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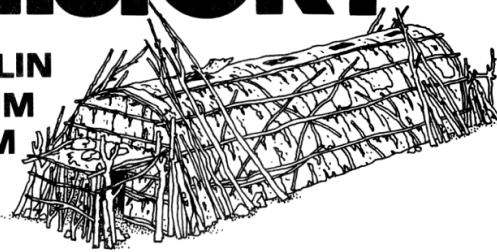
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President's Message

Hi everyone! I hope that you are staying well. It has been an unusually warm few months, even up here in Northwestern Ontario (with no snow!).

Reflecting on this past year, the OAS had a very busy and successful one, as outlined in the OAS Annual Report sent to all members. I want to acknowledge the outstanding people on the OAS Board of Directors, which consists mainly of volunteers with the exception of our Executive Director, Kaitlyn Malleau, who was hired as a full-time position for the first time this year. She has helped the organization, the board, and me in countless ways by completely sorting through the office, handling enquiries, supervising/training three students, and much of the day-to-day running of the society. Also, Kaitlyn helped to organize and run several short-term research projects this year.

OAS 50th Annual Symposium

In addition to our other work including OAS educational endeavours, heritage advocacy issues, and typical activities for the society, the board and I have been focused on planning the **50th Annual OAS Symposium** for much of the last six months (see Kaitlyn Malleau's and Josh Dent's articles this issue). The OAS was officially incorporated nearly 70 years ago, in December 21, 1956, but the [first symposium](#) was not held until October 19, 1974 at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto (see front cover advertisement). This year's symposium took place in Southampton at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, the Town Hall, and the G.C. Huston Public School from November 3-5, 2023. Our theme was ***Maawnjiddwin: 50 Years of Gathering, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow***. The title acknowledged that the OAS symposium gatherings have been, and continue to be, held on lands where Indigenous peoples have gathered for thousands of years. We appreciate being allowed to host the events in Saugeen Ojibway Nation (Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation) Traditional Territories and the Historic Saugeen

Métis homeland.

I want to thank all of the members who volunteered, attended, or donated to the OAS in support of this historic symposium for our organization! In particular, I acknowledge TMHC Inc., who helped the OAS Board of Directors to organize the symposium: principals Holly Martelle and Matt Beaudoin; plus staff members Lara Wood, Matt Severn, and Josh Dent (also OAS Director of Member Services and Webmaster!). They helped us with planning, hosting sessions, and program development. I also wanted to acknowledge the substantial monetary contribution from TMHC Inc., along with other corporate sponsors (below), who so generously donated to the 2023 OAS symposium:

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From an academic viewpoint, the OAS 50th Anniversary symposium offered an opportunity for us to get together in person and discuss the state of archaeology in Ontario through workshops, presentations, poster sessions, a round table, discussion groups, and at more informal receptions. Attendees discussed Indigenous rights and concerns, some focused on the Bruce County area, Ministry concerns, frustrations with the current Ontario system, advocacy, remote sensing, zooarchaeology, pottery, and many other topics. We also had impressive student volunteers and participation, which the OAS has been endeavouring to improve upon every year.

I had the honour of working together with Caley Doran, Adam LaForme, Jordan Jamieson, and Megan DeVries

to put together a round table session on the Sunday morning of the symposium. This event focused on building relationships between Indigenous Monitors/Field Liaison Representatives/Technicians and other archaeologists (consultants, academics, students, etc.). Chi-miigwetch (thank you very much) also to Charlene Leonard, Robert Martin, Caley Doran, and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environmental Office for helping to organize this session and being willing to host us in that traditional territory. Stephanie Roote, Peter Epler, Josh Dent, Chris Kerns and others also helped with the session on the day. This round table event followed a similar one held last year in Hamilton, another in 2019 in Toronto, and also aligned with the inherent themes of the earlier 2017 Brantford Symposium [*From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario*](#). Unfortunately, COVID-19-related shutdowns interrupted our in-person events for some time after the 2019 Toronto symposium, but we can now continue to build on these discussions each year. With the Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS hosting the next symposium, we hope that you can attend and participate in a similar Indigenous archaeology focused event.

We worked with local experts in the Southampton area, who developed three excellent Sunday afternoon tours to showcase some of the regional cultural history for the symposium. Archaeologist Dr. Bill Fitzgerald put together a comprehensive tour about the archaeology and ancient history of the Southampton region, as informed by decades of research there. The second tour was at the Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre with local expert guide Doran Ritchie (Saugeen First Nation). The third tour was with Jenna McGuire, who is a member of the Historic Saugeen Métis. She discussed key information about Aunt Annie's historic Métis home, which we visited. Jenna holds educational tours to discuss local history, plant medicines, art, music and other information. Thank you to those who took time to put together such great tours and to all of the people who participated!

Putting together the noteworthy OAS 50th Anniversary Symposium led us to do a lot of reflecting about how the organization has changed over the last 50 years, lessons we have learned, and offered opportunities to talk with some

of the most experienced archaeologists who have helped to shape the OAS from the beginning (see articles this issue). Kaitlyn has been doing a lot of research in the society records and is compiling this information. She has also been completing video interviews of OAS members that she and other members are conducting for an upcoming documentary. With the current OAS Strategic Plan (2018-2024) coming to an end next year, we will be doing more reflecting about the society as we work to renew that document. It is necessary to have such a document from a long-term planning perspective, but it will also help us apply for grants as a non-profit.

The Present State of Archaeology

As I mentioned previously, there was a lot of reviewing and considering changes over the last 50 years, but also discussing the present state of Ontario archaeology at the OAS Symposium. Many changes occurred during 2023 that result in descendant communities and archaeologists now having to deal with a new set of pressures. Both the Federal and Provincial governments have been pushing to build new (affordable?) housing. One of the [*biggest scandals in 2023*](#) involved "the Greenbelt" being opened up (for a while) to development despite widespread protests from those in the heritage sector and other concerned Ontarians. Although we all recognize the need for affordable housing **across Ontario** (and I do mean all parts, including on federally regulated reserve lands in the south and north), there is still a need to safeguard all known and unknown archaeological sites or other heritage places. The Greenbelt in Southern Ontario is "safe", for now, but let's not forget that many new changes were made in 2022/2023 that **remain** in effect to the Ontario Heritage Act, the Planning Act, and Provincial Policy Statement. So, how do we prepare for this increase in assessments being required or make sure that they actually happen in all jurisdictions? For example, there is currently just one employee working for the Ministry of Communications and Multiculturalism representing archaeology in the entirety of Northern Ontario. Thus, it is more important than ever that we work together with Indigenous and other descendant community colleagues and continue to train the next generation of Ontario archaeologists to meet these demands.

On a more positive note, I also wanted to highlight some exciting changes that we are seeing in Ontario, including more archaeology master plans being developed for counties, towns, or cities such as Haldimand County and Bruce County, Brampton, and some initial work in Thunder Bay. Within the Southampton region where the symposium was held, the Saugeen Ojibway Nation have their own procedures and policies in place, as outlined in this document: [Conducting Archaeology within the Traditional Territory of the Saugeen Ojibway Nation: Process and Standards for Approval Authorities, Development Proponents and Consultant Archaeologists](#). Several other Ontario and Manitoba Indigenous communities are

following suit and developing their own archaeological Standards and Guidelines that work for their traditional territories. Although there are 133 First Nations in Ontario, and many other communities that are part of the Métis Nation of Ontario and other Métis organizations, this is one way forward for communities to exert their rights in archaeological matters.

At this time, I want to thank you all for being part of and supporting the OAS. All the best to you and yours for 2024!

Jill Taylor-Hollings

OAS Symposium Memories

By Mima Kapches

50 years on and it seems like yesterday that the first OAS Symposium was held, although, to be honest my memories are not as clear as they once were. Fortunately, Charlie Garrad pressed me to write about that first day in two articles in *Arch Notes*; one, for the 10th anniversary (Kapches 1983:13-15) and the other, for the 25th (Kapches 2003: 113-15). So for more specifics about the why and how of the first symposium I refer you to those notes, written when my memories were more recent.

From the beginning I knew that the Symposium would be a success, how could it not be? There was a need for an annual meeting of practitioners of archaeology in Ontario, a need to meet and discuss research and findings, and most significantly to discuss issues surrounding Ontario's nascent heritage legislation. The goals of the OAS were to support the ethical practice of archaeology and the meetings provided a collegial environment to do just that. We had a small committee to develop the symposium, basically all the members of the executive pulled together to make it happen; Charlie Garrad and Howard Savage were very important to the success of the day. The attached photograph was taken in late 1975 at an OAS meeting and it shows Charlie, Norm and Howard as I remember from 1973 (Figure 1). The one other person who remains from

the organizing team of the first symposium is Marti Latta who ably served as program chair.

Over the years, the Symposium evolved to include the Annual Business Meeting, a Presidents' meeting, a banquet, and workshops over a multi-day period. This is exactly what I had envisaged in the beginning. Apart from organising the first meeting, I had nothing to do with these developments; successive OAS Executives did all that planning and over the years legions of members stepped up and did the hard work. The names of some of the planners include, Mike and Christine Kirby, Sharon Hick, Ella and Charlie Garrad, Margaret Ann Fecteau, Henry and Sonja Van Lieshout, Marjory Tuck and Dave Hunt, and Ellen Blaubergs; these were among the many familiar OAS faces that you saw at registration desks and book rooms for years. Their committees designed the framework of the Symposium weekend, they completed detailed preparatory work, and then spent hours of just being there to register attendees, answer questions and solve problems. I acknowledge their dedication and commitment.

In October I often recollect the first symposium, I remember my anxiety to make certain that all happened as planned, and then I recall with the relief that at the end



Figure 1 - The 200th Meeting of the OAS, Year 25, 1975. (L to R, Charlie Garrad, Bill Rennison, Norm Emerson, 'Nipper' Sinclair, Howard Savage, photographer unknown.) The W.C. Noble Fonds, J. Norman Emerson Correspondence, William Ready Archives, Mills Library, McMaster University, Hamilton)

of the day we walked from the ROM's Planetarium along Hoskins street westerly to the reception at Robarts library at U of T; it was a warm fall day, the leaves on the trees were orange-yellow, and the low setting sun in the west cast a red glow on us and long shadows were created on the leafy sidewalk. It was invigorating to be walking with the archaeological giants of the day, including Jim Wright, Norm Emerson, Conrad Heidenreich, and Bill Noble. There was a definite buzz, while chatting with students from Western, McMaster, U of T, Wilfrid Laurier, Waterloo and even Buffalo, many of us meeting for the first time and many at the beginning of our careers.

