our September meeting that had good attendance. We cancelled our October meeting due to lack of a speaker. This essentially boils down to the directors having

overbooked schedules. President Emily is in the midst of comprehensives; Vice-President Jacquie (me) is overloaded with work; ditto for Treasurer Ruth who is out of town, etc...

What we need is an infusion of new directors to shoulder the organization of the speakers and actually be in town on the dates of the meetings. Any help from the main body will be most welcome. I think the interest is there, but the directors are worn ragged.

Jacquie Fisher

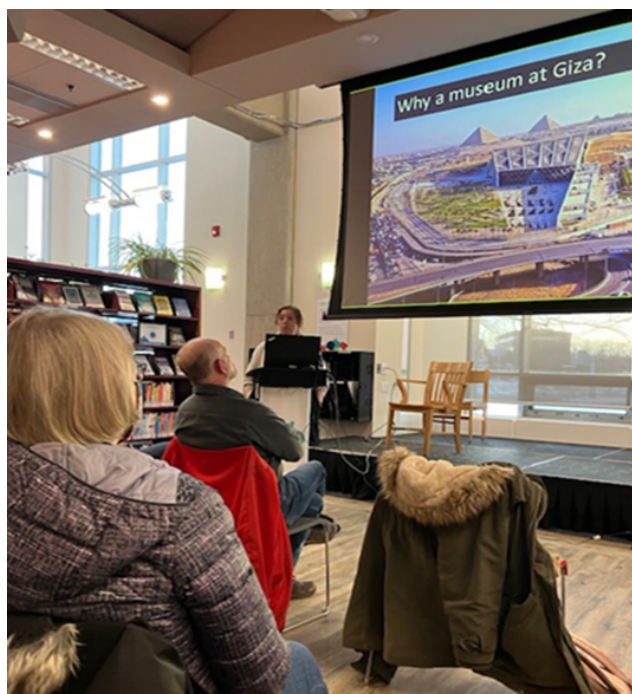
HURONIA CHAPTER

As the old Bee Gees disco hit goes, we are “Stayin’ Alive”. Last summer (2022), we held our first two in-person events since 2019: an outdoor reunion/used book sale/artifact display at the Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum in June; and a tour of the Ball Site followed by a talk from Dr. Dean Knight, in October. Although the turnout barely reached pre-pandemic numbers, it gave us a glimmer of hope.

Our pre-pandemic meeting space in Midland was no longer financially feasible. Rental rates had increased significantly. In 2023, the Barrie Public Library kindly accepted our request to host a few talks in their wonderful Gathering Place space, gratis. They also arranged for them to be accessed on Zoom and provided links and registration info for our e-flyer notifications. Additionally, the Library posted the info on their website, calendar, and social media.

2023 In person/Zoom Presentations at the Barrie Public Library:

- March 29: *Ancient Egypt and the Grand Egyptian Museum Project: Past, Present & Future* – Zoe McGuinn (U. of T.): Zoe spoke about her involvement as the sole Canadian archaeologist in the new Grand Egyptian Museum in Cairo. Her talk coincided with library’s month-long international theme and drew a few additional people.
- May 30: *The S.S. Waubuno – Legend and Lore* – Jamie Hunter (Former Director/Curator - Huronia Museum, Midland): Jamie fulfilled a life-long dream to share the Waubuno story, one of the most mysterious tragedies on the inland waters of Canada, with the public. He also brought copies of his 2021



Zoe McGuinn presents the dazzling Grand Egyptian Museum.

co-authored book (with E. McIntyre).

- October 24: *The Lost Bottles: 100 Years of Simcoe County Soda, Dairies and Creameries (1870-1970)* – Lee Patton: Lee’s impressive bottle collection informed the exploration of Simcoe County’s beverage business history. A pop up display and copies of his recently published book were also available.

No other talks or events are scheduled for 2023. As in 2022, Zoom and in-person attendance for all of these talks was low, despite numerous social media/other postings.



Jamie Hunter speaking about the wreck of the S.S. Waubuno.

Future Public Archaeology Project:

In February, the Huronia Chapter received a positive response to our proposal for a small public archaeology project at the Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum. It was to occur in the spring, prior to some

renovation work on the foundation of the 1840s Woodrow log cabin. Unfortunately, our availability and the construction work schedule did not align. The project has been postponed and plans will be revisited this winter.

