Ontario Archaeological Society

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2017 STARTING AT 4 P.M.
BEST WESTERN BRANTFORD HOTEL AND CONFERENCE CENTRE, BRANTFORD, ONTARIO

2017 OAS Symposium
November 17 to 19
‘From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario’
THE 2017 OAS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Left Side, Top to Bottom – Grant Karcich, Dana Millson, Matt Beaudoin, Rob Pihl. Right Side, Top to Bottom – Lorie Harris, Nicole Brandon, Debbie Steiss, Amy St. John, Paul Racher. Missing: Bill Fox, Bill Ross, Margie Kenedy, Alicia Hawkins

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November 18, 2017
ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday Nov. 18 at 4 p.m.
at the
Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre,
Brantford, Ontario

1. President’s opening remarks

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

3. Matters arising from these minutes

4. President’s report
   i. Constitutional amendment(s)
   ii. Introduction of the Incoming President

5. Treasurer’s report
   i. Financial statement
   ii. Appointment of auditors

6. Election of Directors


8. Progress of 2014 - 2019 Strategic Plan

9. Other business
   i. Motions of thanks

10. Adjournment
Ontario Archaeological Society

Annual Business Meeting

Delta Waterloo Hotel

Waterloo, Ontario

Nov. 5, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Draft Minutes

Board Members in attendance
Paul Racher, President
Rob MacDonald, Past President
Sheryl Smith, Vice-President
Debbie Steiss, Treasurer
Amy St. John, Director
Dana Millson, Director
Matt Beaudoin, Director
Grant Karcich, Director
Nicole Brandon, Director
Bill Fox, Director
Lorie Harris, Executive Director

Regrets
Margie Kenedy, Director
Bill Ross, Director

There were 28 members in attendance.

Call to Order. President Paul Racher welcomed those present and thanked them for attending the business meeting. He complimented the Grand River Chapter on organizing a successful and engaging symposium and activities, noting that the silent auction had raised over $1,200 for society programmes and that there were over 200 registered conference attendees.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting. Upon motion (Dalton/Miller) the minutes of the 2015 Annual Business Meeting were approved. Carried.

Matters Arising
None.

President’s Report
Paul Racher commented on the amount of activity occurring within the OAS in the past year. The OAS Board is trying to reshape the organization at the provincial level, while he sees chapters as a critical part of the local and regional touch points.

As a constituency speaking for archaeology in general, he expressed that the OAS should take more of an advocacy role since we have a committed membership of over 700. With the report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, etc. all happening now, he felt that we need to be active, not reactive to these initiatives.

He mentioned that he is trying to set up meetings with Indigenous provincial treaty organizations to seek areas of common interest, and that he saw ways that the OAS could work better with other institutions such as Sustainable Archaeology, the Museum of Ontario Archaeology, etc. He commented that while we should be developing, more formal cooperative arrangements it is difficult as our capacity is an issue, being a mostly volunteer organization. To that end, we are looking at ways to bring in funding from the Trillium Foundation to assist us in meeting our goals.

Paul attended the Association of Professional Archaeologists’ meeting the day prior and had suggested a formal relationship between the two organizations which was not acted upon. Instead, he mentioned that perhaps the OAS should create a professional chapter itself, collecting higher membership fees to signify the importance of the group and set its mandate to be self-regulating in the matter of licensing.

Members also commented on relationships with other provincial ministries such as Education, the new ministry of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation, etc. While capacity is an issue, we must put our organization forward and meet senior officials, MPPs and MPs to advocate for archaeology. We need to show respect and recognition for the cultural legacy of Indigenous people while working thoughtfully with them.

He explained the reasoning behind the proposed constitutional amendment on p. 9 of the Annual Report, which clarifies the role of Vice-President as performing a secretarial role within the context of the Not for Profit Corporations Act which will be coming in to effect at a future date. The following amendment to Article 7, section 2, was presented for approval upon motion (Smith/Dalton):
The Vice-President, in addition to roles defined in Article 7, section 1, shall act as secretary to the Executive board and shall issue notices of Executive Board meetings, shall record all proceedings, shall prepare the minutes, and having signed them shall present them after confirmation to the President for signature, and shall assist in the preparation of funding applications.

The motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report
Debbie Steiss presented the financial statement (pp. 13-20 of the Annual Report). 2015 showed positive trends in membership and said that revenue was up 6%. She thanked the Huronia chapter for a very successful symposium in 2015 which resulted in a substantial profit for the organization as a whole. We are establishing fundraising campaigns through the CanadAHelps website and people continue to take out life memberships.

There was however an operating deficit in 2015 of $7,000, which continues to be an issue of sustainability for the future. That is the main reason we have proposed to increase the membership rates and the cost of mailing hard copies of Arch Notes to half our members. Upon motion (Steiss/R. Pihl) the question of raising rates was posed to the membership as presented in the Annual Report, pp. 11-12. The preferred option is for a ‘green version’ which is full colour and not printed at all. After discussion about seeking other quotes for printing, and how to ensure that members who do not use the Internet can continue to receive the newsletter, and whether institutions always require hard copies, the question was called. Carried.

Further, upon motion (Steiss/Dalton) the annual fee for printing and mailing hard copies to each individual address was set at $20. Carried with two members opposed. There was discussion about whether to increase the rate charged for Ontario Archaeology for regular and student members (p. 12 of the Annual Report). After considerable input and lack of consensus on how to proceed, Debbie Steiss withdrew the motion to change the rate charged for Ontario Archaeology.

Upon motion (Steiss/Dalton) the accounting firm of Thamesford Accounting was appointed to perform our financial review for the 2016 year. Carried.

Guest Kate Oxley from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport commented that a formal audit will be needed in future if certain kinds of funding are being sought. Debbie also noted that she has been keeping a detailed spreadsheet to track our performance and interest obtained with the various funds maintained by the Society. The Executive Board took it under advisement to investigate formal auditing as soon as possible.

Election of Directors
Chair of the Nominating Committee, Sheryl Smith, presented the report. The Nominating Committee members were Stacey Girling-Christie, Eva MacDonald, and Sheryl Smith. The candidate for President-Elect is Dr. Alicia Hawkins of Laurentian University, to serve as President in 2018-2019. After further calls for nominations from the floor, the vote was called (Smith/MacDonald) and Dr. Hawkins was acclaimed. The candidate for Vice-President is Robert Pihl, recently retired from ASI. After further calls for nominations from the floor, the vote was called (Smith/MacDonald). Mr. Pihl was acclaimed and will serve for 2017 and 2018. Two directors’ positions became vacant at the end of 2016 but both Amy St. John and Margie Kenedy indicated that they would stand again. After further calls for nominations, the question was called (Smith/MacDonald), and Amy and Margie were acclaimed for 2017 and 2018.

Next Symposia
No chapter has come forward to offer a symposium in 2017. The Board has shown an interest in presenting a conference on the general theme of reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, to be held west of Toronto at a location to be determined. In 2018, the London chapter is interested in organizing the symposium but has not made a firm commitment yet. There is possibility to hold a joint symposium with Quebec archaeologists in 2019.

Progress on the 2014-2019 Strategic Plan
President Paul Racher commented that progress has been made. He committed to presenting a ‘report card’ summarizing actions early in the New Year, in Arch Notes.

Other Business
Upon motion (MacDonald/Dalton), Sheryl Smith was thanked for her service to the Society as its Vice-President. Executive Director Lorie was also thanked for her dedication and commitment. Carried. Upon motion (Smith/Steiss), Past President Rob MacDonald was thanked for his contributions to the Board for the last four years. Carried.

Member and Ottawa chapter President André Miller invited everyone to attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Archaeological Association, to be held in Ottawa, May 10-13, 2017.

Adjournment
Upon motion (Beaudoin/Miller) the meeting adjourned at 5:58 pm. Carried.

Notes taken by
Sheryl Smith, Vice President

Annual Business Meeting
President’s Report for 2017

Minds Together

Let us put our minds together and see what life we can make for our children.

