Ontario Archaeological Society

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
NOVEMBER 10, 2018 STARTING AT 4:30 P.M.
CHATHAM-KENT JOHN D. BRADLEY
CONVENTION CENTER
565 RICHMOND STREET, CHATHAM

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2018 OAS Symposium
November 9 to 11
CONNECTIONS AND PATHWAYS THROUGH THE PAST
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Agenda for the Annual Business Meeting

Saturday Nov. 10 at 4:30 p.m.
at the Chatham-Kent John D. Bradley Convention Center, 565 Richmond Street, Chatham

1. President’s opening remarks
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from these minutes
4. President’s report
5. Treasurer’s report
   i. Financial statement
   ii. Appointment of auditors
6. Election of Directors
7. Next Symposia
8. Presentation of the draft 2019 – 2014 Strategic Plan
9. Other business
10. Motions of thanks
11. Adjournment
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Annual Business Meeting

Saturday Nov. 18, 2017 at 4 p.m.
at the
Best Western Hotel & Conference Centre,
Brantford, Ontario

Draft Minutes

Board Members in attendance
Paul Racher, President
Alicia Hawkins, President-Elect
Rob Pihl, Vice-President
Debbie Steiss, Treasurer
Amy St. John, Director
Dana Millson, Director
Matt Beaudoin, Director
Grant Karcich, Director
Bill Fox, Director
Bill Ross, Director
Lorie Harris, Executive Director

There were 52 members in attendance.

Call to Order (at 4:05 pm)
President Paul Racher called the meeting to order at 4:05
pm and remarked how pleased he was to see so many peo-
ple in attendance, attributing it to the interest in the pro-
posed significant changes to the OAS Constitution and
Statement of Ethical Principles (SEP). Sheryl Smith (sec-
onded by Jim Keron) moved to adopt the agenda for the
2017 OAS Annual Business Meeting (ABM): carried. Sh-
eryl Smith (seconded by Jamie Hunter) moved to adopt the
minutes from the 2016 ABM: carried. No errors or omissions to the minutes were presented. No matters arising from the minutes were noted.

President’s Report
President Paul Racher encouraged those in attendance to refer to his report published in the Annual Business Report (ABR, pp 6-7) and reminisced on what he had wanted to accomplish during his presidency back at the 2015 sym-
podium: then along came the Truth and Reconciliation Com-
mission (TRC) and the United Nations Declaration for the
Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) which became a
game-changer for the OAS, with huge implications for ar-
chaeology. The call to action from the TRC has since re-
sulted in two ‘reconciliation projects’ for the OAS:

The Mohawk Institute: during the 2017 field season,
volunteers from the OAS London, Grand River, Hamilton
and Toronto Chapters participated in Stage 2 and 3 assess-
ments of the property to identify archaeological resources
in advance of proposed repairs to the building and land-
scaping of the grounds. The project is expected to continue
into 2018;

Chippewa of the Thames First Nation (COTTFN): with less than two weeks notice this fall, volunteers from
the OAS created and then taught a course to help train a
class of Indigenous archaeological monitors for evaluating
projects within their traditional territory. The course is now
available to be offered gratis to any other First Nation com-
munity wanting such training.

The significant outcome of the TRC involves making changes to the OAS constitution that reflect the spirit of the “94 Calls to Action” and the UNDRIP. Accordingly, a committee was struck that included members Gary Warrick, Paul Racher and Scott Martin as well as Dr. David Lubbell, and they reviewed ethical policies from heritage organizations world-wide to provide new language to augment our Constitution and to supplement our current Statement of Ethical Principles (SEP). The proposed changes to both documents have been published in Arch Notes, were posted on the OAS website, and are printed in the AN that was distributed for this ABM; in a PowerPoint presentation, Paul reviewed the changes to both documents, and then both were presented to the membership in attendance for further discussion.