Newsletter: *The Pot* was revived as a quarterly newsletter in 2021. In 2023, three *Pots* were issued; a fourth is in preparation for December. Enough articles, reviews and other content from our members and their contacts keeps this publication alive. We appreciate that these issues, along with our speaker notifications, are also posted on OAS social media by Craig Ramsoomair, OAS Director of Public Outreach.

Summary: For 2023, it was another rebuilding year for the Huronia Chapter. The Barrie Public Library was generous as the new host and venue for our speaker presentations. Perhaps next year we can add a few more in the spring and fall. A fifth board member will continue to be sought to fill the Executive Member without Portfolio vacancy. We will also revisit the public archaeology project potential at the Coldwater Museum.

Ellen Blaubergs

LONDON CHAPTER

After being left vacant for too long, the mantle of Chapter President was taken by Chris Kerns at the Annual Picnic held in July at the Longwoods Road Conservation Area. After publishing the November/ December Issue of *KEWA* in August 2023, Christopher Ellis and Christine Dodd have stepped down from their role as co-editors of the newsletter, and the chapter is now seeking to recruit new editor(s). Christopher Ellis will remain on the Chapter Executive Committee as a Director

and will continue to organize speakers for the chapter meetings.

- November 2022: *Cancelled*
- January 12, 2023: Nicole Kira Phillips - *Vagnari Vicus: An Excavation of a Roman Imperial Estate and Winery (southeast Italy)*
- February 9, 2023: Chris Ellis - *Fluted Point Typology and Lithic Procurement in the Upper Midcontinent*



Screenshot from virtual presentation given by Patricia Markert in March.

- March 9, 2023: Patricia Markert - *Rubble History: Approaching the Ruins of 19th Century German Migration to Texas*
- April 13, 2023: Jennifer Birch - *Changing Times: A Tale of Two Villages and How Archaeological Science is Rewriting Public History in Northeastern North America*
- September 14, 2023: Robert B. Wojtowicz - *Ceramic Variability Among the 15th Century Tionontaté*
- October 12, 2023: Chris Kerns - *Siren Song of the North - Histories of Archaeological Inquiry and the prominence of Orkney (Islands, UK) in Neolithic Studies*

Some of the meetings were recorded on Zoom, but they have not been edited and are not currently available to the public.

The new Chapter President intends to get these videos edited and posted to YouTube in the near future. Hopefully they can also be embedded on the OAS website along with recordings from other chapters

and act as a resource for those interested in Ontario archaeology.

Some meetings were held as hybrid meetings. However, the in-person attendance for these meetings was low. Starting this fall meetings have been alternating between in-person meetings and virtual meetings. This is allowing us to continue to have speakers from afar, but also get together in person regularly. We will continue to evaluate how meetings will be held in the future based on attendance and other factors.

Events and Outreach:

- June 10, 2023: Heritage Display in Thamesford
- July 9, 2023: Annual Chapter Picnic
- August 26, 2023: Hands on Heritage Day at Museum of Ontario Archaeology

The chapter held its Annual Picnic at the Longwoods Road Conservation Area. Although roughly 20-30 people attended the event, a majority of the attendees were local collectors and/or flintknappers. As always, the highlight of the picnic was artifact



Jim Keron manning the booth at the Thamesford Heritage Display.

identification by Chris Ellis. In addition, several flintknappers demonstrated their skills for the picnic attendees.

The chapter had a booth at two other events this last year, one in Thamesford and the other at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology for “Hands On Heritage Day”.

Membership and Newsletter: Membership in the chapter has remained steady, and our mailing list includes roughly 90 individuals. It should be noted that individuals remain on the mailing list until they receive the *KEWA* for the last year of their paid membership. Individuals who have not renewed membership since 2021 have now been removed from the mailing list. The *KEWA* remains essentially two years behind

in its publication and we have been averaging roughly one double issue annually, which is insufficient to get it caught up. The Executive Committee, along with the new editor(s) of the *KEWA* will need to evaluate the future of the publication, as it appears unsustainable in its current form.

Separately, the chapter has recently set up MailChimp to manage our mailing list and to ensure that we are compliant with Canada’s anti-spam legislation (CASL). Initial set-up took less than 30 minutes, and it is being used for communications with chapter members.

News and Updates: We are planning to return to our traditional in-person Holiday Party at the Museum in December. We have made a commitment to revitalize our Facebook presence and to try to increase our visibility in the community. This also includes revisiting and trying to revitalize other chapter activities undermined by COVID-19 such as archaeology days and field project participations for members. Finally, we are again soliciting and looking to publish archaeology monographs – after all we have a large publication fund of several thousand dollars that has been sitting dormant and unused for several years. Finally, for the *KEWA*, we are continuing our effort to become solely an electronic publication. Currently, only 15 or so paper copies are being sent out via the post office.