-Tatanka Iyotake, Hunkpapa Lakota

I almost don’t know where to begin. I know there are things that a president is supposed to say at such times; words of comfort that the Good Ship OAS continues to sail along as it has for over half a century. Words that the finances are good, that the membership is steady or growing, and that the future looks bright. Now I don’t want to say that there won’t be challenges ahead in those matters, but right now all those things look OK to me.

If you want more details, I encourage you to read the other director reports in this annual report. It’s your OAS after all. I may have been the driver for awhile, but my time here is wrapping up and I look forward to seeing where the vision of those who follow will take us.

To say it has been a busy year would be an understatement. I am not a naturally quick thinker. I like to settle into a task (like writing this) with a cup of tea and a comfortable amount of time to collect my thoughts. This past year has afforded few moments of the thoughtful, measured, and organized kind of busy that I am comfortable with. Instead it was messy, reactive, and involved a lot of barely-getting-through-by-the-seat-of-our-pants kind of experiences that sometimes, to be frank, left me quite rattled.

The avalanche that we were caught up in was triggered by the release of the final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) at the end of 2015. In archaeology, it was almost an OAD moment. Nothing afterwards would, or even could, be the same. I’m not sure that I fully understood its import in 2016, but I certainly do now.

Canada has spent most of the 150 years since Confederation relying largely on an extractive economic model. We chop stuff down, we dig stuff up, we pump stuff out – and then we sell it. I believe the Biblical expression that has been applied to us is “hewers of wood and drawers of water.” And we’ve been good at it; so good, in fact, that we’ve become a global economic powerhouse in under two centuries. The ‘gas’ that has powered that economic engine, however, is cheap land; and easy access to everything over, on, in and under it. That land was obtained at bargain basement prices though treaties that were never honoured in good faith. The Indigenous peoples who signed them lost their political freedom, their economic security, their languages, and (in some cases) their children.

Thanks to the Supreme Court, the TRC, and Canada’s commitments under the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), the payments on that initial bad bargain are coming due.

Archaeology, the quiet and dusty profession of those who (I count myself as one) have few gifts with the living, suddenly finds itself at the centre of massive sociopolitical change. Over 98% of the archaeology in this province is done in advance of development; and while it is true that UNDRIP does not provide for a veto over development, Indigenous peoples clearly have a right to control their own cultural legacy – and that legacy is, often, sitting in the ground as archaeological material.

With that in mind, and having no idea how things are going to turn out, the OAS has been pursuing formal relationships with several Indigenous nations and political organizations. So far, we’ve had some very productive meetings with the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI), Anishinabek Nation (UOI), and the Chiefs of Ontario (COO). The OAS may have only 700+ members but we have a wealth of knowledge and experience that can be drawn on in the service of making archaeology better – and we will do just that.

We’ve also been involved in a pair of what we have started calling ‘Reconciliation Projects’. The first involves OAS volunteers who are excavating at the Mohawk Institute, a former residential school located in Brantford, Ontario. Since this past summer, volunteers from the London, Grand River, Hamilton, and Toronto chapters have been involved in Stage 2 and 3 assessments to identify archaeological resources on the property and to conserve them in advance of proposed repairs to the facility and landscaping of the surrounding grounds. The project is expected to carry on through 2018.

Our second Reconciliation Project has been just as rewarding. Late in the summer, we were approached by the Chippewa of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN) for help in training a class of Indigenous archaeological monitors. In less than two weeks, OAS volunteers created the course and taught it to a class of eager youth from COTTFN. Now that the course has been completed, we are going to offer it, gratis, to any First Nations community that is seeking to train...
the people who will be tasked with stewardship over their archaeological legacy. It builds bridges. It makes the world a little better in ways that fall within our corporate mission. It also generates a really good feeling to be a part of. If you’d like to be a part of any future courses to be taught, let me know and I will add you to the list of volunteers.

As you read this, it is my hope that you are having a fun (and learning) experience at the symposium. It’s been a tremendous amount of work for the organizing committee (Matt Beaudoin, Gary Warrick, Debbie Steiss, and myself), along with many other volunteers who have pitched in. I swear, if we ever get through it, that I will never, ever complain about the venue, the food, or the speakers at any future symposium (I would follow that with ‘Scout’s Honour’, but I was kicked out of Boy Scouts when I was 14, so it wouldn’t be right).

Last, and not least, I would encourage you to read the proposed amendments to our Constitution and to our Statement of Ethical Principles. The current documents were already quite progressive in their outlook, but needed some minor tweaks to bring them into alignment with UNDRIP and the 94 Calls to Action of the TRC. I will not tell you how to vote; but I will say that archaeology in Ontario has never been a larger, more professional, and more ethical discipline than it is right now. That it has grown so much in the past decade is due in no small part to our riding the coat tails of the Indigenous rights movement. Archaeology is demonstrably richer (morally, spiritually, and financially) because of the involvement of the First Nations. Acknowledging the profundity of the Indigenous connection to their own past is the natural next step in our journey together.

Paul Racher

The London Chapter celebrated its 40th anniversary this year. Three of London’s charter members, Michael Spence, Bill Fox and Stan Wortner cut the anniversary cake to help celebrate the occasion.

Annual Business Meeting
PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION AND STATEMENT OF ETHICAL PRINCIPLES

By Paul Racher

Ontario Archaeology finds itself standing at the same crossroads as the rest of Canada. Originally, it was something that archaeologists (mostly from the Settler Society) did to the Indigenous past - typically without invitation, consent, or the sharing of results afterward. It was a different time, both for society as a whole, and for archaeology in particular. Things have changed. Business as usual, the old way, or whatever you wish to call it is no longer an option.

The more recent past has been characterized by the increasing involvement of Indigenous peoples in what we do, and we have been so enriched by that relationship that it is almost a wonder that we didn’t think of it sooner. Indigenous communities, which have more political clout than our own, have pushed hard for site protection, for increased archaeological assessments, and for more rigour in the field.

It is no coincidence that the evolution of the archaeological consulting industry from hobby into full-time career has coincided with the growing interest of First Nations communities in exerting stewardship over how their history is explored and presented. We owe them a good deal.

Reconciliation, which is to say bringing ourselves into a just and correct relationship with Indigenous peoples, is how we settle that debt. It isn’t an easy road. Fortunately, the way forward has been laid out for us in the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) and in the text of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) (which has been identified as the blueprint for reconciliation). With this in mind, a constitutional committee, comprised of the President and several dedicated OAS volunteers, was struck to examine both our Constitution and our Statement of Ethical Principles with an eye to updating them to reflect the challenges and opportunities borne of the TRC, UNDRIP, and several Supreme Court decisions regarding the Duty to Consult.

The OAS Constitution is largely focused on the mechanics of the operation - which is to say it governs how we “work”. Only Article 10 deals with ethics but even that section of the current document is silent regarding our relationship with (and responsibilities to) the First Nations. Accordingly, it was proposed that a single paragraph be added to acknowledge our debt to Indigenous peoples, both as Canadians living on treaty lands, and as archaeologists who are privileged to work with the Indigenous cultural legacy.

The Statement of Ethical Principles, last revised in 2003, required a bit more thinking to bring it into alignment with the many changes that Ontario Archaeology has undergone over the past decade and a half; particularly the growth of the consulting industry and the (admittedly nascent) attempt to decolonize our relationship with Indigenous peoples. It has been proposed that the entire statement be replaced with the one presented below.

The constitutional committee worked very hard on this. Much time was spent on semantics and parsing the language used; on acknowledging aspirations while recognizing that the legislative regime we operate under hasn't caught up with us yet. I believe we have produced a living document that may suit us for the next decade or so. I encourage you to read it and to vote with us in November. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me anytime, by phone (519-804-2291 x100) or email (president@ontarioarchaeology.org).

Existing Article 10 (CODE OF ETHICS) of the OAS Constitution:

1. It shall be the duty of every member to exercise an interest in the Society, to avoid wrongful use of its name, or authority, and to regulate their conduct toward the Society, fellow members, and the public, in accordance with the Constitution, and the Statement of Ethical Principles, as appended to the Constitution.