For 50 years the Symposium has been held and now the experience of attending is cumulative, you know who you'll see, you know what to expect, it is a reunion, always

held in the fall. There will be those who have never attended before, for whom it is their first time, and their Symposium stories will begin to accumulate as friendships are made and careers begin, and who knows 50 years hence they too will be asked about their memories of their first symposium.

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Adaptation, Bridges, Collaborations, Common Ground, Connections, Partnerships, Journeys, and Gatherings: OAS Symposia Recollections

By Ellen Blaubergs

Introduction

Congratulations to the OAS on its 50th Annual Symposium!

In 2011, former OAS Executive Director Lorie Harris asked me to compile a list of symposia beginning with the first one in 1974 (see p.22 of this issue). Back issues of *Arch Notes*, the *Arch Notes* (1950-1992) Index, various programs still in my possession, and the amazing memory of former OAS ED Charles Garrad were key sources in creating this document. More recently, it was a helpful prompt while formulating my recollections of past gatherings. Words from older and more recent themes were selected for the title of this piece which hopefully, will be regarded as a welcome addition to the Society's corporate memory bank and might even be helpful to new generations of the Society's leadership. Any negative recollections are only included as examples of how much our organization has learned, evolved, and matured as it continues to offer an annual symposium to its membership and the wider cultural heritage community.

Early symposia attendance and participation

Attending my first symposium in 1981 at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons served as a great introduction to the archaeology of the Georgian Bay Region (which I would call home some 20 years later) and the OAS symposium format. I had just become a member the year before and it was all a bit overwhelming and daunting for this 3rd year undergrad whose father had to drive her to Midland to attend! Being very shy, even a one-day event like this was totally out of my

comfort zone.

My attendance was spurred by the OAS President of the day, Dr. Marti Latta who continually urged her students to attend conferences. Her mentorship extended beyond the usual and on occasion, she would drive a gaggle of us to them. We had some wonderful conversations about archeology and all kinds of other things. I credit Marti with helping ease my shyness and introducing the wonderful world of archaeological conferences to my rather narrow world.

Fast forward a bunch of years and more symposia, and soon, along with many others, participating on Chapter executives and/or OAS symposium committees became my jam. I also came to appreciate the time and energy required to pull off an engaging and financially successful event while working full time. For me, communicating with the hosts of the previous year's symposium was imperative to learn about what worked, what didn't, and what needed tweaking. This information was added to an indispensable symposium guide document created by Christine Kirby in the early years. She also updated it regularly; another imperative.

Christine and Michael Kirby

Christine and Michael Kirby were involved in organizing more than 12 Toronto-based symposia over three decades. They must have been a bit relieved once the Society began to alternate between host Chapter cities and Toronto. Remember, there was no Toronto Chapter until the early 1980s, so it was the responsibility of the OAS Executive to organize and run them when held in Toronto.



Janice Teichroeb and friend, (the late) Christine Kirby and Mike Kirby, (the late) Donald Badone, and Jean Sergeant (Chair, Orillia Museum of Art and History) examine a pop-up display.

More student friendly today

Some of those early symposia were not very student-friendly but over time, the addition of workshops, student registration rates, student paper competitions, alternative social gatherings (to the traditional banquet) and other components aimed at our future leaders, became regular fixtures.

1990 Symposium Memories

While serving on the OAS Executive (as it was known then) as Secretary between 1989 and 1993, I was involved in the organization of the 1990 symposium at historic Oakham House on the campus of Ryerson University (now Metropolitan Toronto University). It was memorable for a couple of reasons. The theme, "Let's Make a Deal: Archaeological Evidence of Trade in Ontario" prompted the submission of a paper abstract by two co-authors: Rod Crocker and Carole Stimmell, and myself: "The Trading Game: Archaeology Students Make a Deal." We were all employees of the (former) Toronto Board of Education Archaeological Resource Centre and had recently developed an innovative game to accompany various curriculum

packages (for Grade 6 through Adult Night School levels) designed to create an understanding of how Indigenous trade networks operated, and how they are reflected in the archaeological record. In addition to the formal paper which outlined the development of this effective game, we offered symposium attendees the opportunity to participate in version of it, at the Friday evening welcome reception. It was the first time we had "played" it with archaeologists. Although accustomed to the elevated noise levels as the game progresses, it was fascinating to witness the clever tactics employed by those with "insider" knowledge of all things trade-related. Bill Fox and (the late) Paul Lennox were particularly keen and competitive. OAS Director/Program Chair Dr. Heather McKillop accurately stated that we would never see the likes of this at another symposium. What fun!

A "Vision Session" was part of the Sunday "Future Directions" program at this symposium. The proceedings were recorded and summarized and resulted in a "Vision Statement" for the Society and mandate for the Executive Committee as it approached the new millennium. As it was the Society's 40th Anniversary, devoting several hours to this well-moderated process was most appropriate.

1997 OAS/MAC Symposium Memories

Another memorable symposium which I was pleased and proud to support in my role as OAS ED was co-hosted by the Toronto Chapter and MAC (Midwest Archaeological Conference) in 1997. The theme, "Taming the Taxonomy: Toward a New Understanding of Great Lakes Archaeology" attracted delegates from both sides of the border. Our negotiations with the hotel representative were often quite tense but we stood firm and got what we wanted... mostly. Fairly new to the position, Chapter President Wayne McDonald felt the weight of responsibility for this symposium quite keenly. I admired how seasoned Chapter and Chapter executive members Jim Shropshire (Vice President), Marjorie Clarkson, and Annie Gould (Secretary) helped Wayne lead.

The participation of MAC members added a unique flavour to that symposium. The traditional book room was supplemented with a pop-up marketplace featuring the

handmade crafts of talented OAS members. I can only recall two: Bev Garner who made the most amazing floor cloths, and Andrew Clish who fashioned small wood furniture items. The OAS did very well with the sale of back issues and duplicate copies in its library. Professor Chalupka's Celebrated Singing School entertained at the banquet. Eva MacDonald and I were fans of this unique choir who performed in costume and had a great repertoire of Ontario folk music. We were most grateful to choir member/archaeologist Heather Henderson for convincing the choir to perform (most lived out of town). "The Mammoth Song" (about the true discovery of mammoth bones by choir leader Ian Bell's family) was a big hit.

How amusing it was to run into the hotel manager on the elevator later that evening. This was the gentleman who didn't believe that extra libations should be stocked for the weekend. He was heading down to the basement to get more!

Symposium Proceedings

A last note about this symposium also serves as a segue to an infrequent but still notable post-symposium component - the publication of proceedings. With budgets always tight, it is often difficult to find more funds to publish. My 50-year list only has seven examples and I hope that is incorrect. The first proceedings were published in 1975. Almost two decades later, the published proceedings from 1994 became a best seller: "Origins of the People of the Longhouse." I recall receiving orders from 20 individuals one week. The "Taming the Taxonomy..." proceedings were the result of a jointly cohosted symposium. Ditto for the proceedings resulting from the Quaternary Sciences Institute/Grand River Waterloo Chapter/University of Waterloo partnership in 1999: "The Human Ecology of Ontario's Eleven Millennia: People, Environment, Change, and Adaptation Throughout the Holocene". Ditto again for the Ottawa Chapter/Friends of Bonnechere Provincial Parks [sic] collaboration in 2005: "Partners to the Past - Making Connections in the Ottawa River Valley." It seems that partnerships and collaborations equal proceedings!

2003 and Plan B!

The one and only symposium in which I was intimately involved, from conception to coordination, and even reluctantly taking on the program cochair role, occurred in 2003. This recounting is an example of how a host Chapter or organization adds that unique, local element to the annual gathering of our colleagues. Although it was a "near miss" for the OAS, a "Plan B" coupled with tons of dedication, support, blood, sweat, and tears helped save our bacon!

In the summer of 2002, OAS President Christine Caroppo and I discussed approaching the OPP with an idea to cohost a forensic-themed symposium in their Orillia General Headquarters in the fall of 2003. I had been volunteering at the OPP Museum for five years and had briefly broached the subject with curator Jeanie Tummon. Before the OPP, Jeanie was the long-time curator at Sainte-Marie among the Hurons and an OAS member. She asked me for a proposal, and together with her support letter and a dazzling letter of introduction from Christine Caroppo indicating OAS support, we attended a Commissioner's Committee meeting, caps in hand. How wonderful to hear that resounding "yes!" The manager of OPP Forensic Identification Services was quite intrigued and even supported our Symposium Showcase



Ellen Blaubergs welcomes 2003 OAS Symposium delegates

component featuring forensic and police demonstrations.

Forensics was a hot topic at the time. Christine and I got a bit crazy when we thought it might be possible to attract

the noted author of forensic mysteries, Kathy Reichs to our event. Although her publicist expressed interest, the five-figure appearance fee was not in our budget.

All was going well with the organization of this 30th symposium. The OPP Museum and OPP were generous with their many contributions of venue, program printing, staff, volunteers, and more. Then in the spring, the bottom dropped out with the program chairs bailing. How utterly disappointing and disrespectful! Apparently, their participation was a "gross misunderstanding on our part." Since it was an oral agreement with no accompanying paperwork (apart from personal notes), there wasn't much to be done at that point.

It was tempting to step away, but I couldn't imagine bailing on the OAS. So, I ate a whole humble pie and went back to the OPP Museum and OPP requesting that the forensic theme be reconstituted to include other components. "*Common Ground: Exploring Connections between Disciplines – Archaeology, Forensics, First Nations, Policing, Museology*" became the rather wordy theme. Kind reassurances of support from both Jeanie and Christine helped put everything back on track. Jeanie stayed after hours many evenings and Christine arrived a day before the event to help with set up and last-minute tasks.



Ottawa Chapter members Jean Rieandeu and Marian Clark with D/S/Sgt. Fred Bertucca, Manager, OPP Forensic Identification Services.