Chris Kerns

OTTAWA CHAPTER

Throughout the National Capital Region, the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS continues to promote interest in archaeology through various means. Our lecture series continues. Initially during the winter, a Zoom format was used. There was the presentation of the re-repatriation of the Charles Garrad Collection of Petun Wyandot Nation material. This was followed by a presentation in February by the Anishinabe Odjibikan field crew of their excavations during the previous summer. There was a shift in March to an in-person presentation of the Falcon Lake site. It was poorly attended; however, a follow-up zoom presentation at the end of the month drew a larger audience. April saw the chapter partner with the AIA in sponsoring an in-person presentation at the University of Ottawa by Geraldo Familiar on the Meso American Legacy. This was well attended. Our May meeting was a well-attended meet and greet discussion forum at the Sandy Hill Community Centre. It sparked lively discussion on a number of topics. Kicking off the Fall Programme was an in-person presentation by Forrest Pass on Oak Island which was attended by eight chapter members and once again we are back at the Routhier Centre near the Byward Market.

The annual Heritage Day event at City Hall saw members of the Ottawa Chapter participate. We had brochures and artifact replicas at a table. This event involved various other heritage organizations. A fair number of people came to our table and made enquiries about the chapter and archaeology in the region.

The chapter has purchased a laptop in order to facilitate presentations going forward. Consideration is being given to upgrading the Epson projector as well in

order to be compatible with newer laptop computers.

The Bonnechere steering committee met a number of times during the spring in preparation for the Annual Archaeology Days held at Bonnechere Provincial Park in July. This was done in concert with The Friends of Bonnechere Park and Ontario Provincial Parks. This year the event spanned six days and included displays, illustrated talks and a mock archaeology dig for kids. As well, seeing the park was planning to expand the washroom facility a permit was obtained from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism and test pits were dug with quite a few children participating in the process. Some disappointment was expressed as perhaps only one potential artifact was uncovered. There was a guided tour of the Lafleur Homestead and a mix and mingle evening with stories being told. Overall participation was down from previous years, and it seems this phenomenon is not ours alone.

We see a need to update our outreach materials, brochures, as well as electronic media so as to reach out more readily, not only to our members, but to the greater public. By way of reaching out, many virtual lectures are available for viewing on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@oasottawachapter5697> (that is accessible also through our website).

The Ottawa Chapter newsletters remain available on Twitter and our website (<http://www.ottawaoas.ca/>) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/OASOttawa?fref=nf>). The website has been in operation for a few years now and provides a lot of information about our archaeology in the National Capital Region. However, in an

ever-changing world we need to stay current. To this end the chapter has initiated a participatory process to revise the website.

We continue to receive enquiries through our post box as well as our website e-mail contact@ottawaoas.ca and respond accordingly to these enquiries. Also, we continue to use e-mail in communication with chapter members. We have seen an increase in enquiries regarding artifact identification and artifacts found on private property, and would like to discuss with the broader organization a protocol and/or process for responding to these enquiries that could be used by all OAS Chapters.

The chapter is responsible for managing the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award on behalf of the OAS and currently we are processing an

application for this year's award. The application deadline is October 1st and we hope to have positive results for announcement at the symposium in November.

This is my first year as Chapter President and much of what we have accomplished is due in large part to the terrific participation of the Executive. I would like to thank Monica Maika our Secretary, Bill MacLennan our Treasurer, as well as the Directors, Pierre Desrosiers, Stephanie Carles, Marian Clark, Aaron Mior, and Bradley Drouin our new Vice President, as well as advisors Stacey Girling, Yvon Rideau and Jean Luc Pilon.

Phil Trottier

PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER

The Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society would like to open by acknowledging the loss this year of chapter member, friend, and well-respected colleague of the archaeological community, John Henry McAndrews – Jock. It was always a pleasure to see him and his wife Sharon attends our meetings, and his passing truly marks the end of an era.