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

3. Books, periodicals, pamphlets, etc., shall not bear any inference of any approval of the Society, or any Chapter thereof, except by special permission of the Executive Board.

November 18, 2017
Proposed Wording of Article 10:

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4. We acknowledge our debt to the Indigenous peoples, upon whose lands we live and work. We accept that it is a privilege to work with the cultural properties of any Indigenous/Descendant group and that an archaeologist must recognize that privilege.

Original Statement of Ethical Principles (effective March 31, 2003):

Archaeology is the search to know and understand humanity’s past. This desire to learn about our common heritage is shared with many groups including: First Nations; avocationals; students; teachers; genealogists; historians; cultural resource managers; academic researchers; and the public at large. In order to protect the information obtained from archaeological sites so that all will benefit, each archaeological practitioner must adhere to a set of principles and ethics. The members of the Society are proud to proclaim adherence to the following principles.

1. We respect and support all relevant Ontario, Canadian and International legislation and/or Conventions that deal with the practice of archaeology, and the preservation of any nation’s heritage.

2. We oppose the purchase, sale and trading of genuine archaeological artifacts, and believe that licensed archaeologists hold artifacts in trust for the people of Ontario until a suitable repository can be found.

3. We believe that it is the responsibility of archaeologists to disseminate the results of research to the archaeological community as well as to the general public in an easily accessible manner, medium and format.

4. We encourage archaeological licence holders to sign the freedom of information declaration that accompanies their licence. This declaration allows the Ministry to promptly release reports without the requirement of contacting the authors for approval.

5. We view altering artifacts, records and/or falsifying reports prepared by others as unacceptable behaviour. Reporting information gathered by others without citation is also deemed unethical.

6. We believe that differing hypotheses must be freely proposed and tested, and that we will contribute to collective knowledge through constructive criticism.

7. We respect the right of First Nations to play a primary role in the conduct of any aboriginal archaeological investigation.

8. We affirm that every reasonable effort should be made to consult and cooperate with First Nations in the stewardship, conservation, and display of aboriginal artifacts, and that the wishes of First Nations must be respected concerning disturbance and re-interment of human remains.

9. We promote stewardship of all archaeological resources, materials from archaeological investigations including artifacts, reports, notes, photos, etc., and believe that these should be maintained in an appropriate repository for long term conservation.

10. Members are obligated to notify the Board of Directors of any material breach of these ethical guidelines, and we support initiatives that the Board may implement to obtain fair resolution to such breach, or to resort to remedies as provided for in our constitution.

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1 Including but not limited to: archaeological, spiritual, and historical sites, artifacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies, visual and performing arts, oral traditions and written and oral literature.
Proposed Statement of Ethical Principles:

The archaeological study of the human past places a strong duty upon its practitioners to ensure that the archaeological record is conserved. Accordingly, members of the Society will adhere to the following principles and ethics:

1. We respect and support all domestic legislation and international conventions that protect archaeology and heritage.

2. As archaeologists, we recognize that we have special obligations to any Indigenous or Descendant community whose cultural legacy is the subject of our investigation.

3. We affirm that Indigenous communities have an inherent right to practice stewardship over their own cultural properties (including but not limited to: archaeological, spiritual, and historical sites, artifacts, designs, ceremonies, technologies, visual and performing arts, oral traditions and written and oral literature) and that said stewardship includes the right to maintain, control, protect, develop and have access to those properties.

4. We acknowledge the profound relationship between Indigenous communities and their cultural properties regardless of legal ownership.

5. We will take all reasonable efforts to obtain the free, prior and informed consent of representatives of Indigenous communities prior to taking any steps in the investigation or management of their cultural properties.

6. We will respect the customs and traditions of Indigenous communities regarding the treatment of human remains.

7. We oppose the purchase, sale and trading of archaeological artifacts.

8. We believe that it is the responsibility of archaeologists to disseminate the results of research to the archaeological community, as well as to the general public, in an easily accessible manner, medium, and format.

9. We condemn altering data, records and/or falsifying reports prepared by others or reporting information gathered by others without citation.

10. We promote the stewardship of all archaeological collections and believe that these should be maintained in an approved repository for long-term conservation.

11. Members are obligated to notify the Board of Directors of any material breach of these ethical guidelines, and we support initiatives that the Board may implement to obtain fair resolution to such breach, or to resort to remedies as provided for in our constitution.

The Peterborough Chapter’s latest publication provides a comprehensive analysis of an historical area of the city, destined to be razed to accommodate a new headquarters for the province’s Ministry of Natural Resources.
TREASURER’S REPORT FOR 2017

This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 and some information on trends and activities during the current year that affect the financial position of the OAS.

In 2016, the board of directors made the decision to find a new professional accounting firm who could advise the OAS on the initiation of proper fund accounting and perform audit services. The incorporation of fund accounting had been recommended by Thamesford Accounting, however, they are unable to provide guidance in its set up, nor are they licensed to conduct audits. The implementation of both fund accounting and auditing of the OAS financial accounts were also advised at last year’s Annual Business Meeting (ABM) by Kate Oxley, Programs and Services Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

A search was conducted and discussions held with three independent accounting firms to obtain an estimate of cost and timing. A board motion was passed at the March 4, 2017 meeting to engage the firm of Weinberg & Gaspirc CA LLP to undertake the review of 2016 financial records, initiate fund accounting and perform an audit of 2017 fiscal accounts.

The financial statements included with this report have been prepared following completion by Weinberg & Gaspirc’s review of 2016 financial transactions.

Comments on the financial results of the year ending December 31, 2016:

Total revenue from memberships increased 20% from the previous year (to $22,758 from $18,977), with a total of 700 members. Subscription revenue to the *Ontario Archaeology* journal also increased by 14% (to $3,831 from $3,364), although it remains an average of 15% below the level during the period 2012 to 2014.

The 2016 Symposium was run by the Grand River chapter and resulted in a net profit of approximately $6,000, which was split between OAS and the Grand River chapter.

Donations in 2016 totalled $1,000, plus $3,200 in Life membership subscriptions. Donations remain at approximately the same level as the previous year, but are down an average of 60% from donation totals during the years 2012 to 2014. A focus on fundraising is planned for the coming year with the formation of a committee directed specifically towards fundraising efforts.

Revenue in 2016 fell short of all expenses by $8,700. Efforts are continuing to find ways to reduce the operating deficit going forward.

In preparation for incorporating the structure for fund accounting into the accounts, a review of the OAS funds (OA Publications, Awards, Future fund and Valerie Sonstgenes Student Scholarship fund) was conducted by Weinberg & Gaspirc. The intent was to re-establish the current balance of each fund and record the detail of income and expense transactions pertaining to each fund. This was an important review in order to verify fund balances and eliminate discrepancies that had been noted in the year over year fund reporting from the past few years.

The report on the OAS funds is included as a separate insert.

Debbie Steiss
# The Ontario Archaeological Society
## Balance Sheet

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| Credit Cards | 823.96 | 327.10 |
| Pre-Paid Membership Dues | 10,645.00 | 8,341.00 |
| Pre-Paid OA Subscription | 1,575.00 | 1,221.00 |
| Pre-Paid ArchNotes Subcrip. | 180.00 | 0.00 |
| Peggi Armstrong Fund Donations | 12.00 | 0.00 |
| PHO Forward Accrual | 6,500.00 | 6,500.00 |
| Chapter payments | 1,620.00 | 80.00 |
| GST/HST Payable | -1.90 | -673.39 |
| PST Payable (ON) | -4.99 | -1,767.02 |
| Payroll Liabilities | 1,898.39 | 4,293.02 |
| **Total Liabilities** | 26,192.46 | 18,610.66 |

| **Equity** | | |
| Fund balances | | |
| OAS Future Fund | 108,261.25 | 106,620.17 |
| OAS Publications Fund | 186,829.69 | 175,545.36 |
| OAS Awards Fund | 604.72 | 710.04 |
| V Sonstenes SR Fund | 19,592.62 | 17,793.99 |
| Restricted Projects Fund | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| **Total Equity** | 315,588.28 | 300,669.56 |
| **Total Liabilities & Equity** | 341,780.74 | 319,280.22 |
The Ontario Archaeological Society

Income Statement
For the year ended

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## Balance Sheet

**As of December 31, 2016**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR 2017

Throughout the year the Society’s office processed over 1,200 referrals and responses to general inquiries from the general public. Inquiries included: Ministry guidelines for archaeological work in the Province of Ontario; Archaeology and Education courses offered at secondary/post-secondary Institutions; field school opportunities (volunteering/employment); guest speakers for schools and heritage organizations; artifact discoveries and identification including locations for analysis; and current law and ethical practice in Ontario.