We had some forensic-themed abstracts in hand from the original call for papers and wove them into a session, "Humanitarian Forensic Investigations and Experiments." In the end, it all worked out thanks to the wonderfulness of folks like Dr. Tracy Rogers who gave one of the key note addresses about collaborations between forensic anthropologists and criminal forensic investigators. She also referenced her recent work on an important case in B.C. which was in the news a lot then. It was so heartening to learn that she had originally wanted to attend a physical anthro conference that same weekend but having never been to an OAS gathering, thought it might be interesting.

Another interesting keynote speaker was Detective Staff Sergeant Fred Bertucca, Manager of OPP Forensic Identification Services. His overview of the OPP's forensic identification capabilities also emphasized the connections between archaeology and crime detection.

Our Saturday morning program began with a very moving sunrise ceremony on the Huronia Regional Centre beach. It was conducted by Inspector Glenn Trivett, Manager of OPP First Nations Policing Programs. Inspector Trivett's address "Being Grounded" demonstrated how elements of the OPP FN cultural awareness training courses related to the discovery and treatment of human remains. He also



OAS Board member Tony Stapells with D/Cst. Scott MacLeod, OPP Forensic Identification Unit.

addressed connections between policing and First Nations.

Robert Park, Rob Phil, and Christine Caroppo chaired the forensics, archaeology, and museology sessions with great aplomb. It is regrettable that a proceedings publication never resulted from this symposium but that would have required the special touch of an academic program chair and we didn't have one.

The OAS book table was capably organized and staffed by Ella Garrad and Betty Donaldson. Ella wore a t-shirt we had made up as a fundraiser. Having experienced an historic multi-day power outage to much of eastern North America just a few months earlier, the slogan "Ontario Archaeology - Our grid systems don't require electricity" was printed on the shirts.

We sold out! Ella was quite torn that year as she usually made a big point of peddling the OAS enamel lapel pin to those who were not visibly wearing one.



The 2003 T-shirt

Now you had to purchase a t-shirt and a pin!

Bones of the Ancestors: The Archaeology and Osteobiography of the Moatfield Ossuary (R.F. Williamson)



OAS President Christine Caroppo presents OPP Commissioner Gwen Boniface with a copy of *Bones of the Ancestors*.

and S. Pfeiffer, editors) was launched that weekend, following Ron's paper on the same subject. OAS symposia have had a great tradition of book launches and/or signings. As I looked through some past programs, the names Charles Garrad, John Steckley, Karolyn Smardz Frost, and Drew Hayden Taylor were scheduled for book room signing sessions.

I will always remember a bizarre event associated with that 2003 symposium. It occurred on my short drive home from the Friday evening festivities. As the last to leave, I was knackered and drove well under the speed limit on the dark concession roads. Out of nowhere, a young deer stepped in front of the vehicle. I was able to brake safely and avoid hitting it. My mother always claimed that seeing a deer brought good luck. Perhaps that young cervid deserved some of the credit for a successful weekend salvaged by a dedicated team.

The evolution of the Silent Auction

In 2008, the Society offered its first fundraising silent auction at the symposium in Vaughan. It was organized by Norma Hall and Christine Caroppo. Eventually becoming a fixture at our yearly gatherings, it is also the Society's only fundraiser. My own involvement in coordinating the auction began soon thereafter. Its continued success is mainly due



(The late) Valerie Sonstenes and Jim Molnar check out OAS Book table offerings organized by Ella Garrad and Betty Donaldson.

to the wonderful and eclectic items donated by our members, families, friends, business and organizations, and the furious bidding done by symposium delegates over the weekend. Initially, I was disappointed that the monies raised were never dedicated to a special OAS project or one of several existing funds, but over the years, with hotel costs skyrocketing, these funds were desperately required to help pay for the very room in which the auction was held. This was most clearly the case at the 2019 event in Toronto. The auction had to raise at least \$5,000 to cover the cost of the room! That meant securing many more items, preferably with high values. Most supporters are looking for a bargain, so this always presents a challenge.

A Fun Fundraiser

There are a lot of nice and fun memories from those auctions related to the donations which make an OAS silent auction unique: – trying to find space for a flat screen TV

donated by Chris Watts; the aroma of smoked sausage emanating from Grand River/Waterloo Chapter baskets; beautiful handmade jewellery donated by Dena Doroszenko and Suzanne Needs-Howarth; Dan Long's expertly knapped projectile points; vintage wines from the cellar of Carole and Gord Stimmell; archaeological-themed items from Mima Kapches, artwork by Margaret Ann and Rudy Fecteau, handmade split cedar rail candle holders from Lorne Sheridan and Marian Clark, maple syrup and handknit socks from Kristin Thor, and so many others.

The Chapter Basket initiative from Sheryl Smith also deserves mention. It became very popular and demonstrates how even the silent auction continued to evolve. Finally, special appreciation to Amanda Black, Debbie and Tom Mohr, Marian Clark, Stacey Girling-Christie, Chris Dalton, John Raynor, Jamie Hunter, and Christine Caroppo and so many others for all their assistance and support during their Chapter-hosted symposia silent auctions and book rooms over the years. Take a bow for helping get us to 50!

Celebrating 50 years of the OAS Symposium, and to 50 more

By Jordan Jamieson

At the heart of it, the OAS Symposium is a place to gather and build relationships where collaboration efforts between archaeologists and indigenous communities have space to continue to grow. The impacts that the OAS has made on capacity building in communities can be felt, and the drive from its members to further push the boundaries of legislation, engagement and consultation will be instrumental in the path of reconciling the field of archaeology.

History has been unkind to Indigenous Peoples, their ancestral materials and remains all across the world; we are no different. By now you have heard the cries of a people, however soft they may be, hear them and acknowledge it.

Biindigeh mishomis, nookomis miinwaa gchi manitou, we invite our ancestors, grandfathers, grandmothers and the great spirit, to sit with us, be with us, always.

Preservation and revitalization for Indigenous communities is increasingly important as a growing fear of loss sets it. For many archaeologists, a love of past cultures, celebration of histories, and innovations of a living culture, whichever, if not all brought you here; we are no different. *Giw e gnaawendamwaad gete aabjichganen ge iw asshi gaa maajaam gak* (i.e., those who take care of things, ancestral objects and remains) and the deeply valuable work that communities, archaeologists and Allies continue to do, *chi miigwetch*.

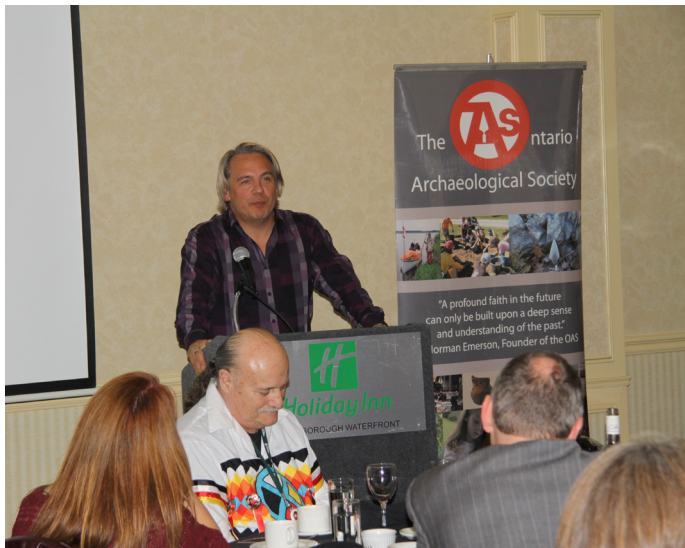
DHT, Peterborough, and Indigenous Humour

By Tom Mohr

In 2014, the Peterborough Chapter were still the new kids on the block, and sitting as we are, surrounded by a number of Mississauga First Nations, we felt it was important to share the event with them. We were delighted to engage renowned Indigenous humourist and playwright Drew Hayden Taylor as the guest speaker for our awards banquet. Drew is from Curve Lake First Nation and his brand of humour generally involves turning tropes and scenarios on their heads, which he sure did at the dinner with a bit that he called "Jokes That White People Can't Tell."

Being, you know, white and all - I won't go into detail. But when I think back on that Symposium, what immediately comes to mind is a bunch of Euro-Canadian types actively cringing - but Rose Miller, and the late Joanne Thomas from Six Nations on the Grand River, simply howling with laughter - at the jokes, at the discomfiture - just really having a good time.

I still thank Drew for that moment.



Drew Hayden Taylor at the Peterborough Chapter Symposium



The late Joanne Thomas and Rose Miller

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The OAS Symposium Journey...

By Marian Clark

I have often said that my interest and participation in archaeological endeavours has taken me down roads I would never have otherwise even known existed, much less become like old friends with. The same can certainly be said for OAS symposia over the years as I sought to soak up the information, the venues and the roads, airways, and vehicles that took me there.

When I joined the OAS, I was not actively engaged in archaeology but was very keen to learn, and finding a local Chapter to participate in brought me into the broader network of a province wide organization. After only a couple of meetings I learned that the symposium for that year (1983 I think) was being held as far away as it could possibly be – in Thunder Bay!! Just getting there on Bear Skin Airlines was adventure enough and then receiving a warm welcome for our small Ottawa delegation was an event I will never forget. I was now part of the network and loving it!!

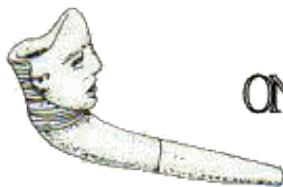
As the years passed by and the Ottawa Chapter became larger and more active, I was not only able to attend symposia wherever they were being held, but learned the ins and outs of hosting them, starting with the OAS symposium in Ottawa in 1987. Once we started, we kept going and have hosted six annual symposia in Ottawa and around Eastern Ontario. These events generally coincided with important milestones in the Chapter's story, and we viewed them as a time to celebrate and invite everyone to join in. Along with hosting the Canadian Archaeological Society (CAA) annual conference in Ottawa and the occasional one-day local symposium or workshop, it made us bulletproof on the organizational end of things. A very special event along the way was in honour of the Society's 50th Anniversary in

2000. While we did not host the OAS symposium that year, we did host the CAA's annual meeting. We threw a big joint reception in honour of the OAS at the Canadian Museum of Civilization (now the Canadian Museum of History). Our latest endeavour at hosting was in 2021, undertaking the second only fully virtual symposium of the OAS to celebrate our 50th anniversary as a Chapter. These events hold very special memories for all of us in Ottawa and I imagine that many of you will also have fond remembrances of an OAS weekend in the Capital.