As Chapter President, I would like to thank our Board of Directors for their continued assistance and support:

- Bill Fox – Vice President
- Dirk Verhulst – Secretary
- Deb Mohr – Treasurer
- Julie Kapyrka – Indigenous Liaison
- Bob Pearce – Director
- Sheryl Smith - Director
- Morgan Tamplin – Director

This past year has found the Peterborough Chapter still suffering some of



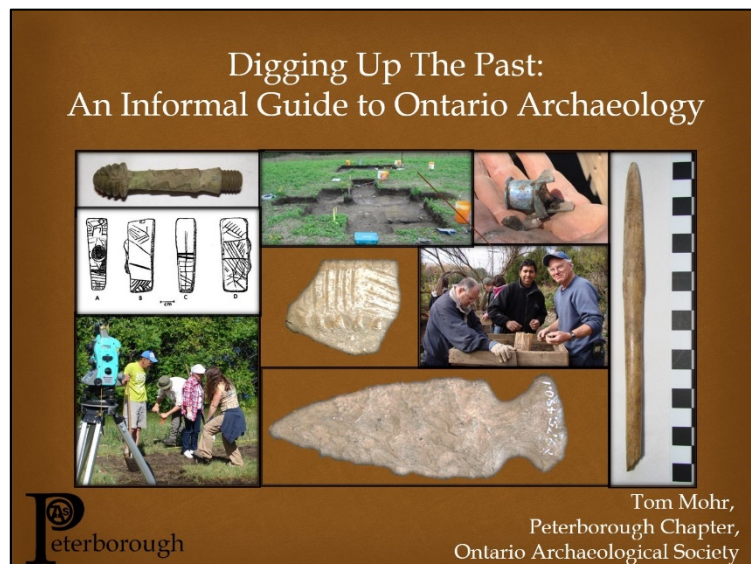
Corrie Hyland (photo courtesy of Rick Schulting).

the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. We have not yet returned to open public meetings, and continue to conduct presentations by Zoom. While this may limit the convivial social aspects of in-person gatherings, it does allow us to connect a wide-ranging set of speakers with those who might

not normally be able to attend. We wish to thank the OAS for providing access to their account.

Reporting on a November-to-October basis, we hosted five general meetings over the 2022-2023 season and our speakers were as follows:

- November 2022: Dr. Paulette Steeves – *Un-Erasing the Indigenous Paleolithic: Re-Writing the Ancient Past of the Western Hemisphere/ (the Americas)*. A discussion of the Pleistocene history of the Western Hemisphere, reclaiming and rewriting Indigenous histories and healing and reconciliation.
- March: Dr. Helen Haines – *Glad Did I Live and Gladly Die: The Life History of the Ancient Maya City of Ka'kabish and Summary of KARP Research*. A talk about the Ka'kabish Archaeological Research Project (KARP), which has been conducting archaeological investigations in north-central Belize.
- April: Dr. Heather McKillop – *Underwater and Invisible Architecture: New Insights from Preserved Wooden Buildings*. An update of her research into ancient Maya coastal trade routes, and discoveries found underwater in a mangrove peat bog below the sea floor in Belize.
- May: Corrie Hyland – *Do these radiocarbon dates look fishy to you?* A discussion of her ongoing research with the Baikal Archaeology Project.
- October: Sean Scally – *Moving Mountains - Blairton Iron*. Presenting a film about the Cobourg rail cars, the Blairton mine, the Marmora Ironworks, the Rice Lake



bridge and the secrets laying at the bottom of the Trent River narrows.

In November, Chapter President Tom Mohr delivered a presentation entitled *Digging Up The Past: An Informal Guide to Ontario Archaeology* to the Manvers Historical Society, where it was well received.

Our Facebook page remains a very efficient tool for keeping a presence using social media. Job opportunities, chapter meetings and announcements, items of topical interest and even the odd funny are frequently passed along to our 'Friends List' that currently numbers 351 individuals.

We also have a substantial email list of 'Friends,' used primarily to circulate meeting dates and chapter news. Our paid membership stands at 25.

In the year to date, we have published two issues of our *Peterborough Chapter Newsletter*, and as always, we thank our editor Dirk Verhulst and all of the contributors. The summer 2023 issue became a bit of a singular project, though, that began with an observation of a year since the passing of Gidigaa Migizi – Doug Williams of the Mississaugas of Curve Lake First

Nation. The POAS Director of Indigenous Liaison, Dr Julie Kapyrka, suggested that we reprint an article that she had published elsewhere in memory of Doug. She, Dirk, and Tom Mohr proceeded to expand the issue with reminiscences and memorials gained from various members of the community... Indigenous, Archaeological, and both. In the

end, it totaled 48 pages, and the chapter was proud to print and distribute copies to contributors and friends. Gidigaa Migizi is missed.