In efforts to engage new members, the Society continued to enhance the website and social media platforms. New web pages were created in 2017 and current electronic copies of ArchNotes and Ontario Archaeology continue to be added to the publication section of the website. Social media used by the Society showed 1,303 Facebook followers and 596+ Twitter users; an overall increase of 240 people involved in the Society’s social media since December 2016. This increase in web presence has also played a vital role in the recruitment of new members.

2017 OAS Membership Statistics

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Total Membership: 709

Membership levels as of October 30, 2017:

Of the 709 members demographic information was provided by 486 members: Applied/Consultant firm; Other Professional (195); University/Academic/Educators/Libraries (154) (42 students, 30 University Institutions, 11 ‘Educators’, 67 Academics, 4 libraries); Government Agencies (32); Museums/Heritage Centers/Societies (27); First Nations Communities (3); Avocational/Public (58) and 17 Other.

Ontario Archaeology

2017 OA Journal Subscription with Membership Classification

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Total Subscribers in 2017: 447

In April 2017, the Ottawa Chapter members handled the preparation and mailing of the Society’s peer reviewed journal, Ontario Archaeology (OA) Vol. 96, 2016. This year’s journal (OA96) titled, “Multidisciplinary Investigations into Huron-Wendat and St. Lawrence Iroquoian Connections” was a landmark issue for the Society in that it was produced in partnership with the Huron-Wendat Nation of Quebec. Over 800 copies were printed with 447 OAS member subscriptions, 100 + additional copies sold to the Huron-Wendat Nation plus orders were received from various educational institutions and the general public. A very special thank you goes out to all contributors and Dr. Christopher Ellis for his vital role as the OA Editor.

The Society’s member subscription to the Journal has been consistent over the past year, with a total of 447 subscribers in 2017. The following is a breakdown of the membership classification with OA journal subscription:

ArchNotes

In 2017, the Society’s bi-monthly newsletter to members, ArchNotes, continued steady distribution to members by email 570+ and 150 hard copies printed. A reduction of over 100 print copies helps to support the Society’s goal of ‘Green’ (paperless) distribution. The distribution reaches a very large audience from members who reside across Canada to 30+ Institution members throughout the United States. A special thank you goes out to Carole Stimmell and Sheryl Smith for their continued role as editors.

To assist with fundraising initiatives both the Ottawa and Toronto Chapters are provided a nominal payment for their role in distributing the Society’s publications. Thank you to
both Chapters for your continued role this year.

**Chapters**

A fundamental role in the organization’s growth and success is the dedicated work done by the Society’s nine provincial chapters. Each chapter hosts monthly meetings for members and the general public; produces newsletters and special publications; run public archaeology days in their region with 100+ attendance and participate in outreach community events promoting the work of the Society, increasing awareness about archaeology throughout the Province of Ontario.

Congratulations to the Peterborough Chapter on publishing in 2017, *A Block in Time: Archaeology and History of the MNR Block in Peterborough Ontario* in partnership with Trent University Archaeology Centre (TUARC) and the Peterborough Museum & Archives.

**Summer Experience Grant**

In May, the Society successfully received a Summer Experience Program Grant 2017 (SEP) from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. This grant enabled the Society to hire three summer students; Anna Forster, Megan Ferguson, and Becky Lys Kadima.

Anna Forster and Megan Ferguson were hired as the Administrative and Archival Assistants working full time at the OAS office in Toronto supervised on Monday and Fridays by Grant Karcich. The goal was to index the OAS Office files, archival material and prepare publications to be added to the OAS Library holdings in London Ontario. The students completed 95% of an index to all office holdings. This included working files, archival material and OAS publications stored in the basement. In addition, the students also assisted with processing membership, regional chapter communications and general administrative work.

Assistant Event/Fundraising Coordinator Becky Lys Kadima, worked at the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London Ontario under the supervision of Matthew Beaudoin (Director of Public Outreach) and the 2017 Symposium Chair. Lys assisted with the planning and promotion of the Society’s yearly Symposium, ‘From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario’ to be held November 17-19, 2017 in Brantford, Ontario. Enhanced fundraising opportunities for the Symposium and for the Society were explored through tools available for the charitable and not-for-profit sector.

All three students excelled in their positions, providing a great deal of assistance to the Society in carrying out its mandate of promoting Ontario’s heritage to both its members and the public at large.

Thank you to the following Directors: Grant Karcich (Director of Publications) who worked with and supervised the students at the OAS office on Monday and Fridays; Matthew Beaudoin, (Director of Public Outreach) Chair of the 2017 Symposium Committee who coordinated the work outline and supervised Lys Kadima; Debbie Steiss (Treasurer), who supervised the administration. Thank you to all of you for your role in overseeing the students.

A special thank you goes out to the three students Anna Forster, Megan Ferguson, and Becky Lys Kadima for your valuable contributions this summer. The Society benefited greatly from the work you accomplished. Thank you also to the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport for their continued support with the Summer Experience Program Grant.

The 2017/18 Provincial Heritage Operating Grant Application submitted in June 30th was successfully approved and granted to the Society in October 2017. Thank you to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for your continued support of the Society.

In July, the OAS Executive Board of Directors renewed the Executive Director part time contract for an additional year. The office will be open Tuesday – Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each week. The head office was fortunate to be assisted once again by Life members; Charlie Garrard and Norma Knowlton. Both past Presidents of the Society they continued to provide assistance throughout the year for inquiries from the general public. Thank you also to members Sam MacLeod, Chris Macdonald, Steve Prichard who volunteered with office administration, membership and fundraising during office hours. Thank you to the many members across the Province who assisted with inquiries from the general public with artifact identification and/or site visits.

Volunteers are integral to the growth and success of The Ontario Archaeological Society. In 2017, over 8,482 volunteer hours were contributed by Society Members. The Executive Board of Director’s and Chapter Executives contributed numerous volunteer hours serving the Society. I would like to acknowledge and thank the following Executive Board members who have completed their terms: Grant Karcich, Director of Publications (three terms), Matt Beaudoin Director of Public Outreach (two terms), Margie Kenedy, Director of Heritage Advocacy (two terms) and Paul Racher, President (one term). On behalf of all of us at the OAS thank you for your contributions and dedication.

It has been a privilege to work with the Executive Board of Directors and to serve the Society in the capacity of Executive Director. I am looking forward to working with all of you in 2018.

*Lorie Harris*

*Annual Business Meeting*
DIRECTORS’ REPORTS FOR 2017

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

I have now had the pleasure of being Vice-President (VP) of the OAS Board of Directors (BoD) for almost one year, but I am amazed at how much I still need to learn before I can truly be comfortable in the job: I’m under no allusion how large a role the previous VP, Sheryl Smith, had with the BoD but I am endeavoring to measure up! My first Annual Business Meeting will be a wonderful test and challenge…

The role of VP was clarified last year with changes to our constitution and includes representing the President in his absence at meetings or other occasions as well as acting as secretary to the BoD and ensuring that minutes of all meetings are recorded and filed for official purposes and year-end accounting. It is an important role which is both critical and intimidating, but my fellow (and former) BoD members have all been very supportive of (and patient with) my efforts so far, and I appreciate that very much. I look forward to the coming year and being a part of our great and successful OAS.