It is hard to pick any one time that stands out over others. The meeting of minds, the catching up with colleagues and friends, and the sharing of the latest information and discoveries are of course key to why we host and attend symposia in the first place. In addition, I did especially love getting "behind the scenes tours" of historic sites, cultural venues and museums - who does not enjoy being toured around - attending banquets at Ontario's historic forts, museums, universities, registered heritage sites, even a Canadian Forces base (Petawawa 2005). And oh those highways and byways getting to and from it all.

As the Society celebrates this milestone Symposium in Southampton, there is yet another venue beckoning us down another road on the way to another meeting and a gathering with our friends. Congratulations OAS!

Please see the link below for a glimpse into the 38th Annual OAS Symposium Ottawa.
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Fifty Years of OAS Symposia: Recollections May Vary

By Christine Caroppo, Past President

In 1974, I was a green-as-grass high school student who was crazy about archaeology. Of course, I thought that meant ancient Greece, Rome, and Egypt. I didn't realize it also included Ontario until by sheer happenstance I met Margaret Ann Clark, now Fecteau. She tucked me under her wing and introduced me to the OAS. That's how I came to be in the audience in the semi-circular auditorium of the Planetarium on Queen's Park in Toronto for the first ever Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium. I was totally out of my depth and bombarded by terminology and typologies that I hadn't a clue about. But it was exhilarating. I met many stalwart long-time members of the OAS with whom I would later work as President, including Mima Kapches, Charlie Garrad, and Marti Latta.

It was the beginning of a lifetime's work of volunteering for the OAS.

The first symposium was a one-off. It wasn't conceived of as "annual," as far as I know. The year 1974 was a banner year for archaeology – the *Ontario Heritage Act* was newly minted and Mima Kapches had an idea that a gathering of archaeologists sharing their work would be a good thing. It was scheduled for October because, back in the day, everyone was out of the field by then. Cultural Resource Management archaeology was hardly a twinkle in anyone's eye. No one was digging under tents with industrial heaters in November. So, the first symposium was born and was very popular and successful. Planning started on one for the next year and so began an unbroken chain up to and including this year's. Even COVID couldn't kill it, it just cleverly morphed into an online and then hybrid version. Very quickly, organizing a new symposium every year just fell into a pattern that OAS members expected the Executive would put on every fall.

It always amused me that the word "symposium" was

selected. It could have been "convention" or "conference" or "meeting", but the word "symposium" (ancient Greek for drinking party with convivial discussion) was surprisingly apt for a group of archaeologists.

In the early years, the OAS Board (or Executive Committee as they were then known) organized and ran each symposium and these were generally held in Toronto where the bulk of the Exec lived. It wasn't until 1980 that the first Chapter stepped up and offered to run a symposium. That was the London Chapter, followed by Simcoe County/Ste-Marie among the Hurons, and Thunder Bay. It moved back to Toronto for 1983 and 1984. In 1985, the symposium morphed into a pattern of alternating years between Toronto and a Chapter in another part of the province. This was, frankly, a huge relief to the Executive Committee of the OAS because the massive effort required to run the symposium siphoned away time and energy from our other OAS-related tasks. The OAS' role in advocacy, especially in light of the increasing number of government requests for input to new legislation in the 1980s, meant that we no longer had enough time to accomplish all of our goals to the level that we felt was necessary.

The huge task of running a symposium was undertaken by the Exec as a committee of the whole. Avocational archaeologists, the late Christine Kirby and Michael Kirby stick-handled logistical arrangements and finances, while paper session organizers were drawn from the realm of professional archaeologists. Chris Kirby literally wrote the "Symposium Bible," a tome that contained all of the information, forms, and schedules for running a successful symposium. It has been amended and added to over the years but it was she that codified all the work that she did behind the scenes. Conceiving, organizing, and running a symposium is rather like being a wedding planner for 200-300 guests, multiple brides and grooms, out-of-town family

members, and competing personalities all wanting to make speeches. If you've ever organized or attended such an event, you get the picture.

The symposia were not always successful and were never easy – sometimes Chapters or Session Organizers bailed partway (2003) through the planning process leaving the Board holding the bag and scrambling to find a venue in or near Toronto (where most of the Board lived at the time), always more expensive than elsewhere in the province. The Board didn't feel that it was proper to dump the responsibility on some other unsuspecting Chapter to organize with only a few months to go.

Sometimes, Chapters ran crippling cost overruns and it was up to the Board to cover the losses – legally, Chapters are created by the OAS and do not exist as legal entities on their own. Thus, any debt that they incur and cannot pay falls to the whole OAS to cover. The 2001 symposium resulted in a debt so big that it was still on the books for several years while we paid it down from our meagre coffers. This event resulted in the institution of a joint Chapter/OAS Board signed contract that formalized the process of showing the Board all symposium-related contracts (above a certain dollar figure) before they are signed by Chapter organizers. What happened back then is in no way a condemnation of any current Chapters, Chapter Executives or their membership or even the current OAS Board of Directors, but it was a learning experience, another growing pain, for all of us and it helped the OAS to move towards an even more businesslike approach to the way we organized ourselves and to the Board's dedication to the job of steering the Society. We were all volunteers doing the best job we could. Even so, the Board always caught flack for any perceived symposium failures even if we had no oversight on the event. In fact, in my memory there were always more complaints than kudos. But, as our late Queen said, "recollections may vary."

Over time, the symposium evolved from one-day to one-day-and-a-half and even a two full-day event. It evolved to add professional development and social events before and after, such as local tours and book launches. The Ministry of Culture (or "fill in the blank depending on the

government of the day") soon found that it was a useful venue to host workshops. It evolved to include a Saturday evening banquet and entertainment, the Annual Business Meeting, a Friday night social event, a Book Room, and a Silent Auction as a fund-raiser (first appearing in 2008 and run by Sylvia Teaves). Many of these innovations are still features of the annual symposium.

The Annual General Meeting, the backbone of any duly constituted and charitable organization, was almost always poorly attended as it was scheduled on Saturday after the papers and before the banquet/evening event. This meant that it was competing with members escaping to their hotel rooms to decompress from papers all day or getting ready for the evening's entertainment or bar-hopping and it prevented members from attending the Silent Auction closing. Those of us running the AGM and the Silent Auction barely had time for a pee let alone a change of clothes or a drink at the bar on Saturday afternoon/evening. One innovation I made was trying out a Sunday morning time slot (before the first papers) for the AGM with a catered breakfast bribe provided. It worked and the number of AGM attendees went up drastically. Never underestimate the power of free food.

I urge all members to attend the AGM to listen, learn, and voice their opinions on how the Board is meeting the Mission Statement of the OAS on behalf of the members and what our financial situation is in any given year. The OAS exists because of its members and in accordance to its Constitution and the laws of Ontario. Your participation is vital to the future of the OAS.

Early on, we explored different symposium themes such as "Ontario Archaeologists Abroad" (1988), hugely successful but largely shunned by the local archaeological community, and "Experimental Archaeology" which back then was on the cutting edge of discussion in the discipline. Other innovations included the publication of the proceedings of symposia that Chapters had organized. Local press showed up a few times, including for the aforementioned "Ontario Archaeologists Abroad," for 1997's "Taming the Taxonomy" where a guy dragged the press to the symposium to promote his idea about a supposedly

Celtic mound in Petunia, and in Petawawa where I gave an interview to a very eager member of the local press. Somewhere, I may be archivally immortalized in digital form.

We sometimes offered jointly-organized symposia including the Ontario Provincial Police/OPP Museum/OAS (2003), Toronto Region Conservation Authority/OAS (2008), and the Eastern States Archaeological Federation/OAS event (2004, 2015). Somewhere in the history of the symposium it morphed from an event to share knowledge among peers and into a money-making proposition. I'm not sure when making a profit, as opposed to breaking even, became the expected outcome but that seems to now be the norm. Once in a while, we incurred expenses that were unplanned for. This happened once in my memory when we lost our financial shirts on prepaid rooms for some special guests while others stuck the Board with their enormous bar bills.

One symposium sticks out in my memory because it was conceived at the end of the dock one idyllic summer's day in 2002 at the Bass Lake home of Ellen Blaugers. It was to be about forensic archaeology, a very hot topic at the time. This was the symposium I alluded to earlier where the

symposium Programme Chairs bailed in the late spring of 2003 and left us holding the bag to rejig a quick turnaround for the symposium looming on the horizon for that fall. The OPP and the OPP Museum helped us out with a quick reorganization of themes and speakers at the same venue in Orillia.

Over the years, there have literally been thousands of volunteers who have been part of the conception, organization, and running of the various symposia. I can't even imagine how many person-hours these Herculean undertakings amounted to altogether. While I can't speak for the hundreds of volunteers involved with symposia in which I had no part in running, I would like to recognize some of the key symposium organizing team members and event volunteers during my tenure as President including: Mima Kapches, Charlie Garrad, Ella Kruse now Garrad, Chris and Mike Kirby, Margaret Ann Clark now Fecteau, Sylvia Teaves, Carole Stimmell, the redoubtable Lorie Harris, the indispensable and highly creative Ellen Blaugers, and my financial rock, Henry van Lieshout. I owe them all (and many others whose names I can't remember) profound thanks and I offer the same with sincerity and fondness.



In 2024, look out for a screening of the OAS documentary:

**"Fifty Years of Gathering:
The History of the OAS
Symposium"**

Recollections of an OAS Treasurer 1993-2008

By Henry van Lieshout

When a Treasurer tries to recall part of the history of the OAS, it means that the history will reflect the interaction between financial and operational events. This article tries to recall how these two sides of a coin have interacted and/or were interdependent over time. My experiences are of the behind-the-scenes activities from the time of my election at the 1993 symposium as treasurer, a position I held from 1994 to 2008, where for 2008 my role included that of interim executive director. I have tried to corroborate my memory with issues of *Arch Notes* in our archive, with limited success, because most topics were not covered there. My comments are not in a sequential manner, rather, they are random memories from about the mid-1980s to 2008, a period of nearly 30 years.

I close this article with an anecdote about how a chance meeting with a past president from the 1960s at a symposium rippled down to my daughter and two granddaughters.