We look forward to an active season ahead for the Peterborough Chapter.

Tom Mohr

THUNDER BAY CHAPTER

The Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS has not been very active with presentations, due to us trying to find people who have not previously presented many times over the years. However, we have been lucky to host a few talks. One of these presenters was Dr. Oula Seitsonen, who was the visiting Finnish scholar at Lakehead University (an annual program). On November 25th, 2022, Oula graciously offered to present on some of his work on excavations of German occupations in Northern Finland during the Second World War (see abstract below).

On Friday February 17th, 2023, we had another Thunder Bay Chapter presentation offered by Dr. Dave Norris, from Woodland Heritage Northwest. The presentation was held at their new office and was graciously catered by Dave and co-owner Arlene Lahti. During his presentation, Dave and his colleagues discussed some of their finds from recent work in Pikangikum First Nation's traditional territory near Red Lake in Northwestern Ontario (see abstract below).

Following this, several of our chapter members were able to attend the first in-person annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop held since the pandemic on Friday, March 17th and Saturday March 18th at the nearby Grand Portage National Monument in Northern Minnesota.

Unfortunately, I was not able to attend but I heard it was well attended by both professional and amateur archaeologists as well as students. As always, there were many learning opportunities by meeting up with our nearby American colleagues.

The Lake Superior Basin Workshop is an annual event occurring for over 40 years now, whereby many archaeologists and avocationalists from Ontario, Minnesota, Manitoba, Wisconsin, and other states meet. Jill Taylor-Hollings and I co-organized online conferences for the last two years with the Department of Anthropology, Lakehead University. So, it was great to have an in-person event with many archaeologists and students attending from the Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS.

With approval from Fort William First Nation in their traditional territory, Jill and I taught an archaeological field school on campus for the Department of Anthropology, Lakehead University in May. We were also able to collaborate with several people on delivering the first Indigenous Archaeological Monitor/Technician training in Northwestern Ontario. Dave and Arlene offered the in-class work on behalf of the Waasigan Transmission Line project (occurring across eight communities), but worked with the department and the Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS, and Parks Canada

(Nipigon – Dr. Lisa Sonnenburg) to do the field work days. We will be refining those training methods and having other sessions this winter and next year.

From June to August, we were able to continue training undergraduate student Lauryn Eady-Sitar, who has worked with Jill, Chris McEvoy and I as a Summer Experience Program student for the last two years. She was hired by the OAS (through funding by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport) but working with chapter members in Thunder Bay to help catalogue and map legacy collections in the department. Great news – Lauryn has just started a Masters of Archaeological Science in our department this September!

Chris, Jill and I, along with students, continue to do many outreach activities, with the department and the Thunder Bay Chapter. There are many developments occurring in and around the city, which we are always continually having to advocate for more archaeological assessments to occur. In addition, we are often hosting flintknapping, pottery, and other workshops to explore traditional technologies with people.

Abstracts

Dark Heritage and Archaeology of the German Second World War Military Presence in Sápmi (Northern Finland)

Dr. Oula Seitsonen, PhD

In the later part of Second World War Finland joined forces with Nazi Germany (1941- 1944), but then ended the war fighting against the Germans in the so-called Lapland War (1944-1945). The Finno-German “comradeship-in-arms” has been a sensitive, difficult and little-discussed issue through the decades, especially during the Cold War. Since 2006 archaeologists have been studying this complex, silenced and contested

dark heritage from a material culture perspective, combined with a strong ethnographic component in the projects “Landscapes of Finnish Conflicts” and “Lapland's Dark Heritage”. This research has opened up many new and unprecedented perspectives into the German presence in the north, and especially highlighted its importance for locals as their own heritage on their own lands. For them, the material traces of war act as important agents of communal memories of war, destruction, and a host of other issues beyond those, closely intertwined with contemporary questions such as land ownership and land-use rights, which mirror also Lapland’s long colonial history, marginalization by the southern authorities, and the enduring north-south confrontations.

Dogrib Rapids: A Multicomponent Site in Northwestern Ontario

Dr. David Norris, Woodland Heritage Northwest

In 2020 Woodland Heritage Northwest began archaeological investigations at Dogrib Rapids on the north shores of Berens Lake due to the development of an all weather road. The road will connect Pikangikum as well as numerous other fly-in communities eliminating dependence on increasingly unreliable ice roads in the north. These investigations led to the discovery of EkKk-6 and EkKk-7, two multi component sites on the northeast side of Dogrib Rapids. Excavations are ongoing, but initial finds consist of stone tools (including scrapers, ground stone and multitrait type pottery) as well as copper implements. 2022 excavations exceeded 500 units and estimations indicate at least 850 more are required to achieve Ministry compliance. This presentation will cover some of the

project details such as working with Pikangikum community members, artifact finds that appear unique to the area, and

future expectations for one of the largest sites discovered in this region.