Changes to the OAS Constitution

Upon motion (Rob Pihl/Alicia Hawkins), the OAS membership was asked to approve the change to the constitution by adding Item #4 to Article 10 according to the proposed wording as published in the AN, the OAS website and the ABR. In the discussion, Norma Knowlton challenged whether the 60-day notification period for motions to change the constitution had been met in advance of a called vote. Smith reported that the digital version of all proposed changes had been circulated to the membership in advance of the 60-day notification period, but that the mailed copies of the AN were likely not received within the proper period; never-the-less, the notification period requirement had been met. No other discussion ensued, and a recorded vote was called and carried (55 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstained).

Changes to the Statement of Ethical Principles

Upon motion (Rob Pihl/Alicia Hawkins), the OAS membership was asked to approve the change to the SEP according to the proposed wording as published in the AN, the OAS website and the ABR. Dena Doroszenko proposed a friendly amendment to add the phrase “Descendant group” after “Indigenous communities” in Item #5, and this was accepted. Gary Warrick questioned whether Item #4 was still needed since it seemed to contravene Item #1. Rob MacDonald suggested adding “In spite of Item 1…” at the beginning of Item #5, however, Mima Kapches suggested instead that we call the vote on the accepted wording and let the new Board of Directors deal with any further language refinement, and this was accepted. Grant Karcich, however, questioned whether in Item #6 it was possible to identify the Indigenous community for all customs and traditions, particularly for archaeological remains with some time depth. The consensus was that the vote should still proceed with the current, accepted wording, however, Eric Beals proposed a friendly amendment to Item #6 that the reference to treatment of “human remains” be changed to “ancestors,” and this was accepted. There was no further discussion, and the vote was called and carried.

Treasurer’s Report

Debbie Steiss discussed the current financial situation (see ABR, p 11, along with supplements handed out at the meeting), and she reminded us that Kate Oxley, Programs and Services Branch, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, had encouraged us to move to fund accounting for our financial statement at last year’s ABM. Since our current accountant, Thamesford Accounting did not conduct financial audits which would also include fund accounting, the Board of Directors decided to switch accounting firms, and a search was conducted resulting in the selection of Weinburg & Gaspire LLP. They conducted the financial review for 2016 and will conduct an audit for 2017 since our projected revenues for this year will exceed the $100K threshold due to revenue from the 2017 symposium.

Debbie highlighted information from several hand-outs she provided to the OAS membership pertaining to the audited financial statements:

- Membership fee revenue is up compared to 2016, which reflects the fee increase that went into effect;
- Subscription revenue for Ontario Archaeology is up compared to 2016, and we are almost caught up with the release of the 2017 issue slated for early 2018;
- The 2016 symposium posted a $6K profit which was split between the OAS and the OAS Grand River Chapter;
- Although there was an operating deficit of $8,700, revenue from our investments allowed an overall balance of $15K, however this suggests we need to work on correcting the structural deficit;
- 2017 revenue has increased by $4K due to the fee increase; and
- The OAS received a Student Experience Programme grant.

The various OAS funds have been reviewed out and their balances re-established: Future (unrestricted use); Publication (restricted use); Awards (restricted use by Board); V Sontenes SR (can now start using it since balance has grown). Debbie also suggested that the OAS needs to actively start fund-raising. Upon motion (Debbie Steiss/Jim Keron), the 2016 Financial Statement was proposed for adoption. Jim Keron remarked that the various fund amounts looked fine. With no further discussion, the vote was then called and carried.

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Upon motion (Debbie Steiss/Alicia Hawkins), the accounting firm of Weinburg & Gaspirc LLP was proposed for appointment to perform the OAS financial audit for the 2017 fiscal year. There was no discussion, and the vote was called and carried.

**Election of Directors**

The Nomination Committee consisted of Matt Beaudoin, Alicia Hawkins and Paul Racher, and they were tasked with finding nominees for three Director positions that would be vacant in 2018. Alicia was pleased to announce that they had secured three nominees: Bill Fox, Kaitlyn Malleau and James Conolly. After further calls for nominations, the question was called (Alicia Hawkins/Matt Beaudoin), and the three nominees were acclaimed for 2018 and 2019. Alicia also noted that there would be no new appointments next year to keep the Board membership lower.