I cannot begin a discussion about the history of the OAS symposium without reflecting on some of the major contributors to those early events. Two of the members that exerted a huge role in the planning and execution of the early symposia were Christine and Michael Kirby. Christine was the driving coordinator of the symposia for many years, probably starting in around 1978 or 1979, when she was treasurer. While Michael was not a financial manager, he had a very good understanding of that craft, and would have been a great support to Christine in the organization of symposia. In the early days, the symposia were mostly held in Toronto, and while Christine would draw Toronto Chapter members (and before its formation, members of the OAS Board) into organizing the event, it was her "show". Michael, whose presence and influence on the Board for 21 continuous years from 1978 to 1999, is unmatched since he retired and moved to their daughter's home in the Beaver

Valley, about a two-hour drive north of Toronto.

Every year when we plan our annual symposium, the symposium planning committee depends greatly upon the tools and procedures developed for us by the Kirbys—not only did Christine develop the first symposium planning guidelines (later updated by me), but Michael had developed the first electronic membership database—without which symposium registration would be inconceivable.

In the late 1980s, my wife and I met Michael and Christine over lunch at a symposium. I immediately took to Michael—not surprising, since he would go on to be treasurer for eight years from 1986 to 1993 before I did in 1994, and I was quite fascinated by how skillful he was in guiding the Board through the years. So, Michael and I met casually somewhere at the symposia for a few years as we discussed the fragile financial position of the OAS at that time, and how he had to carefully lead the board by carefully prioritizing goals that could be supported by meagre financial resources.

Today, we see the OAS symposium as a fundraising opportunity for the OAS—one of the few events we hold that contributes to the health of our organization. However, in the past, the OAS hosted an event that allowed our members to gather under very different circumstances. Starting from the creation of the OAS in 1956 until I left the Board in 2008, the OAS was always in a tight financial position, and in 1981 it occurred to Charlie Garrad, the administrator and librarian at the time, that a source of money could be through overseas trips, and trips within Ontario on the August long weekend. Having received Board approval for fundraising trips to overseas countries that were of archaeological and ancient historic interest, there were six to seven trips from 1981-2005, each one of which ended up raising from \$1,000 to \$4,000 in the value of those years. While these

amounts are modest by today's reckoning, this money was a lifeline at the time, as was evident from my presentation of our financial statements at the 1996 symposium.

During 1993 the Ontario government announced that it would only be funding the OAS provided the funding application included a Strategic Plan. We had never encountered this requirement, so the Board decided to try hiring a consultant to lead the process for development of the plan. However, the recommended consultant, having made a short sales presentation to the Board, asked for a fee of \$1,000 per day (in 1993 dollars). There was no way that we could support this type of fee, so the Board convened a committee of seven members to develop a plan and we met for a weekend at the home of Michael and Christine in the Beaver Valley. Over that weekend, we developed a plan which included a restructuring of the Board so that each director would then have a portfolio to manage.

The plan was published in *Arch Notes* in the May/June issue of 1993 and tabled at the symposium later that year. I was asked to present the Strategic Plan at the Annual Business Meeting of that year, where it was adopted with a few minor changes, and where I took the reins of Treasurer from Michael, who retired from the Board. The principle of having directors responsible for portfolios has remained to this day, some 30 years later.

Then, in 1995, the OAS's financial viability was threatened once more when an Ontario election mandate promised to bring a "common-sense revolution" to Ontario government spending. Soon after the election, we were asked to meet with an official who's aggressive and first question was, "Tell me, how does the annual grant we award you benefit the average taxpayer in the province, excluding your members of course?" The result of this one-hour meeting was that our provincial operating grant was reduced. The effect of this loss of income contributed to a dramatic 33% decline in the grant for 1995. This, of course, was a real shock to the system.

Still, the 1995 symposium had to go on, and as it turns out, the financial challenges the OAS would face that year were not over. The 1995 symposium at the Pioneer

Village in North York was an interesting one for us because it highlighted how an overestimate of attendance, and an underestimate of expenses, can lull the organizers of the symposium into a sense of security. The profit from the 1995 symposium, as reported in my financial statements for that year, was \$1. A reason for the poor attendance was that accommodation for out-of-town members was not located close enough to the Village, and while the site was perfect for our function it was just too expensive. All said, the combined operating deficit for 1994/5 was \$8,253 and while, luckily, the OAS had some savings to cushion the blow we knew if things continued the way they had been it would be exhausted within a few years if we were unable to turn our financial position into a lasting surplus.

The financial fragility of the OAS continued to at least 2006, evidenced by my report to the 2007 symposium, where the Minutes record that, "Henry expanded on the matter of declining membership, pointing out that maintaining an office in Toronto was becoming financially insupportable, and that in the last few years income from investments was now necessary to cover the cost of maintaining the office. He told the meeting that the Board would be looking at various alternatives".

Fortunately, it did not come to this, and I continued the practice of my predecessor, Michael Kirby, to impress on the Board that our operating expenses must be supported by operating revenue, i.e., excluding investment income and donations meant for the future. We felt that our investment meant to support our *Ontario Archaeology* journal should be preserved for the time when funds from donations and grants might diminish. The last financial statements that I saw from a year or two ago showed that the OAS was in a much more stable financial position, and I congratulate the Boards after 2008, for their success in this.

The symposium is an important event for members and particularly so for a treasurer because it is here, during the Annual Business Meeting, that the audited financial statements are accepted, an auditor is approved, and the Board lays out its plan for the following year, reflecting on our Strategic Plan and initiatives that have a long-term effect on the legal entity which we refer to as the OAS. The Boards

were always disappointed by the low attendance at these meetings, particularly so at the times when the Boards and editors of *Ontario Archaeology* were criticized for the decline in publication frequency from two per year to barely one in later years. The Board's response to these critics always seemed apologetic because the frequency of publication is entirely dependent on the volume of submissions from members.

There were two initiatives that were discussed at two different symposia that started with great promise but that did not meet long-term expectations.

The first is that around the first symposium after my wife and I joined the OAS in the mid-1980s, I was intrigued to hear that an amount of \$80,000 had been raised to support the peer reviewed journal, *Ontario Archaeology*, and that the journal enjoyed seed funding of \$60,000 from the Ontario government and \$20,000 from members. In addition to this, the federal government provided an annual grant of \$13,000. There were about 100 institutions like universities, libraries, etc., that subscribed to the journal, providing a further \$6,000 in annual funds. By the time that I joined the Board as treasurer in 1994, the journal was still being produced at the rate of two issues per year, but by the late 1990s this had declined to one issue, and then there was a draught of three years when none were produced. The result was that the \$13,000 federal grant was terminated, and institutional membership subscriptions reduced by about \$2,500. To mitigate the loss of this funding, various measures were taken, and the Boards received a fair amount of criticism at meetings at subsequent symposia, as mentioned above. Erratic production of the journal persists, the measures taken at that time are still in effect, and on a positive note, the \$80,000 initial investment has grown into a very significant amount by 2023.

At each of the symposia that I attended, a long-time member of the OAS and past president would always approach me with a smile and with the question, "So Henry, are we still solvent?" I was always able to return the smile and a quietly positive response. At this symposium in London, my wife and I shared a lunch table with this member, where the question of the erratic production of

Ontario Archaeology was raised and where a suggestion for an evolution of the journal was developed. I tabled this suggestion at a subsequent Board meeting, but the topic was dismissed.

The second initiative occurred in the early-1990s when the Town of Richmond Hill, some 25 km north of Toronto, invited proposals from interested parties to manage the discovery of an archaeological site on one of their property holdings for an initial period of three years, and to offer appropriate programs for residents of their town. A proposal was prepared and tabled at a meeting of members at the symposium. The opportunity presented was seen by members as highly favorable because it placed the OAS at a real archaeological site. The Ontario government also shared this optimism, providing a three-year grant of more than \$130,000. Everything seemed to be working well, but towards the end of the three-year period, the town decided to terminate the agreement because they had a need for the community centre for their own purposes. Through a long-time member we were able to relocate the office to the present site on Queen Street East in Toronto, but in the process, we lost two executive directors, the library was relocated into the custody of the London Chapter, and the financial loss from this venture was \$13,589, and we lost about 50% of our members, which went from 800 to 400.

My report to members after leaving Richmond Hill, contained in *Arch Notes*, contained this comment. "Our financial prospects for 2004 are also challenging. Even with the assumption that we can recover membership renewals to \$15,000, we could still have a \$5,150 shortfall. The Board is aware that such deficits are not sustainable in the long run, and efforts are underway to explore ways in which to restore the Society to better financial health (2003, 13)."

My last involvement in a symposium was for the one held in 2019 in downtown Toronto. I was asked to be the Treasurer for this one, and I am happy to report that it was incredibly successful, raising about \$28,000, shared equally between the OAS and the Toronto Chapter! How the Boards of the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s would have celebrated this type of result, especially compared with to the \$1 profit from the Pioneer Village Symposium some 24 years earlier.

In closing this summary of the events during my time on the Board and symposium planning committees, my mind turns to many wonderful OAS members who I have known and befriended. As I write, though, there is one figure who stands out in my mind as particularly influential in not only my own life, but in that of my family—the late Dr. Dean Axelson. According to Charlie Garrad, Dean’s legacy was rescuing the OAS from near oblivion by restoring its membership to a marginally sustainability level during his presidential term in 1966-1969.

My wife and I met Dean and his wife Judy sitting next to them at a symposium banquet. This is where I learned that he was a veterinarian with a specialty in birds, having written one of the first authoritative books on the care of birds. His reputation was such that when Elizabeth Taylor came to Toronto for a week or two, he was called on to check on her pet parrot each day while she was in the city’s leading hotel.

At the banquet I mentioned that one of my young daughter’s two budgies would crash to the floor when let out of their cage to fly freely in our home. A week or two later, I took my daughter and her two budgies to see Dean, who diagnosed one bird as being like the proverbial “flying pig”. His remedy was to teach the slim budgie how to get the fat bird on a diet. I thought that he was having me on, but his remedy worked like a charm and the “pig” was soon flying again.

He was also on the tour to Egypt in 1991 and my wife and I met Dean and his wife Judy as they left our hotel one evening in Aswan heading to the market, where he was going to try and barter for junk jewelry with things that were in short supply for school kids, like pencils, erasers, paper clips, balloons and even stickers for “I Love Ontario”. The four of us headed into the market where Dean found a souvenir/jewelry store. We entered and in a good-natured manner Dean bartered with success.

