

**Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. Annual Minutes
October 14, 2006**

The 43rd Annual meeting of the Archeological Society of Maryland, Inc. was hosted by the Central Chapter of ASM, Inc. Stephen Israel gave the opening remarks. Carol Ebright, ASM president, thanked the Central Chapter for hosting this event and the Northern Chesapeake Chapter for their assistance. The business meeting was called to order at 9:10a.m.

President's Report- Oral report by Carol Ebright. Carol highlighted some of the many ASM events over the past year. Some of these events included: the 15th Annual Workshops-March 18, 2006; Archeology Month; Spring Symposium-April 1, 2006; and the Tyler Bastion Annual Field Session- Hughes Site. This year Carol had the opportunity to participate on the selection committee for Preservation, Maryland's first annual list for endangered historical and cultural properties in Maryland.

Secretary's Report- A motion was made to accept the minutes of the 2005 Annual Meeting as published in the September 2006 Newsletter. It was seconded and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report- Oral and written report by Sean Sweeney. The status of the treasury is as follows: Dawson CD 11-\$15,866.28; Checking-\$12,122.90; Money Market Fund (Discretionary) \$2,759.99; Field Session-\$35,053.32; Price Pub. Fund-\$22,831.30; Other Assets-\$217.09; Current Assets-\$88,850.88; Other Assets- (Donations) \$1,381.00. Total Current Assets- \$90,231.88.

Membership Report- Oral and written report by Belinda Urquiza. The ASM has a total of 397 members. Since January 2006, 46 new members have joined the Association.

Newsletter- Oral report by Myron Beckenstein. The Post Office is still having problems delivering the Newsletter on time.

Journal- Written report by Dennis Curry. Dennis has enough articles for a 2005 double issue of Maryland Archeology and hopes to have it delivered by the end of the year (2006). The March 2006-Volume 2 (1) should follow shortly afterwards. More articles are still needed to fill the remaining back issues.

Webmaster- Oral report by John Fiveash. The ASM website is updated on a regular basis. John requested pictures and articles of Chapter activities.

Field Session-Oral and written report by John Newton. The 2006 Field Session was held June 23-July 3 at the Hughes Site along the Potomac River in Montgomery County. There were 60 participants at the site-averaging about 20 per day and 30 over the weekend. The Board agreed to lower the fee for participating in the Field School and we were still within our budget.

The next issue of the Newsletter ASM Ink, will ask for suggestions for possible future field session sites. The goal is to develop a solid list of candidate sites that are ready to go at any given time. The 2006 Field Session t-shirt is the last to be designed by Roy Brown. John Fiveash presented Roy with a plaque thanking him for his great designs year after year.

CAT Program- Oral report by Beth Ragan. Beth gave an update on some of the changes within the program. More workshops will be given and in a more timely fashion. Beth presented Dan Coates with his certificate. Dan was the sixth candidate to complete the program.

Grants Administration- The ASM received a grant for the 2007 Field Session. Jim Gibb will be resigning as grants administrator and John Newton will fill the vacancy.

Chapter Reports:

Anne Arundel Chapter- The Chapter meets five times a year. The November 4th activity will be a fieldtrip to Jamestown. The November 14th meeting will have Wayne Clark as guest speaker.

Central Chapter- Oral and written report by Steven Israel. Central Chapter has five members and does not hold monthly meetings. It is a very hands on Chapter. The Chapter held three CAT workshops this year including a Point Typology workshop taught by Carol Ebright. The Chapter was acknowledged by the Board of the Preservation Society and the Robert Long House for their \$250.00 contribution for their education program. The Clarke Farm Archeological survey report was finished. Next spring the Chapter will start to excavate at the Rockdale Rock Shelter. The Chapter is making plans to excavate the terraces above the springheads at a rock shelter in Manchester's Pine Valley Park.

Mid-Potomac Chapter- Oral and written report by Vivian Eicke. The Chapter has 50 members and is very active. Vivian thanked Jim Sorensen and Heather Bouslog for all their support and endless activities, which the Chapter participates.

Mid Shore Chapter- No report.

Monocacy Chapter- Oral report by Nancy Geasey. The Chapter has 30 members and meets on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. The November 8th meeting will have Joy Beasley speaking on the Ford Ferry Tavern. On December 13th Mike Johnson will speak about the archeology program in Fairfax County.

Northern Chesapeake Chapter- Oral report by Dan Coates. The Chapter has over 100 members with varied backgrounds. Twenty-two are recipients of the William B. Marye Award; ten are professional archeologists; some are Naval academy graduates, newspaper reporters, doctors, dentists, lawyers, teachers, small museum directors and a minister. The average meeting has 30 members in attendance.

Southern Chapter- No report.

U.P.A.G. Chapter- Oral report by Maryl Harshey. The Chapter has 34 enthusiastic, active members. Lee Preston is the President. Speakers included: Wayne Clark- Soap Stone Quarries; Jim Gibb- An Early Tide Water Site and Bob Wall- The Barton Site.

Western Chapter- Oral and written report by Ed Hanna- Some of the year's programs included: Show and Tell; Primitive Technology-Roy Brown; lecture on the French & Indian War; fieldtrip to the Grave Creek Mound; Barton village Site program-Bob Wall; textile traditions of the Maya-Marilyn Moor. The Barton field Session located an early Woodland component, a Susquehannock village palisade, and the only known Keyser Phase house pattern. The house included a hearth and a tripod pattern, work area, one large storage pit and several smaller ones. The Chapter received a collection of non-provienced artifacts from Mrs. Anne Gormer. The collection included projectile points, a banner stone, large stone drill, and two glass beads. The donation was made to the ASM in care of the Western Chapter.

New Business:

MHT- Oral report by Maureen Kavanagh- Maureen gave an update on the reorganization of the Office of Archeology.

William B. Marye Award- Tyler Bastion presented Jim Gibb with the William B. Marye Award for his contributions to the advancement of archeology in Maryland.

Election Results:

President- John Fiveash

Vice President- Jim Gibb

Secretary- Kathy Steuer

Membership Secretary- Belinda Urquiza

Treasurer- Sean Sweeney

At Large: Annetta Schott, Claude Bowen, John Newton, Jim Sorensen, Beth Ragan, Kathy Rigby

Carol Ebright passed the gavel to John Fiveash as new President. John thanked Carol for all her hard work as President. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Steuer
Secretary, A.S.M., Inc.

By-law amendment to be offered at Annual Meeting

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State Highway Administration. Spencer was the 1985 winner of the Society's William B. Marye Award and was recognized in 1993 with the State of Maryland's highest award for historic preservation, the Calvert Prize. This lecture honors Spencer's enthusiasm, expertise and generosity."

To facilitate this addition to the bylaws, the following changes also will be proposed:

- This section shall be labeled Article VII, Section 3.
- The current Article VII, Section 3 shall be renumbered Article VII, Section 4.
- The heading for Article VII shall be changed from "Meetings" to "Meetings and Lectures."
- The Table of Contents listing for Article VII shall be changed from "Meetings" to "Meetings and Lectures."

To be approved, these amendments must be offered by at least five members of the Society at the October 13 meeting. They then must be approved by two-thirds of the members voting.