**Next Symposia**

Jim Keron announced that the OAS London and Windsor Chapters will be co-hosting the 2018 Symposium on November 9-11, 2018 at the Chatham Convention Centre, in Chatham with accommodations at the hotel next door. The theme will focus on Black History and there will be an open session and possibly another session on the role of Indigenous communities in archaeology.

Alicia Hawkins proposed that the 2019 Symposium be located somewhere other than southwestern Ontario with a preference for eastern Ontario if possible.

**Strategic Plan**

Alicia Hawkins stated that a committee is actively working on the new Strategic Plan, and they are soliciting input from the OAS membership. She encouraged everyone to please fill out the form that was provided at the registration desk.

**Other Business**

Motion of Thanks to:
- Lorie Harris, OAS Executive Director
- Outgoing Board of Director members—Matt Beaudoin, Grant Karcich and Margie Kenedy
- Ontario Archaeology editor—Chris Ellis with assistance of Suzanne Needs-Howarth
- Arch Notes co-editors—Sheryl Smith and Carole Stimmell.

Carried.

Carole Stimmell, President, OAS Toronto Chapter. The OAS Toronto Chapter wishes to thank the OAS Treasurers past and present for their devoted volunteer service on the OAS Board.

Upon motion (Carole Stimmell/Mima Kapches), in light of the increasing complex nature of the financial/auditing/taxation landscapes, a Financial Advisory committee consisting of three to five individuals be established, beginning in 2018, as an Ex-officio (Non-Voting) committee to advise and assist the OAS Board of Directors on financial matters. In the discussion that followed, Jean-Luc asked why this was necessary. Debbie stated that while the financial side of the Treasurer’s job was very manageable, especially with the recent acquisition of the accounting firm of Weinburg & Gaspirc, she would like help with some of the other duties such as fund-raising and applying for grants. Neal Ferris stated that the OAS constitution stipulates that only the Board can establish a committee and proposed a friendly amendment that substituted “considered” instead of “established”; this was accepted. Alicia Hawkins also proposed a friendly amendment that added “This committee would be chaired by the Treasurer”; this was accepted. The vote was called and carried.

Julie Kapyrka asked if the OAS would enter into an agreement with the Union of Ontario Indians per the Briefing Note that was prepared and circulated to the Board. Paul Racher stated that the spirit of the document seemed to be quite good but that much further and detailed discussion is necessary before a commitment can be made. Sheryl Smith believes the full OAS membership would need to be involved, including full publishing of the document, before any agreement is made.

Motion of Thanks to the 2017 OAS Symposium Organizing Committee—Matt Beaudoin, Paul Racher, Debbie Steiss and Gary Warrick, and all the volunteers—that helped to make the symposium a success (Holly Martelle/Sheryl Smith). Carried.

**Adjournment**

Upon motion (Bill Ross/Holly Martelle), the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm. Carried.

*Notes taken by Rob Pihl, Vice President*

November 10, 2018
PRESIDENT’S REPORT FOR 2018

As I sit down to write this annual report, I once again find myself simultaneously cursing and praising my predecessor, Paul Racher. Cursing him because he set the bar so high when it comes to writing witty, interesting, self-deprecating and fundamentally relatable messages, and praising him because, while the past year certainly has not been without challenges, he set out a clear roadmap for the OAS during his tenure.

So, before I go any further, I would like to offer, on behalf of the OAS, my gratitude to Paul for the vision that he has brought to the organization with respect to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples. Before starting on the board four years ago as incoming president, Paul had not served the OAS in any capacity. Some may think of this as a disadvantage, but in many respects organizations benefit from the perspectives of people who have not been working on the inside for years and years. They allow us to see that some of our tried and true ways of doing things are actually pretty tired. Thank you for setting us off in new directions, Paul!

So what is that roadmap? What is this journey that we have started out on as an organization?

Coming out of the last year’s conference, it was clear that reconciliation needs to be a priority for the OAS and Ontario archaeologists in general. From the Nations United session at the symposium we compiled recommendations and selected contributions and these can now be found on our web page: https://www.ontarioarchaeology.org/TRC.