Rob Pihl

DIRECTOR OF AVOCATIONAL SERVICES

The OAS Peterborough Chapter excavation project on Jacobs Island in 2016 was such a success that arrangements were made with Dr. James Conolly for OAS members to participate on this year’s Trent University field school in Peterborough. Eight days were spent on the site of what may have been a mid-late 19th century residence, associated with the adjacent Red Mill in the community of Nassau Mills, situated on the Trent University campus (see Kate Dougherty’s article in the Peterborough Chapter newsletter Strata Vol. 7, No. 2).

Sadly, the OAS private collection documentation program proposed to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport in November of 2013 remains dormant, as does the proposed avocational member program involving liaison with small museums. A fortuitous step forward regarding the latter initiative involved research into the provenience of an old farm collection donated to the Fenelon Falls Museum this year, which appears to derive from the Rumney Bay site. However, the donation only came to the attention of the OAS during a routine visit to the museum by members of the Chapter executive.

The only other avocational activities undertaken by the writer during 2017 have been responding to potential site reports and artifact identification queries from the public, as communicated to the writer by the OAS Executive Director.

Bill Fox

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

This year marks my second as an OAS Board member. I have enjoyed working with both the Board and communicating with the Executive of its numerous Chapters. I’ve been consistently impressed with the commitment to better serving OAS members and implementing both long and short term goals to further the OAS mandate.

As Director of Chapter Services I have continued to solicit information from each Chapter Executive and search out the talks, events and meetings that all of the Chapters host to be included in the ‘Chapter Round Up’ section of ArchNotes. We do this to increase awareness about all the great things the Chapters are up to. I’ve been consistently impressed with the level of activity, and both the innovation shown in developing new events and community outreach as well as the tradition and longevity of Chapters in the OAS.

I’ve also begun holding what I hope will be quarterly Skype meetings between the Chapter Presidents and our OAS President. It is my hope that chatting more than the typical once a year at the symposium will allow us to better represent the interest of each Chapter at board meetings and increase inter-Chapter communication.

Based on feedback from Chapters, this year, I’ve been working on creating an OAS speakers list, as well as shareable online content to make sure our more remote Chapters have the same access to meeting materials as those in more densely populated Ontario areas. I’m also currently involved in working on Green initiatives in the OAS and updating the way we use the OAS website to keep Chapters and members informed.

I had the pleasure of attending and presenting at the successful and memorable 2016 symposium hosted by the Grand River Chapter and I enjoyed meeting with Chapter members and presidents at the social events there. I look forward to attending the 2017 symposium and visiting with you all and sharing your ideas concerning the symposium theme ‘From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario’. Though too busy working on finishing my PhD to help much in organizing the symposium, I applaud the hard work of the other Board Members and those volunteers outside of the Board that are making this annual meeting possible.

Over the remainder of 2017 and into the 2018 year, I hope
to keep the lines of communication open between the Board and Chapters and offer support to Chapters in any way that I can. I look forward to hearing about all the wonderful events held by and outreach done by the OAS Chapters.

Amy St. John

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER RECRUITMENT

This past year, 2017, has been my fourth serving as Director of Membership on the OAS Board of Directors and marks the end of my second term. During this year, I have continued to work on ways to promote the OAS and recruit new members and there are now several projects I will be developing in 2018.

In the past year, I have been working on ways to make the OAS more visible to the public to promote Ontario archaeology at heritage events. In both 2016 and 2017, I organized the OAS table at the Royal Ontario Museum’s Archaeology Day event, and promoted the society with the invaluable volunteer effort of four OAS members: Grant Karcich, Katie Anderson, Debbie Steiss, and Meagan Brooks. These experiences have drawn awareness to the need to update our education kits and to develop how the society is promoted at heritage events. I am now in the process of developing our materials for such events, seeking new events in which we can participate, continuing our presence at those events we usually attend, and organizing volunteers to take part at them.

In addition to this, I have taken on the task to increase the repertoire of promotional materials for purchase from the society, and I continue to work with the administration team to help maintain our Facebook and Twitter pages and to assist with the updating and collecting of statistical information from Wild Apricot.

In the coming year, I am eager to continue support for existing membership and to build more opportunities for recruitment. I also look forward to developing our visibility so that greater awareness is drawn to archaeology in Ontario and the OAS’s dedication to good and ethical archaeological practice.

Dana Millson

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

In April we published our latest issue of Ontario Archaeology, OA 96 (2016) with over 600 copies printed. The previous issues OA 95 came out in August 2016, while OA 94 was released in June 2015. OA 98 (2017) is to be released early in the New Year.

Missing issues of ArchNotes on our OAS Wildapricot website have been scanned and added this summer. Only a couple of Ontario Archaeology articles have not been uploaded to the site. Now for the first time, all ArchNotes and Ontario Archaeology articles are available to the public on our website, except for the most recent issues, which are added after an embargo period.

One of the largest projects the Society has undertaken this year has been the inventory of our office documents, images, and archival files. Two summer students were hired in July to work at our main office on Queen Street. The inventory work of documenting and archiving material was mainly carried out by the students under supervision of Lorie Harris and me. Our OAS office collection of archival materials (print, slides, and photographs) that had been previously inventoried are now being examined for preservation processes.

Archival material is being set aside for transport to the Archives of Ontario at York University, Toronto. A new agreement with the Archives is now available which will allow us to transport the OAS archival material to the provincial archival facility.

Around 2004, the Society transferred several boxes of archival material to the provincial archives, and the recent archival work is a continuation of that process.

Also in 2004, the Society transferred our publications collection to the Museum of Indian Archaeology (now the Museum of Ontario Archaeology [MOA]) in London under a written agreement. While the Museum has been contacted to ask them to comply with the agreement terms, the question of accessibility to the collection by OAS members outside of the London area has never been addressed. Several defunct OAS chapter publications are on loan to the Museum, and these form a unique collection that does not exist anywhere else. These publications need to be preserved.

Grant Karcich

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OUTREACH

This year my role was dominated by planning and organizing the 2017 OAS Symposium, so I have little to report. I would like to thank everyone who has volunteered time, energy and resources to making this symposium a (hopeful) success.

Aside from the symposium, we recruited Dr. Mima Kapches to be a Facebook moderator and I helped serve on this year’s nominating committee.

I am not standing to renew my director position because of a growing family in the upcoming year, but I have enjoyed my time on the Board of Directors and look forward to helping again sometime in the future.

Matt Beaudoin

Annual Business Meeting
CHAPTER REPORTS FOR 2017

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

After organizing the 2016 OAS Symposium in Waterloo, the Chapter returned to its core programming with regular monthly meetings (September through April) at the University of Waterloo. These meetings were well attended and featured lectures by professional and avocational archaeologists.

Additional programming this year included organizing volunteer opportunities at the ‘Mush Hole’ excavation in Brantford, lead by the consulting firm of Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. The chapter maintains an active presence on social media (Facebook and Twitter) and is in the process of developing its own website.

On August 20th, we held our annual chapter picnic at Dun-durn Park. After a potluck lunch, Jacquie Fisher of Fisher Archaeological Consulting gave a talk on the 2015-2016 excavation and archaeological construction monitoring that was conducted in the park, as well as a brief background on the park’s history, both pre-and-post European contact.

We look forward to returning to our meetings in the fall with a fresh new schedule of lectures and hopefully more hands-on artifact workshops, which have been successful and enjoyable in past years.

Jamie Hubter

LONDON CHAPTER

This past year the London Chapter has been celebrating the 40th anniversary of our founding. Those of us who were there at the start are feeling a little old now. Charlie Nixon was our first president back in 1977. For those interested in the first 30 years of our history there is a paper in our newsletter, Kewa, back in 2007 (issue 07-2/3) which contains some rather young looking pictures of the current generation of OAS silverbacks.