Clarence Surette

TORONTO CHAPTER

Due to the fact that the Toronto Chapter Executive could not find replacement executive members, the chapter was put on a hiatus in January of 2023, until replacement executive can be found. Since then, Carla Parslow has indicated interest in reviving the chapter and is excited to work with the OAS main board towards relaunching in 2024! All 2023 chapter fees, generously donated by Toronto Chapter members, will be put towards the relaunch. We also thank the former executive members

for their volunteerism in keeping the chapter going through the pandemic.

Due to the heavy commitments of the main OAS executive in planning the 2023 symposium in Southampton, the full attention in regard to the Toronto chapter has had to be put forward until mid-November.

Carla Parslow has requested a short meeting of interested parties be held during the symposium in Southampton, which is now slated for Sunday morning November 5th.

Susan Dermarkar

WINDSOR CHAPTER

Since the last Annual Business Meeting, the Windsor Chapter of the OAS has held four chapter meetings. The Windsor Chapter's last meeting of 2022 was in November and chapter members enjoyed a tour of the Chimczuck Museum. In February 2023, the Chapter President, Amanda Black, presented on significant sites discovered in Essex County during the 1970s. In April, Melissa Philips with the Windsor Museum presented to the chapter about working in the local museum.

The October 2023 chapter meeting was our first back in person meeting! Dr.

Beverley Smith, with Flint University, presented on a late Early Woodland period burial site that was discovered in downtown Flint, Michigan.

The Windsor Chapter Executive met in September to discuss up-coming events for the next chapter meetings. We asked our members if anyone was willing to join our chapter executive and we have a new executive member potentially joining us. We have quite the balance in our account with just over \$5,000. Our next chapter meeting is in December.

Amanda Black

The Ontario Archaeological Society

Financial Statements

December 31, 2022

July 8, 2023

Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
The Ontario Archaeological Society

Report on the Financial Statements

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Ontario Archaeological Society (the Organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2022, and the statement of operations and changes in fund balances, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Ontario Archaeological Society as at December 31, 2022 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many charitable organizations, The Ontario Archaeological Society derives revenue from fundraising and donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, our verification of these revenues was limited to amounts recorded in the records of the Organization and we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to revenues from fundraising and donations, excess of revenue over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, and current assets at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and fund balances as at December 31, 2022 and 2021 and January 1, 2022 and 2021.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Organization in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Organization or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Organization's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibility for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

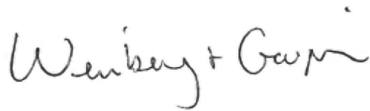
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control.
- Evaluate appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Organization's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements. If such disclosures are inadequate, we will modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Organization to cease to continue as a going concern.

- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements as required by the Ontario Corporations Act, we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with the prior year.



CPA LLP
Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
July 8, 2023

The Ontario Archaeological Society

Statement of Financial Position As at December 31

	2022	2021
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 96,832	\$ 86,289
Accounts receivable	3,677	16,968
Prepays and advances	<u>5,666</u>	<u>5,542</u>
	106,175	108,799
Investments (Note 2)	383,145	405,725
Capital assets (Note 3)	<u>772</u>	<u>1,224</u>
	<u>\$ 490,092</u>	<u>\$ 515,748</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 4)	\$ 21,704	\$ 23,191
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	<u>1,851</u>	<u>3,113</u>
	<u>23,555</u>	<u>26,304</u>
Fund balances		
Endowment fund		
OAS Publications fund	188,473	219,473
Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund	<u>24,537</u>	<u>27,902</u>
	<u>213,010</u>	<u>247,375</u>
Restricted fund		
Restricted Programs fund	16,730	16,730
OAS Awards fund	<u>4,654</u>	<u>3,899</u>
	<u>21,384</u>	<u>20,629</u>
Unrestricted fund		
OAS Future fund	<u>232,143</u>	<u>221,440</u>
	<u>466,537</u>	<u>489,444</u>
	<u>\$ 490,092</u>	<u>\$ 515,748</u>