My two grandchildren had two guinea pigs and whenever either one had an ailment, my daughter would take her daughters to see Dean. After he passed, his son, also a veterinarian, took over the clinic and the guinea pigs would be taken to Dean’s clinic.

In the years when my wife and I were active members of the OAS, I can say that the symposia, the Toronto Chapter monthly and Christmas meetings and winter long-weekends, meeting other Chapter members on August bus tours, tours to other countries with members, and more, greatly enriched our lives, and for this, my wife and I are truly grateful and thankful to all those who made this possible.

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Bartering in a market in Aswan during the OAS' 1991 trip to Egypt



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	Year	Dates	Organizer(s)	Location	Theme	Notes	Symposium Program Available or Missing*?
1	1974	Oct. 19	OAS	McLaughlin Planetarium/ROM Toronto	Ontario Iroquois Prehistory	1st Annual Symposium	Available
2	1975	Oct. 18	OAS	McLaughlin Planetarium/ ROM Toronto	Ontario pre-Iroquois Prehistory		Available
3	1976	Oct. 16	OAS	Four Season Sheraton Hotel, Toronto	Archaeology of the Great Lakes Region		Available
4	1977	Oct. 15	OAS	Toronto	Ethnohistory and Archaeology		Missing
5	1978	Oct. 21	OAS	Toronto	Symbolism and Art in Archaeology		Missing
6	1979	Oct. 20	OAS	Sheraton Centre, Toronto	Archaeology by Experiment		Missing
7	1980	Oct. 25-26	London Chapter	London	The Archaeology of the Lake Erie Basin	1st time Symposium is held outside of Toronto	Available
8	1981	Oct. 24	Simcoe County Chapter	Sainte Marie Among the Hurons, Midland	Archaeology of the Georgian Bay Region		Available
9	1982	Oct. 22-24	Thunder Bay Chapter	Airline Hotel, Thunder Bay	The Archaeology of the Superior Basin and its Connections		Missing
10	1983	Oct. 29	OAS	Downtown Holiday Inn, Toronto	Ontario in the Past	10th Annual Symposium	Missing
11	1984	Oct. 20-21	OAS	Bond Place Hotel, Toronto	A Bicentennial Tribute - 200 Years and Then Some		Missing
12	1985	Oct. 26-27	London Chapter	Hampton Court Motel, London	Archaeology of the Lake Huron & Georgian Bay Drainage Basins		Missing

13	1986	Oct. 25-26	OAS	Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, Toronto	Ontario Archaeology and the Planning Process		Available
14	1987	Oct. 23-25	Ottawa Chapter	Skyline Hotel, Ottawa	Rivers Through Time: Archaeology Along our Eastern Waterways		Missing
15	1988	Oct. 22-23	OAS	Downtown YMCA, Toronto	Ontario Archaeologists Abroad		Available
16	1989	Oct. 28-29	London Chapter	Radisson Hotel, London	Selected Topics in Ontario Archaeology		Missing
17	1990	Oct. 26-28	OAS	Oakham House, Toronto	Let's Make a Deal: Archaeological Evidence of Trade in Ontario	OAS 40th Anniversary	Missing
18	1991	Oct. 25-27	Ottawa Chapter	Skyline Hotel, Ottawa	Tools for Tomorrow - Archaeological Methods for the 21st Century	Ottawa Chapter 20th Anniversary	Available
19	1992	Oct. 24-25	OAS	Metro Central YMCA, Toronto	Impact and Influence: Early Native and European Contact in the Americas		Available
20	1993	Oct. 22-24	London Chapter	Sheraton Inn, Niagara Falls	OAS 1993 Archaeological Symposium (no particular theme)	20th Annual Symposium	Missing
21	1994	Oct. 21-23	OAS	Primrose Hotel, Toronto	Origins of the People of the Longhouse	Published proceedings	Missing
22	1995	Oct. 13-15	Thunder Bay Chapter	Prince Arthur Hotel, Thunder Bay	The Archaeology of the Southwestern Canadian Shield		Missing
23	1996	Oct. 25-27	Ottawa Chapter	Donald Gordon Centre, Kingston	Home is Where the Hearth Is - The Contribution of Small Sites to Our Understanding of Ontario's Past		Available
24	1997	Oct. 24-27	Toronto Chapter & Midwest Archaeological Conference (MAC)	Novotel, North York	Taming the Taxonomy: Toward a New Understanding of Great Lakes Archaeology	Published proceedings	Missing
25	1998	Oct. 16-18	OAS/MTO London	The Woodland Cultural Centre, Brantford	Archaeologists and First Nations - Bridges from the Past to a Better Tomorrow		Available

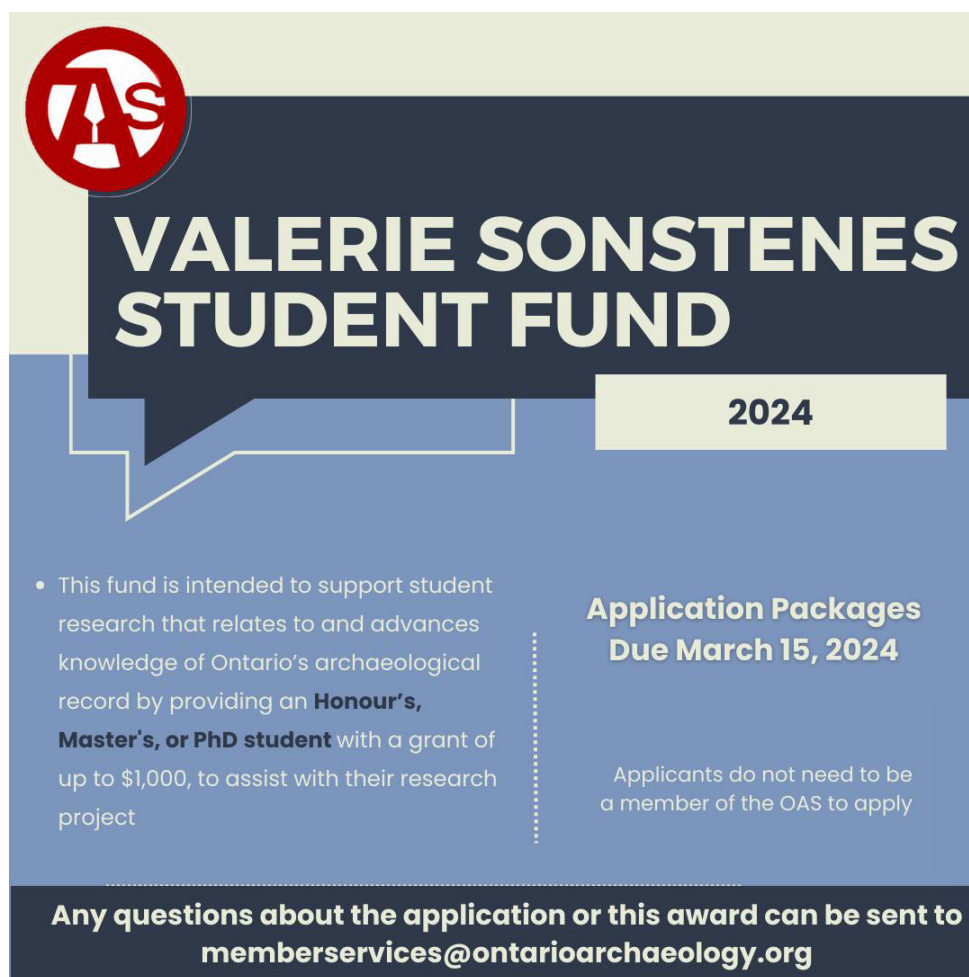
26	1999	Oct. 29-31	Quaternary Sciences Institute and Grand River-Waterloo Chapter	University of Waterloo/ Waterloo Inn	The Human Ecology of Ontario's Eleven Millennia: People, Environment, Change, and Adaptation Throughout the Holocene	Quaternary Sciences Institute, University of Waterloo. Published proceedings	Available
27	2000	Oct. 13-15	Toronto Chapter	Best Western Highland Inn, Midland	The Archaeology of Huronia and the Great Lakes	OAS 50th Anniversary (Assisted by Huronia Museum and Huronia Historic Parks)	Available
28	2001	Nov. 16-18	Hamilton Chapter	Ramada Plaza Towers, Hamilton	The Archaeology of Space & Place in the Great Lakes Region		Available
29	2002	Nov. 1-3	Trent University Dept. of Anthropology	Holiday Inn Peterborough Waterfront	The Woodlands Revisited		Missing
30	2003	Oct. 24-26	The OPP Museum/ Ontario Provincial Police	OPP General Headquarters/Kewadin Inn, Orillia	Common Ground: Exploring Connections between Disciplines - Archaeology, Forensics, First Nations, Policing, Museology	30th Annual Symposium	Available
31	2004	Nov. 4-7	OAS and ESAF	Highland Inn & Conference Centre, Midland	Journey to the Country of the Hurons	OAS/Eastern States Archaeological Federation joint meeting	Available
32	2005	Nov. 3-6	Ottawa Chapter	Petawawa Civic Centre, Petawawa	Partners to the Past – Making Connections in the Ottawa River Valley	Published proceedings	Available
33	2006	Oct. 27-28	London Chapter	Best Western Lamplighter Inn & Conference Centre, London	Papers in Honour of Michael Spence & Contributed Papers	Published in a special volume of OA	Missing
34	2007	Nov. 2-4	Cataraqui Archaeological Research Foundation	Confederation Place Hotel, Kingston	Either Side of Contact	CARF 25th Anniversary (Assisted by Parks Canada)	Missing