In July our annual picnic and 40th anniversary celebration was again held at the Longwoods Conservation Area and was organized by another of our directors, Nancy Van Sas. This was the most successful picnic in recent history with excellent food and good company. Three of our charter members, Michael Spence, Bill Fox and Stan Wortner were present to cut the cake. The southwestern Ontario flint knappers were present and several collections were brought in

Christopher Watts

HAMILTON CHAPTER

The President of the Hamilton Chapter OAS, Jamie Hubter, reports a rather quiet spring but the series of guest lecturers continued as usual, meeting on the third Thursday of each month at the Fieldcote Museum in Ancaster. Some highlights from our lecture series include Peter Popkin, who spoke to us about ongoing excavations at historic St. Lawrence Market in Toronto, and Garett Hunt, who presented to us his fascinating Masters Thesis research on Indigenous use of copper in the Canadian northwest.

Rudy and Margaret-Anne Fecteau have been particularly active in the chapter this year and have been travelling around Ontario giving presentations on Rudy’s analysis of microscopic botanical remains from archaeological sites.

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Jamie Hubter

Niagara Chapter

Hi all! My role as Director of Student Services is to engage with students, encourage their participation in the OAS, and promote the Student Paper/Poster Competition at the annual symposium. It was great to see many student papers at the 2016 OAS Symposium in Waterloo. Student-driven research is valuable and the archaeological community gains when students share their ideas. There are many ways to disseminate your research to the OAS community beyond presenting at the Symposium: present to your local OAS chapter; submit a paper to ArchNotes; submit a paper or brief to an OAS Chapter newsletter. ArchNotes and Chapter newsletters are always looking for content. And of course, there is the OAS journal, Ontario Archaeology.

I’ve also been collecting theses for the Ontario Archaeology Theses Database. The Theses Database provides a list of graduate theses on the subject of Ontario archaeology. The database is a fantastic resource for students, researchers, and professional archaeologists. You can link to the database by selecting OAS Resources on the OAS home page. Titles in red will either link directly to the thesis or to a page where you can download a copy. If you would like to recommend any additions or revisions to the database, or would like to contact me regarding student participation in the OAS, you can find me here: students@ontarioarchaeology.on.ca. I look forward to seeing you in Brantford for the 2017 Symposium!

Nicole Brandon

November 18, 2017
Annual Business Meeting

London Chapter members do a controlled field survey at the Pigram site

for identification by chapter life member Chris Ellis.

The major new activity this year of the London Chapter is a research project focusing on the southeast corner of Middlesex county under the direction of one of our Directors, Shari Prowse. This gives interested people the opportunity to participate in field work and enhances our mission to conserve archaeological sites in the province. This area was selected as it builds on our earlier research from over three decades ago as well as providing some interesting archaeological problems on which to work.

Late last spring we conducted a controlled surface pickup mapping out a portion of the Pigram site which was initially reported by Tom Lee in the 1950s. This led to the discovery and registration of an additional adjacent site with a Middle Woodland projectile point. Further field-walking near Lake Whittaker resulted in the discovery of three new sites. Material recovered included everything from some Late Woodland pottery to two pieces which are possibly Paleoindian.

Once the crop cover thickened making further field walking impossible, we spent several Saturdays in Brantford with the OAS project looking at the former residential school.

Finally, in October we commenced a project working with the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) to define the extent of the Messenger Site (AfHf-3) which is located on KCCA property near Lake Whittaker. Until we contacted them, they were unaware of this Neutral village site on their property or that there had seen clandestine digging by collectors over the recent past.

In August, we met with the KCCA Board of Directors who approved of the concept and agreed that the KCCA staff should work with us to define the extent of the village and work with us to develop a conservation plan for the area. The site is currently in forested land making traditional field walking impossible.

In October and early November, we spent five days on the site excavating 115 shovel test pits 30 cm in diameter. On one Friday, we invited out the field school from Western University and Ed Eastaugh ran a magnetic susceptibility meter over the portions we had excavated which indicated that further work with this geophysical device could provide some additional insight into the site distribution. We have been in contact with local First Nations, and although we have not seen any visitors yet we will be reporting back to them on our project.

Throughout the year our monthly speaker nights have been seeing better attendance maybe with the move to start at 7:30 instead of 8 pm. Finally the London and Windsor Chapters will be co-hosting the 2018 OAS Symposium in Chatham with a focus on black history. This promises to be an interesting symposium with side trips to several sites important to black history in the area.

Jim Keron
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— Stephen Dean (From interview with Sarah Marsh, in “Being a Council Archaeologist is ‘Like Being a Detective’,” from The Guardian [6 Sep. 2013])

Ottawa Chapter

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On behalf of the Ottawa Chapter, André Miller, President, would like to thank the Executive and especially all the members for being active in our chapter activities this past year. It is important to recognize and thank all members who participate and volunteer their time on various events and activities: your effort is very appreciated and helps to make our various chapter events a success and ensures that we have a positive effect on archaeology and heritage in Eastern Ontario!

Our membership continues to hold strong with between 50 and 60 members, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. In total, about 200 people attended our Thursday night monthly meetings last fall 2016 and winter 2017, and they represent both a core of long-term supporters and many new very interested observers from the public.

Communication with members relies on direct e-mails from the President and from the newsletter Ottawa Archaeologist, which is published a few times per year and distributed mainly by e-mail but is also available on our web site.

The Ottawa Chapter web site expanded its scope to include services such as Facebook, Twitter and Meet-up but we continue to include information about archaeology in the Ottawa/Gatineau Area as well as Chapter and OAS activities. However, we are finding that keeping web content and appearance current and to moderating posts by members and the public is exceeding the capacity of any one individual. We continue to distribute business cards and pamphlets at public events and find this is an economical way to encourage people to look up further details about the Chapter and the OAS. We still receive several enquiries from the public each month on our contact@ottawaoas.ca email address.

Based on consultation with our Executive and members, we submitted a series of documents to the OAS Inc., including reports, a Memorandum of Understanding with the OAS Inc. (signed again as usual in February 2017), newsletters and a proposal. In the coming year, the Ottawa Chapter will continue to work and collaborate with all heritage institutions in Ottawa and beyond.

Public Outreach & Chapter Activities August 2016 to September 2017:

In August 2016, Archéo-Québec featured Le mois d’archéologie/Archaeology month, which crossed the Ottawa River for the third time. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the Bytown Museum, the National Capital Commission, Heritage Ottawa, Algonquin’s of Pikwakanagan and Kitigan Zibi and members of the Ottawa Chapter participated with displays, presentations, dig opportunities, talks and guided walks. For more than four years, archaeology month has been an important rendezvous for the Ottawa-Gatineau region.

Also on August 1, 2016, the Ottawa Chapter participated at the Bytown Colonel By Day. Bytown Days is an outdoor, heritage-themed celebration, which commemorates the creation of the Rideau Canal UNESCO World Heritage Site and Bytown, now Ottawa, Canada’s Capital! Last year’s event celebrated the workers who laboured to build the Canal, their families, and their lives, both lived and lost.

Over the past year, the OAS Ottawa Chapter was active as the ‘Capital Voice’ to many organizations: National Capital Commission, CHOO/ COPO, Bonnechere Provincial Park, City of Ottawa, Petrie Island, Ottawa Riverkeepers, Ottawa University and Parks Canada. When those institutions look for help and consultation on archaeological issues, they turn to the Ottawa Chapter for advice and support.

Another highlight included the Ottawa Chapter partnership/collaboration with the Canadian Archaeological
Association (CAA) at this year’s 50th Annual Conference in Ottawa/Gatineau on May 10-13. We participated at several important events and our volunteer effort was acknowledged by the CAA Planning Committee.

On July 22 the chapter participated in Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Provincial Park land featured a hands-on display, flint knapping, ceramic workshop and pot making. It was held outside the Davenport Building with the collaboration of park staff. It was a great success for all, with at least 95 participants from the public (kids and adults). Chapter representatives included André Miller, Marian Clark, Bill McLeland, Glenna Roberts and others.