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended December 31

	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total 2022	Total 2021 (Note 9)
Revenue					
Grants	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 53,067	\$ 53,067	\$ 117,933
Membership fees	-	-	27,905	27,905	29,987
Symposium income	-	-	14,801	14,801	5,142
Subscription income	4,035	-	1,200	5,235	5,716
Donations	50	1,050	1,131	2,231	12,040
Sales	-	-	493	493	365
Investment income (Note 6)	(17,665)	(267)	(15,198)	(33,130)	43,570
Government assistance	-	-	-	-	1,516
	(13,580)	783	83,399	70,602	216,269
Expenses					
Publication	19,973	-	-	19,973	5,166
Salary	-	-	18,125	18,125	156,422
Professional fees	-	-	15,622	15,622	6,468
Symposium	-	-	10,898	10,898	14,057
Rent	-	-	6,966	6,966	6,954
Insurance	-	-	6,637	6,637	6,698
Office and general	812	-	5,469	6,281	41,022
Production costs	-	-	5,629	5,629	2,862
Bank charges and fees	-	28	2,898	2,926	2,707
Amortization	-	-	452	452	833
	20,785	28	72,696	93,509	243,189
(Deficiency) excess of revenue over expenses	(34,365)	755	10,703	(22,907)	(26,920)
Fund balances, opening	247,375	20,629	221,440	489,444	516,364
Fund balances, closing	\$ 213,010	\$ 21,384	\$ 232,143	\$ 466,537	\$ 489,444

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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended December 31

	2022	2021
Cash flows provided by operating activities		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	\$ (22,907)	\$ (26,920)
Items not affecting cash or operations		
Amortization	452	833
Unrealized loss (gain) on investments	<u>48,780</u>	<u>(22,172)</u>
	26,325	(48,259)
Net changes in working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	13,291	(13,498)
Prepaid expenses	(124)	1,095
Accounts payable	(1,487)	10,736
Deferred revenue	<u>(1,262)</u>	<u>(1,173)</u>
	<u>36,743</u>	<u>(51,099)</u>
Cash flows used in investing activities		
Acquisition of investments	<u>(26,200)</u>	<u>(10,515)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash	10,543	(61,614)
Cash, beginning of year	<u>86,289</u>	<u>147,903</u>
Cash, end of year	\$ <u><u>96,832</u></u>	\$ <u><u>86,289</u></u>

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Nature of operations

The Ontario Archaeological Society (the Organization or OAS) was incorporated without share capital by letters patent on December 21, 1956 under The Ontario Corporations Act, 1953.

The objective of the Organization is to preserve, promote, investigate, record and publish an archaeological record of the Province of Ontario. The Organization aims to encourage advancement of archaeology in the fields of learning and culture, promote ethical practices, discourage illegal archaeological looting and destruction, publish archaeological findings and overall broaden interest in archaeology to all Ontarians and beyond.

Funding for the Organization is provided by annual membership fees which includes subscription fees for the Organization's journal, sale of advertising on website, annual Provincial Heritage Organization (PHO) operating grant from Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, annual Summer Experience Program (SEP) grant for temporary student employment positions, and annual symposium income.

The Organization is a Canadian Registered Charity under Income Tax Act (Canada) and is therefore exempt from income taxes. The Organization must meet certain requirements under the Act. In the opinion of management, these requirements have been met.

1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian general accepted accounting principles.

Fund accounting

The financial statements include the following funds:

- i) The Endowment fund is comprised of the endowment principle and corresponding expendable funds of the Ontario Archaeology Publication fund and the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund.

The Ontario Archaeology Publication fund is dedicated to provide long-term income for the publication of at least one issue per year of the Ontario Archaeology journal.

The Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund is intended to support graduate student research that relates to and advances knowledge on Ontario's archaeological record. The interest of this fund will provide students with small grants to assist them in undertaking research for Masters, PhD or postdoctoral level projects. Funding will be directed to support costs directly related to obtaining data for research that otherwise could not be paid for.

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1. Significant accounting policies (*continued*)

Fund accounting (*continued*)

- ii) The Restricted fund is comprised of the Restricted Programs fund and OAS Awards fund.

The Restricted Programs fund's purpose is to deliver programs and special projects as specified by the donor, as stipulated by the funder or as determined by the Board. The Organization received funding from Ontario Trillium Foundation to adapt training workshops offered by the Organization to train Indigenous archaeological monitors in northern First Nations communities. The Charles Garrad Avocational Archaeological Collections Fund was established to support the transition of archaeological collections, including artifacts and documentation, from avocational archaeologists to long-term permanent curation facilities.