35	2008	Oct. 17-19	Toronto Chapter & Toronto & Region Conservation Authority -Archaeology Unit	Black Creek Pioneer Village & Hilton Garden Inn, Vaughan	Collaborations: Past Peoples, Future Partners, Sharing Knowledge		Available
36	2009	Oct. 16-18	University of Waterloo	Earth Sciences Museum, University of Waterloo	Ontario Archaeology: Expanding the Audience		Available
37	2010	Sept. 24-26	OAS & Laurentian University	Killarney Bay Inn, Killarney	Shibaonaning – The Place of Clear Passage	OAS 60th Anniversary	Available
38	2011	Oct. 13-16	Ottawa Chapter	Ottawa City Hall, Ottawa	Waterways Through Time – Recognition and Celebration	Ottawa Chapter's 40th Anniversary	Available
39	2012	Nov. 9-11	London Chapter	Holiday Inn Suites, Ambassador Bridge, Windsor	Archaeology of the Great Lakes Region including the War of 1812	In partnership with the Windsor Chapter	Available
40	2013	Oct. 25-27	OAS	Crowne Plaza Fallsview Hotel, Niagara Falls	Where the Water is Loud: Archaeology of the Niagara Falls Peninsula and Beyond	40th Annual Symposium	Available
41	2014	Oct. 24-26	Peterborough Chapter	Holiday Inn Waterfront, Peterborough	The Land Between Peterborough		Available
42	2015	Oct. 16-18	Huronian Chapter	Best Western Highland Inn and Conference Centre, Midland	Circles of Interaction: The Wendat and their Neighbours in the Time of Champlain	In partnership with ESAF (Eastern States Archaeological Federation)	Available
43	2016	Nov. 4-6	Grand River Chapter	Delta Waterloo, Waterloo	Borders and Boundaries: Ontario Archaeological Society Symposium		Available
44	2017	Nov. 17-19	OAS	Best Western Brantford Hotel and Conference Centre, Brantford	From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario		Available
45	2018	Nov. 9-11	OAS	Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Center, Chatham	Connections and Pathways Through the Past		Available
46	2019	Nov. 1-3	Toronto Chapter	Chelsea Hotel	The Past Beneath the Pavement – Archaeology in the City		Available
47	2020	Nov. 2-8	OAS	1st virtual conference re COVID-19 pandemic	Digital On-Line Symposium	1st virtual conference	Available

48	2021	Oct. 18-24	Ottawa Chapter	2nd virtual conference re COVID-19 pandemic	Origins and Growth	Ottawa Chapter's 50th Anniversary	Available
49	2022	Oct. 28-30	Hamilton Chapter	Hybrid symposium- in person/on-line; Hamilton Innovation Park & Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington	Archaeologies of Resilience	Hybrid symposium	Available
50	2023	Nov. 3-5	OAS	Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre and Southampton Town Hall, Southampton.	Maawnjiddwin: 50 Years of Gathering, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow	50th Annual OAS Symposium	Available

Sources: Arch Notes 1990–present; various Symposia programs in compiler’s possession; Arch Notes Index 1993 (1950 -1992), OAS Special Publication No. 11, 1993 edition (compiled by Charles Garrad); Charles Garrad, personal communication (email), November 30, 2011.

***MISSING** If anyone has a copy of these missing documents or knows about pertinent information regarding that year’s Symposium, please contact the OAS office. Thank you.



The poster features the OAS logo (a red circle with 'OAS' in white) in the top left corner. The main title 'VALERIE SONSTENES STUDENT FUND' is written in large, bold, white capital letters on a dark blue background. Below the title, the year '2024' is displayed in a white box. The text describes the fund's purpose: to support student research that relates to and advances knowledge of Ontario's archaeological record by providing an Honour's, Master's, or PhD student with a grant of up to \$1,000. It also states that application packages are due March 15, 2024, and that applicants do not need to be members of the OAS. At the bottom, it provides contact information for questions: 'Any questions about the application or this award can be sent to memberservices@ontarioarchaeology.org'.

IN MEMORIAM: Dorothy Duncan, Life Member of the OAS and Heritage Advocate

By Christine Caroppo, Life Member, Past President



Photo: Courtesy of the Estate of
Dorothy Duncan

I want to offer my sincere and deepest condolences to Dorothy's family. Dorothy was a Life Member of the OAS and a life-long supporter of heritage issues. Dorothy was a titan. Fearless. A force of nature. One of a kind. I had the great fortune to be mentored by her when I was President of the Ontario Archaeological Society and she was Executive Director of the Ontario Historical Society. We often appeared together before Ministerial Committees on various legislative bills concerning Ontario's heritage. As a complete newbie to this form of torture, I learned how to keep calm and present my case logically at these public deputations. She was a Master and I was an eager Padawan. Her steely resolve and unwavering dedication to the cause of history and heritage matters in Ontario was inspiring. In later years, I assisted her by consulting on a couple of her books. She was a wonderful person. A patient teacher. I learned so much from her. I always said, "When I grow up, I want to be like Dorothy Duncan." I was only half-joking. I would be honoured to be just like her.

IN MEMORIAM: My History with Jock McAndrews

By Rudy Fecteau

I first met Jock at the Geobotany lab at the Royal Ontario Museum in mid-January 1976 when he hired me for four weeks to do some typing. Since I had typing skills, I finished that assignment quickly, so Jock had to find other lab duties to keep me occupied. One was working with Don Slater on a ten-session introductory archaeobotanical course for OAS members. Jock then advertised a free archaeobotanical identification service for archaeologists and students. Jock was able to find funding to continue my stay at the lab so he could train me to do this. He also guided me in various other laboratory skills and took me on many field trips that allowed me to assist in coring lakes. Jock's training and guidance led me to specializing in seed and wood identification and report writing for the archaeology community across Canada. This eventually encouraged me to apply for graduate studies.

Over the ensuing decades I developed numerous visuals for instruction at workshops for archaeologists, lectures to various community groups, slide presentations to elementary, high school and university classes, OAS meetings as well as at monitor liaison training programs for First Nation groups.

In my retirement years I have been busy with archaeobotanical workshops, contract work and occasionally mentoring undergraduate and graduate students as well as archaeologists. Jock had a profound impact on my life. I will always be so grateful for his encouragement and direction that led to my development over the last five decades.



Photo: Courtesy of Rudy Fecteau

OAS Award Winners 2023

By Josh Dent

This year's 50th annual symposium celebrated 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 Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award (Sarah Clarke), 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.



Kaitlyn Malleau presenting to (the late) Christine Kirby and to Michael Kirby (in absentia)



Jacquie Fischer presenting to William [Bill] Fitzgerald



Penny Young presenting to Sarah Clarke



Phil Trottier, President of the Ottawa Chapter; Monica Maika, Chapter Secretary and nominator; Roderick (Rory) MacKay, recipient; Marian Clark, Director at Large and nominator.



Paul Racher presenting to Jordan Jamieson



Jim Sherratt presenting to Rob Martin and the Saugeen Ojibway Nation Environment Office



Dena Doroszenko and Holly Martelle presenting to Martha [Marti] Latta (in absentia)

From the OAS Office: Happy 50th Annual Symposium!

By Kaitlyn Malleau

As things wind down after the symposium in Southampton, we are settling back into routine at the OAS Office. Like most symposium planning committees, ours went in with one simple aim: **do not drop the baton of this 50-year OAS legacy!** Luckily, and thanks to the important contributions of so many volunteers and participants, the symposium weekend went better than we could have hoped.

Now that we've all gotten a little rest, the symposium planning committee and the Board of Directors couldn't be more pleased with the turnout this year! Our attendance was more than expected at over 230 attendees—quite the success considering Southampton was a bit of a hike for most of us. (A special shout-out goes to those who made the trip all the way from Thunder Bay!) I unfortunately missed out on what sounds to have been engaging sessions, informative workshops, fascinating local tours, and the ever-popular Building Relationships Roundtable. I was happy to have the opportunity, though, to encounter so many familiar faces at the registration desk, put faces to the names that I had been corresponding with by e-mail over these past months, and, of course, make some connections that were entirely new!

We are so grateful to Elder Shirley John for her inspirational Opening and Closing Ceremonies, and to Derek Bobbish for a moving Pipe and Drum Ceremony. We also thank Caley Doran and Stephanie Roote for their aid in ensuring that the symposium proceeded in a good way in the treaty territory of Saugeen Ojibway Nation (including Chippewas of Saugeen First Nation and Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation). Beautiful Southampton, and the Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre in particular, were made all the more inviting by the weekend's bright, sunshiny weather. And as busy as the symposium was, we do hope that everyone had the chance to experience the

museum's engaging exhibits!

I am happy to report that the Silent Auction, too, was a huge success! As the membership might remember, we had decided to put all proceeds from the Silent Auction towards the Valerie Sonstenes Student Award Fund this year. In response, the members paid great tribute to the memory of Valerie Sonstenes by bringing nothing less than their best, donating a variety of gorgeous ceramic pieces, classic books, puzzles, gorgeous gift baskets, jewelry, and the much sought after lithic materials identification reference kit. As a result of several rounds of generous bidding, we are happy to announce that the OAS raised \$2623 for the Valerie Sonstenes Fund. We are looking forward to putting these funds towards supporting student research in 2024. Students—please be on the lookout for the call for applications in February!

With the symposium now behind us, I will be turning my efforts towards finishing the short documentary *Fifty Years of Gathering: The History of the OAS Symposium*. So many of our members—new to our community, as well as established—have been kind enough to share their reflections with us over the past few months. The documentary team is eager to begin bringing together all the wonderful footage that we have collected thus far into the story of the OAS Symposium. Currently in the editing stages, we are hoping to be able to hold an online screening of the documentary in the Spring of 2024.

Having never been on the core symposium planning team before, I definitely came away from the experience with a new appreciation for all the work that goes into planning the symposium year after year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Susan Dermarkar and the rest of the symposium planning committee for the countless hours it took to ensure nothing was overlooked.

I would also like to thank Ellen Blaubergs and the other volunteers who showed up on the day ready to work together to make the symposium the success that it was. A huge thanks, too, to the sponsors of the OAS symposium for their tremendous support (see below for the list of 2023 symposium sponsors)!

Finally, I want to extend thanks to every single individual who has contributed to an OAS symposium

over the past 50 years. There are many moving parts to symposium planning, and the fact that our organization has never once failed to deliver a venue for learning, discussion, and gathering in all this time is cause for celebration and pride.

The OAS wishes you all a safe and happy holiday season!