International Archaeology Day was held on October 2nd at the University of Ottawa, in the rotunda of the Desmarais Building. Bradley Drouin demonstrated his flint-knapping talents and Glenna Roberts took the chapter collection of broken pottery to show how a vessel is reassembled with masking tape. Several students gave mini-lectures in one of the neighbouring lecture rooms.

Speakers during our regular monthly meetings at the Routhier Community Centre included:

- September 15, 2016: Bradley Drouin, an archaeologist with Golder Consulting and usually based in Ottawa, brought us his ultra-popular display of lithic artifacts and gave us lessons in lithic knapping;
- October 20, 2016: Sarah Taylor Ph.D. presented us with ‘An Archaeological Tour of China’ based on an overview of sites and artifacts from 13 different locations;
- November 16, 2016: Carley Crann took us on a tour of the André E. Lalonde AMS Laboratory located at the brand new Advanced Research Complex (ARC) at the University of Ottawa. This is Canada’s only accelerator mass spectrometer radiocarbon dating facility;
- February 16, 2017: Stephen Jarrett presented ‘Brewing Beer in Ottawa during the Nineteenth Century’;
- March 16, 2017: Jonathan Lainey talked about ‘Wampum Belts: Issues and Perspectives regarding their Documentation and Interpretation’; and

**PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER**

During this past year, Tom Mohr, President, reports that the Peterborough Chapter continued with its Speakers’ Program, occasionally sharing events with the Trent University Archaeological Resource Centre (TUARC), and its Department of Anthropology. Our topics for the past season follow:

- September 2016: Dr. Marty Magne – ‘The Search for Franklin’s Lost Ships’;
- November 2016: Dr. Daniel Rafuse – ‘Archaeology and actualistic taphonomy in the plains, coastal and highland environments of the Pampas, Argentina’ (POAS/TUARC)
- December 2016: Annual General Meeting and pot-luck dinner, featuring a new film by and about Curve Lake First Nation, entitled *Oshkigmong: A Place Where I Belong*;
- January 2017: Dr. Gary Crawford’s presentation of ‘Current Perspectives on the Dawn of Farming in China’ was unfortunately cancelled due to bad weather;
- February 2017: Andy Roddick – ‘Archaeology, Ethnography and Radiography: Tracing Ceramic Traditions in the Lake Titicaca Basin, Bolivia’ (a joint presentation with the Department of Anthropology, Trent University);
- March 2017: Dr. Chris Ellis – ‘Ontario’s Oldest Known Site? The Rogers Fluted Point Site in the Niagara Peninsula’;
- April 2017: David Wesley & Dr. Catherine Mathias – ‘Museums and the Artifact’, plus a book launch for the Peterborough Chapter’s *A Block in Time*;
- May 2017: Sophie Goldberg – ‘Swamps, Suburbs and Sprawl: Exploring the Urban Demography of Angkor, Medieval Cambodia’; and
- June 2017: First annual Peterborough Chapter member’s BBQ, kindly hosted by Bill and Consuelo Fox.

At last year’s OAS Symposium in Waterloo, the chapter was honoured to receive the OAS Publication Award for *Peterborough Archaeology*, a collection of essays that grew out of our 2014 hosting of the Society’s annual gathering. We are pleased to report that the first print run of 500 has sold out and we have ordered another 250 copies.

We also took on a new project in response to requests from Rob McDonald and Paul Racher, to rescue certain of the province’s archaeological ‘grey literature’ from abandonment on the shelves of developer and government offices. A perfect candidate was found in a report prepared by Gordon and Pat Dibb of York North Archaeological Services, on a section of Peterborough known as the ‘MNR Block’.

Submitted to the Ontario Realty Corporation in 1997, it provides a comprehensive analysis of an historical area of the city, destined to be razed to accommodate a new headquarters for the province’s Ministry of Natural Resources. Chapter Secretary Dirk Verhulst and Membership Director Rita Granda acted as co-editors in commissioning a further eleven essays to compliment the original document and fully flesh out the story of the 1.189 hectare site as a microcosm

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*André Miller*
Peterborough Chapter members processed artifacts from the last field season on Jacob’s Island of the city’s growth.

The final product was published by the chapter as its first occasional paper, with financial assistance to the Peterborough Chapter from the City of Peterborough and in partnership with the TUARC, and the Peterborough Museum and Archives. Thanks to all concerned. It has been well received, and we are already preparing the next project.

Over the course of the winter, a number of volunteers came out to the TUARC over 15 weeknights to process artifacts from the last field season on Jacob’s Island. We were also able to provide our members with another excavation opportunity early this summer at Nassau Mills, a Euro-Canadian site on the main campus of Trent University. This activity was presented courtesy of Trent’s James Conolly, Kate Doughty, and (our own) Bill Fox.

The Peterborough Chapter is close to finishing up the processing of another artifact, a 1961 movie entitled Village in the Dust about the excavation of the Miller Site in Pickering. A 16 mm copy had been in the hands of Chapter President Tom Mohr for a couple of decades, and some versions were available in VHS format, but no digital copies appeared to be in existence. The chapter obtained clearances and had the 19 minute film fully digitized in a state-of-the-art transfer, financed in part by the OAS. What remains is to add a preamble addressing certain stereotypes that exist in this half-century old account, and then make it available to the various OAS Chapters as an educational tool.

The Peterborough Chapter continues to offer off-site presentations on Ontario archaeology and this year spoke at the town of Kirkfield’s Canada Day celebrations, as well as a seniors’ retirement home. The latter experience is highly recommended as a particularly satisfying outreach practice.

The Peterborough Chapter Facebook page membership stands at 71 and we have produced four editions of our newsletter, Strata. The chapter is represented in Peterborough’s Electric City Culture Council (EC3) and the Kawartha Lakes Culture and Heritage Network. We currently have 68 members.

The Peterborough Chapter thanks the City of Peterborough for their generous support of the outreach projects by which we can help connect diverse members of the community with both their roots to the land, and their neighbours. We also thank TUARC for providing us with a home, and on a personal note, I’d like to express my appreciation to the Chapter executive for all their contributions.

Tom Mohr

November 18, 2017
President Clarence Surette reports that the Thunder Bay Chapter had a busy schedule of monthly meetings at Lakehead University with the following talks presented through the past two years:

February 26, 2016: Katharine Nichols, MA, presented the final results from her thesis. In 2015, she had presented some of her research on unmarked graves and burial grounds at the Indian residential schools in Brandon Manitoba. This talk continued that work as ‘Part II: Investigation of unmarked graves and burial grounds at the Brandon Indian Residential School’;

March 18, 2016: Brad Hyslop presented the talk ‘Developing a Sortable Database for Pottery Rim Sherds’ in which he discussed the difficulty of determining an accurate vessel count for a site when a high number of small and fragmentary rim sherds are recovered. Using research being conducted at Site EAKa-1, he outlined the rationale for developing a system to track and compare each rim sherd using Excel. The results from this work was provided and future directions for this ongoing project were discussed;

April 29, 2016: Stefan Bouchard (MES NECU Graduate Student) presented a talk on some of his exciting work from his Masters Thesis entitled ‘The Functional Application of Quartz and Amethyst at the Mackenzie I Site’. He discussed how combining residue and use-wear can help identify artifacts that are typically overlooked, provided a brief introduction to his research (how samples were determined and what analytical techniques were used) and illustrated five of his most interesting artifacts.

June 3, 2016: Tasha Hodgson (MES student, NECU) talked about her completed Master’s Research in ‘Archaeology of the Invisible: How to Document the Use of Organic Materials at Early Holocene Archaeological Sites in Northwestern Ontario’. Use-wear and residue analysis have been employed in the past to determine resource use, subsistence strategies, and stone tool function, and these techniques were used to determine the manner of use of a selection of unifacially flaked lithics dating to the Early Holocene period discovered within the Thunder Bay region. Source material hardness was likewise determined via use-wear analysis and combinations of residue analysis (microscopic, biochemical, and spectrographic analysis) to more fully characterize the proposed residue sources. The results of this project indicate broad resource use within the region, generalized and specialized tool technologies, and an unexpected occurrence of hafted expedient artifacts

October 28, 2016: Bill Ross gave a talk called ‘Two Biface Caches and Two Burial Bundles from North of Lake Superior: Archaeologists Never Find the Good Stuff!!’ This provided a look at various odd or rare artifacts from Northwestern Ontario, including some of his recent research on tracking down hixton artifacts from Paleoindian sites.