The OAS Awards fund is for the periodic presentation of an award in recognition of a significant contribution to archaeology in Ontario by a member of the Organization.

- iii) The Unrestricted Fund is comprised of the OAS Future fund.

The OAS Future fund's purpose is to assist in supporting the administrative expenses of the Organization in the future.

Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Grants are recognized in revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership fees, symposium income and subscription income are recognized in revenue in the period for which the fees or income relate.

Donations are recognized in revenue when received. Included in donations are donations received from the Symposium event.

Sales are recognized in revenue when goods or services have been delivered.

Investment income is accrued and recognized in revenue as earned. Investment income includes interest and dividend income, and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

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1. Significant accounting policies (*continued*)

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost. Amortization is provided as follows:

Office equipment	20%	Declining balance
Computer equipment	55%	Declining balance

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditures during the reported period. Primary component of these financial statements which include estimates is: investments with respect to valuation. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Government assistance

The Organization received government assistance in the form of the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) due to COVID-19. The assistance was available to organizations that experienced a decrease in revenue over a period of time compared to the prior period. All assistance was recorded as income for the period. As of December 31, 2022, all terms and conditions for these assistance programs have been met.

Financial Instruments

The Organization initially recognizes financial instruments at fair value and subsequently measures them at each reporting date as follows:

<u>Asset/liability</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Cash	Fair value
Investments	Fair value
Accounts receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable	Amortized cost

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are assessed at each reporting date for indications of impairment. If such impairment exists, the asset is written down and the resulting impairment loss is recognized in the statement of operations and changes in net assets balance for the period.

The Organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred.

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2. Investments

Investments are comprised of:

	2022	2021
Canadian fixed income	\$ 139,271	\$ 205,609
Canadian equities	139,322	100,100
US equities	<u>104,552</u>	<u>100,016</u>
Investment at fair value	<u>\$ 383,145</u>	<u>\$ 405,725</u>

3. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net 2022
Office equipment	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,925	\$ 505
Computer equipment	<u>1,816</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>267</u>
	<u>\$ 4,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,474</u>	<u>\$ 772</u>

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net 2021
Office equipment	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,799	\$ 631
Computer equipment	<u>1,816</u>	<u>1,223</u>	<u>593</u>
	<u>\$ 4,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,022</u>	<u>\$ 1,224</u>

4. Accounts payable

At December 31, 2022, there is \$NIL (2021 - \$1,722) owing with respect to source deductions. Accrued liabilities are unsecured and not subject to any terms or covenants.

5. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue represents amounts received in the current period related to events of a subsequent period. These revenues are received from members in advance for annual membership, or subscription to the Organization's journals.

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6. Investment income

Investment income is comprised of:

	2022	2021
Interest and dividends	\$ 15,650	\$ 21,398
Unrealized (losses) gains	<u>(48,780)</u>	<u>22,172</u>
	<u>\$ (33,130)</u>	<u>\$ 43,570</u>

7. Financial instruments and risk management

The Organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Organization's risk exposure and concentrations at the balance sheet date.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Organization is exposed to credit risk on its accounts receivable. This risk is limited to the balance on the financial statements.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization manages this risk by ensuring it has sufficient cash to meet its financial liabilities.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of change in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Organization's investments include US equities, the value of which fluctuates in part due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The US equities are denominated in currencies other than Canadian dollars and are therefore directly exposed to currency risk as the value of these investments will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Organization's investments in Canadian fixed income are exposed to interest rate risk.

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7. Financial instruments and risk management (*continued*)

Market risk (*continued*)

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Organization is exposed to other price risk due to market fluctuations on its investments in equity and fixed income securities.

The Organization manages these risks by holding the funds in balanced mutual funds. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant risk arising from its financial instruments.

8. Guarantees

In the normal course of business, the Organization enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee. Indemnity has been provided to all directors and officers of the Organization for various items including, but not limited to, all costs to settle suits or actions due to involvement with the Organization, subject to certain restrictions.

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased to mitigate the cost of any potential future suits or actions. The term of the indemnification is not explicitly defined but is limited to the period over which the indemnification party served as a director or officer of the Organization.

There are no lawsuits or potential lawsuits or actions pending and therefore the maximum amount of any potential future payment cannot be reasonably determined.

9. Comparative figures

Certain figures have been restated to conform with the presentation in the current year.