Kaitlyn

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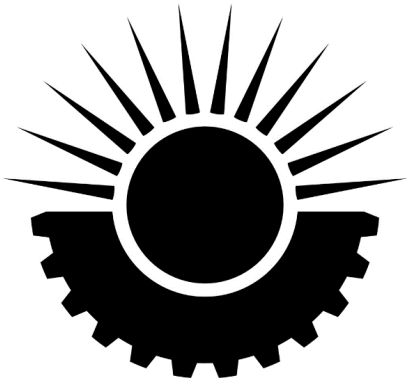
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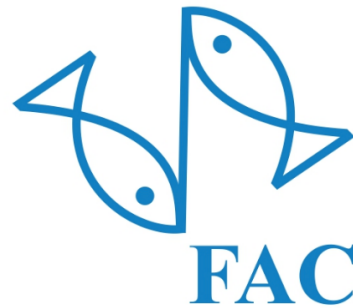
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Ontario Archaeological Society: 50th Annual Symposium Draft Annual Business Meeting: Minutes

Saturday, November 4, 2023, 4:15 - 6:00 pm

50th Annual OAS Symposium

Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre, Southampton

Board Members in Attendance

Jill Taylor-Hollings, President

Abbey Flower, Vice President

Nancy Kallina, Treasurer

Josh Dent, Director of Member Services; Webmaster

Craig Ramsoomair, Director of Outreach

Jeff Seibert, Director of Heritage Advocacy

Jake Cousineau, Director of Education

Susan Dermakar, Director of Chapter Services

Greg Braun, Director of Publications

Kaitlyn Malleau, Executive Director

Call to Order - 4:20pm

1. President's opening remarks

- Land Acknowledgement
 - Motion to accept the agenda: Moved Susan Dermakar, 2nd by Chris Kerns
- Vote: Carried unanimously

2. Minutes of the previous annual business meeting

- Moved Matt Beaudoin, 2nd Tom Mohr
- Vote: One abstention, Carried.

3. Matters arising from those minutes - None brought forward.

4. President's report

- Introduction of present board members
- One of Jill's goals for this year was to promote OAS as a provincial organization and ensuring interest and representation from across the province, including and especially Northern Ontario.
- This year the OAS had the opportunity to hire a full time

Executive Director, which has been invaluable to the board and the organization. The OAS Board made the decision to hire a full time ED for the first time. Having a full time ED has been critical to both deal with a backlog of issues as well as keeping our initiatives moving forward.

- Provided an overview of membership statistics, including number of members overall and of each membership type to indicate we are doing well.

- Outreach - Craig Ramsoomair received national Canadian Archaeological Association award for his outreach work with the OAS. The Board acknowledges Craig for his incredible work to promote the OAS and have an active presence on social media. Craig was instrumental in initiating the mentorship program and the OAS would like to continue to grow the program. We are sorry that Craig is leaving the board and thank him for his service.

- Summer Experience Program grant of just over \$11000 from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport - OAS had three students again this year, all of whom were excellent and made substantial contributions to the OAS during their short term of hire (early June to end of August); rehired Lauryn Eady-Sitar in Thunder Bay (with Jill and Clarence Surette), hired Conor Egan in London (with Museum of Ontario Archaeology employees Heather Hatch and Rhonda Bathurst and Kaitlyn supervising) and Landunika Tennakoon in the GTA to work with the main OAS Board and Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants on the OAS Symposium Committee.

- Education - continuing the Indigenous Archaeological Monitoring Training Program. More communities are asking and approaching the OAS for support and participation in the training program. Volunteers have been critical to its success and we thank them so much for everything they have done to keep this program going and growing.

- Federal Community Services Recovery Grant from United Way of Thunder Bay of \$66K – successfully awarded to grow the Indigenous Archaeological Monitor Training through Northwestern Ontario specifically. Jill applied for the grant and will be leading the way to grow this initiative with the support of the OAS board and other volunteers. It will help support the main society by funding administrative support and the purchase of a new computer.
- Chapters – the Board is discussing post-COVID challenges within the chapters. e.g., Does in-person meeting still work? Papers, publications, and/or presentations, what is it that the membership wants and needs?
- Publications – *Ontario Archaeology* Vol. 101 published and working on OA 102; our newsletter *Arch Notes* is still in need of content, always looking for ideas and contributors.

4.1 Constitutional amendments:

4.1 Original constitution statement:

Article 7 Duties of Directors

12. The Vice-President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board four times per year, of which at least three meetings of the Executive Board must occur face to face. Notice thereof, together with the Agenda, shall be given in writing to all members of the Executive Board at least seven days prior to such meeting.

Amendment: Article 7 Duties of Directors

12. The Vice-President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board four times per year, of which at least three meetings of the Executive Board must occur face to face. Notice thereof, together with the Agenda, shall be given in writing to all members of the Executive Board at least seven days prior to such meeting.

A Motion on Duties of Directors was made in two parts: A) On the subject of requiring to meet in person at least four times per year of which three should be in-person. Proposing to amend to remove that requirement. Saves money for the OAS and makes participation on the board by people located around the province more accessible. B) Proposal to remove the requirement for the agenda and board package ahead of meetings to be circulated a minimum of 7 days in advance.

- o Motion for the board to move ahead with the above

noted constitutional changes. Moved by Lara Wood, 2nd by Jim Keron

- o Discussion of the rationale for both the original clauses and changes. Noted the need to have agendas circulated in advance of board meetings but also acknowledge the board is voluntary and a full seven days is sometimes a challenge. No changes to the motion were proposed.

Vote: Passed unanimously

5. Treasurer's report

5.1 Financial statements for 2022 (Audited)

- Nancy provided an overview of the 2022 audited financial statements for the organization, which are published and provided in detail within the annual report.
- Nancy also provided an overview of the 2023 financial outlook. Membership revenue is up this year to date, but the OAS is pending receipt of the Provincial Heritage Organization grant.

- Recommendation that the board consider increasing membership fees in order to work toward a more sustainable operation, particularly with a full time ED and all the operational and programming benefits that come along with a full time ED on staff.

- Overview of the publications costs vs amounts coming in, currently is costing significantly more to produce the hard copy publications that what is currently being charged.

- Jim Keron – question re: any issues in cash flow with the late receipt of the PHO grant? Nancy noted that there is enough in reserve and with other grants that the OAS can continue to operate without issue until the grant is received.

- Discussion around cost of publications and option to continue to use the dedicated publication fund to publish OA. Some suggested that the fund does need to be used to offset costs of the publication, since that its purpose. But also noted that need to be cognisant of not drawing down so far that it cannot sustain future OA publications

- Motion to approve 2022 Financial Statements – Moved by Jim Sherratt, 2nd by Jim Keron

Vote – Carried, unanimously

5.2 Appointment of Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP auditors

- Motion that the accounting firm Weinberg & Gaspirc

Chartered Accountants LLP be appointed to perform the OAS financial audit for the 2023 financial year.

- Tom Mohr – question about whether this includes a formal audit vs review and whether it is required. Nancy confirmed, an audit is included and required.
- Moved by Tom Mohr, 2nd by Matt Beaudoin
- Discussion – noted that even with an increase in rates, having the knowledge of our organization is worth a lot, having to educate and familiarize a new firm on the working of the OAS will add significant cost and time. No changes to the motion proposed.

Vote – Carried, unanimously

6. Election of Directors

6.1 President Elect Nomination – Dr. Lisa Sonnenburg

Ask for nominations from the floor, none received. Motion to elect Dr. Sonnenburg - Lara Wood moved, 2nd by Josh Dent.

Vote: Carried unanimously

6.2 Treasurer Nomination – Penny Young

Ask for nominations from the floor, none received. Motion to elect – Moved by Holly Martelle, 2nd by Chris Kerns.

Vote: Carried unanimously

6.3 Director of Public Outreach – looking for nominations

Ask for nominations from the floor – Breanne Reibl nominated from the floor by Craig. Motion to elect – Moved Craig Ramsoomair, 2nd by Kat Bishop.

Vote – Carried, unanimously

7. Next OAS symposia?

2024 – Thunder Bay Chapter to host

Question from Scott McWilliams about the annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop & being hosted sometimes by the Thunder Bay Chapter (reference to page 28 in the report). Issue with artifact swap and trade in Minnesota that he has seen advertised. Were these archaeological artifacts? Was this sanctioned? Was this driven by others outside of Ontario?

Clarification from Jill: The annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop has been operating for over 40 years and was set up by archaeologists on both sides of the border. There is a lithic materials swap, but not artifacts.

Potential concerns raised with cross border representation

and cross border regulations, possibility for non-archaeologist to attend and use the information for where to go artifact hunting or metal detecting? Jill noted that when the OAS hosts in Thunder Bay, anyone attending would have to abide by Ontario and Canadian laws and regulations.

2025 – One or Two Chapters to host – TBD

8. Progress on Strategic Plan (2019-2024)

- Important for the organization to have a strategic plan in place. Current plan ends in 2024. It is a very detailed plan that was diligently put together by Alicia Hawkins and the board during her tenure as OAS president.
- Board will be reviewing the strategic plan and creating an updated plan for going forward.

9. Other business

9.1 Proposal to consider having an ad-hoc committee to discuss protocols for how to address chance finds; possibly a task force or committee to also deal with the ad-hoc discovery of human remains, help support the chapters in dealing with these situations and drawing on the profession for support. Lara Wood volunteered to chair this committee.

- Could the OAS come up with a policy around metal detecting? Something that members could look to and use to support education of individuals? Suggestion that this be one of the objectives of the new committee described above. Expression of interest or offer from Dena Doroszenko to support and be a resource on this initiative.
- Note on needing to work together and take a more educational or collaborative approach. Metal detectorists will continue to do it anyway, why not try to build relationships and work towards more balanced or positive outcomes.

10. Motion of thanks to all volunteers, Symposium Planning Committee, the Summer Experience Students, outgoing board members Craig Ramsoomair and Nancy Kallina for their efforts with to OAS and continuing to better the organization.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:50pm. Moved by Matt Beaudoin, 2nd by Holly Martelle. Vote: Carried, unanimously
Next ABM will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the 51st Annual Symposium in October 2024.



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 Vice President: Chris Watts
 Treasurer: Bonnie Glencross
 Secretary: TBA
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 Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of each month, Sept.-April Psychology, Anthropology, Sociology building (PAS) 1241 (First Floor), University of Waterloo (South Campus)
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MEMBERSHIP

	Without OA	With OA
Individual	45 (65)*	57 (77)*
Family	52 (72)	64 (84)
Student	25 (45)	34 (54)
Institutional	75 (includes OA)	
Life	800 (includes OA)	

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