November 25, 2016: Dr. Matthey Tocheri gave a presentation entitled ‘Homo floresiensis and Homo sapiens at Liang Bua (Flores, Indonesia): The current state of the evidence’.

February 3, 2017: Chris McEvoi discussed some of his recent Master’s research work in ‘A Cautionary Tale in Under Water Archaeology’. Throughout the fall of 2016, a preliminary survey was conducted on a shipwreck once thought to be Canada’s first registered vessel, the Mary Ann. In his presentation, the identity of the tugboat was challenged with data gathered from both historical images, and photos captured during the reconnaissance. He highlighted the importance of underwater archaeology and its future in Northwestern Ontario.

March 3, 2017: Dave Norris (PhD Candidate, University of Western Ontario) gave a presentation on the ‘Geometric Morphometric Analysis of Late Paleoindian Projectile Points from Northwestern Ontario: Tracing Age and Population Relationships and... Origins?’. He discussed 3D geometric morphometric approaches to characterizing Late Paleoindian projectile points based on their overall shape. Research is at a preliminary stage and is focused on the most analytically distinctive basal morphology of the projectile points which derive from Lakehead Complex sites in Northwestern Ontario;

March 31, 2017: Paige Campbell provided ‘An Introduction to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Archaeology Program’; and

James Steinberg gave a talk on ‘A Re-examination of the Archaic Period in Northwestern Ontario’. He argued that J. V. Wright’s Shield Archaic concept as applied to Northwestern Ontario needs to be re-examined based on more recent descriptions of the Archaic in general. He reviewed recent archaeological discoveries to address how well they align with the conventional interpretations of the Archaic period in Northwestern Ontario.

In addition to the monthly talks, the OAS Thunder Bay Chapter and the Department of Anthropology at Lakehead University hosted the 2016 Lake Superior Basin Workshop on March 18-19, 2016. Several collectors and professional archaeologists met together to discuss archaeology and exchange information as well as exhibit some archaeological material from various sites. Attendees ranged from Manitoba, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

Clarence Surette

Annual Business Meeting
The Toronto Chapter meets on the third Wednesday of every month (with the exception of July and August) at the Anthropology Department at University of Toronto. Our Vice President Christine Caroppo did another fantastic job this year finding exciting speakers and experiences for Chapter members.

In November 16, 2016 the talk was by Dr. Sascha Priewe, Managing Director, Culture Centres, Royal Ontario Museum. The lecture was on ‘Temporal & spatial entanglements at the Neolithic Yuchisi site, China’.

We held the Member’s Christmas Party at the historic St. Matthew’s Clubhouse in Riverdale Park on December 14th.


February’s meeting included private tour of the exhibit at the Market Gallery, St. Lawrence Market. The tour was conducted by Neil Brochu, Supervisor Collections & Outreach, The Market Gallery, City of Toronto. The exhibit, ‘Unearthing Toronto’s Oldest Marketplace: The Archaeology of the North St. Lawrence Market’, showcased the recent excavation of the north St. Lawrence Market across the road from the Market Gallery.

In March, Dr. Craig Cipolla, ROM, spoke on Mohegan colonial archaeology.

At April’s meeting Holly Martelle, Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants Inc., provided an overview of archaeological investigations that were undertaken in 2015 in downtown Toronto on the site of a multi-ethnic 19th and 20th century neighbourhood. The excavations revealed the foundations of the British Methodist Episcopal Church, representing the third Black congregation church in the City of Toronto, as well as numerous early Black settler sites.

Toronto’s last meeting before the summer break in May featured Dr. Mima Kapches. She spoke on the Art and Archaeology of Toronto. Over the past 10 years, public art installations in Toronto have incorporated archaeological themes. But, if you don’t know what the archaeological imagery means in terms of Toronto’s past, then you won’t fully appreciate the art.

On June 10 Dena Doroszenko and the Ontario Heritage Trust generously extended an invitation to participate in a public archaeology dig at the historic Benares House in Mississauga.

With more than 165 years of history, this exquisite Georgian style estate was home to four generations of the Harris and Sayers families. More than 95% of the artifacts in the house are original to the Harris family and this home. It was
restored and fully furnished with Harris Family items and opened to the public as Mississauga’s newest museum in 1995.

September’s talk was by OAS Board member Grant Karcich who spoke on ‘Major Trails, Portages and Carrying Places from Toronto to the Bay of Quinte’. It focused on the archaeological and historical evidence for trails along the north shore of Lake Ontario and into the interior lakes such as Chemong, Rice, Balsam, and Simcoe. Artifacts found near and along the trail routes were discussed as well as the routes these trails followed as they appeared on 17th—19th century maps of the region.

In October, Toronto Chapter members met at Ryerson University for a demo of Virtual Reality. Michael Carter, Asst. Professor, School of Creative Industries at Ryerson and Kristian Howald, Professor of Post-Graduate Computer Animation at Sheridan College presented a demonstration showing how virtual reality can better help us understand archaeology in Ontario and Egypt.

Dena Doroszenko, Senior Archaeologist, Ontario Heritage Trust, gave a talk on the excavations at the Niagara Apothecary. In 1964, pharmacist E. W. Field, closed his practice in Niagara-on-the-Lake. The business had been in operation for a total of 156 years by six pharmacists. Re-opened in 1971 as an authentic restoration of an 1869 pharmacy, the building is owned by the Ontario Heritage Trust and operated by the Ontario College of Pharmacists. Several archaeological investigations have taken place in the rear yard of the apothecary, most recently in 2017. The excavation of a large feature has recovered hundreds of pharmaceutical bottles. This assemblage allows for discussion on the role of the pharmacist in a small community as well as allowing observations to be made regarding the community’s behaviour and social needs with this service over time. In addition, excavations in 2017 also revealed the domestic use of the property (1810–1870) and impacts related to the War of 1812.

Roscoe Wilmeth Award winner

The Canadian Archaeological Association at its annual meeting in Ottawa in 2017 honoured a long-time member of the Toronto Chapter and current past-president. Dr. Mima Kapches was awarded the first ever Roscoe Wilmeth Award for Service. The Roscoe Wilmeth Award is presented to those members who have a record of outstanding, long-term service to the CAA. Congratulations Mima!

Carole Stimmell

WINDSOR CHAPTER

The Windsor Chapter OAS had a busy year between July 2016 and June 2017, and President Amanda Black reports that four speaker nights were held, as well as a picnic, a museum tour, an authentic 18th century dinner, and three executive meetings. The membership activities included:

September 10, 2016: The Chapter held its first annual Chapter Picnic at Mic-Mac Park, Windsor. We had a great feast and lots of laughs;

October 11, 2016: Dr. Neal Ferris from the Western University and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (and formerly with the Ontario Ministry of Culture) came to speak about local archaeology ‘The Western Basin Late Woodland as Fluid Material and Conceptual Borderlands’;

December 7, 2016: Jim Keron from the London Chapter OAS gave a presentation on his Dakleh Oasis Project in Egypt;

February 8, 2017: The Chapter members enjoyed a group outing at the Windsor Chimczuk Museum;

March 22, 2017: Glen Boatman came up from Ohio to do a presentation entitled ‘What is the Extent of Hopewell in North Central Ohio’;

April 12, 2017: We were honoured to have Paul Racher, OAS President and Managing Director of Archaeological Research Associates Ltd give a presentation. He called his presentation ‘De Profundis’ (which is Latin for ‘A cry from the depths’: Big, Deep and Scary Urban Archaeology’.

Amanda Black

Annual Business Meeting