In large part, the recommendations speak to the nature of relationships between Indigenous peoples and archaeologists. They talk about respect, about listening, about shifting the balance of power and about honouring the land. While these may seem general, there is probably something that all of us can learn from what was shared with us at the last symposium in the Nations United session.

In terms of reconciliation projects, we have been working in several areas. Importantly, we have continued to develop the relationship between Anishinabek Nation and the OAS. After several meetings and a number of drafts, a collaborative relationship protocol between the two organizations has now been signed. This agreement focuses on four areas: collaboration (including capacity development), early notification (obtaining free, prior and informed consent), return of cultural properties when requested, and advocacy. The agreement is “a statement of intent” and as such is not legally binding – it is clear that the OAS cannot compel members to do things. However, as individual members it is up to each of us to try to make these new types of relationships work. It is about shifting the balance of power, as we heard at the symposium.

A number of OAS members have already during the last two years stepped up to assist in capacity development. In 2018 we participated in a training workshop for Field Liaison Representatives (FLR; a.k.a., monitors) with the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nation. We were very pleased to be partners in this project, in which MNCFN provided a curriculum and offered some modules, and the OAS offered other modules. We are grateful to the many archaeologists who came from near and far to participate in this training, all without any financial compensation. And we are grateful to MNCFN for the confidence that they have placed in the OAS.

To continue this type of capacity building and to expand the workshops, we have applied to the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) Grow grants. We focussed on trying to obtain funding to expand the FLR training to communities in north-eastern Ontario. This may not seem like an obvious location, but it was selected for several reasons. Firstly, the OTF requires applicants to choose a catchment area; secondly, the area overlaps with many of the communities in Anishinabek Nation; and thirdly there are many communities in the northeast who have had no opportunity for training but which are affected by road-building, mining projects, forestry projects, etc. If we are successful in obtaining this funding, this project will be a significant focus for the OAS during 2019 and 2020.

We also did some internal housekeeping with respect to reconciliation, and this continues to be a work in progress. First, we have changed our symposium guidelines to let the symposium committee know that from the very beginning of organizing they should be in contact with representatives of local Indigenous and descendant communities so that such communities may be involved in symposium organization in any way they see fit.

Secondly, we have changed our publication guidelines. Several years ago I recall members of the Huron-Wendat Nation telling me about how someone (not an archaeologist) had published a book about them but had never once contacted the Nation about this. This seemed outrageous, but at the same time I realized that I had published articles about Huron-Wendat archaeology without letting anyone from the Nation know about this beforehand. So now, we ask that authors contact community members before articles go to print.

Thirdly, although this might at first appear tangential, we are examining our investments and whether the places we have our funds placed are consistent with our commitment to respecting the inherent rights of Indigenous peoples. As
much of the archaeology that we do concerns Indigenous sites and artifacts, there are certainly other parts of our practice as an organization that we need to examine to ensure that what we do is consistent with what we say we stand for.

In addition to these developments, we have also been working on our strategic plan. A draft copy of this was presented in the last Arch Notes and is also present in this report. We have made an effort to consult widely with members who contribute to the OAS in different capacities. The drafting of a strategic plan is about finding a vision for the organization, but it is also about compromise. In consulting with members, chapters and board members several themes recurred. Many people underscored the importance of the OAS in education and advocacy, and for this reason these are areas we wish to continue to focus on and strengthen. In addition, many people bemoaned a lack of resources, both human and financial. The plan attempts to address some of these concerns too.

During the last year, I have frequently remarked upon the degree to which different people across the province freely contribute their time, ideas, money, and passion for archaeology to make the OAS a going concern. So I want to end with a shout out to all of these volunteers – thank you! Thank you to the chapter executives, thank you to the editors of our newsletter, journal and webpage, thank you to the tireless symposium organizing committee (!), thank you to the board members and thank you to all the other volunteers who have contributed in some way or another.
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Strategic Plan

2019-2024

The strategic plan for an organization should be consistent with its mission. The process of strategic planning allows members and stakeholders to articulate their vision for the organization, in terms of what will accomplish in the upcoming years. Successful strategic plans break down objectives into achievable goals that have deadlines and are assigned to particular individuals or roles within the organization.

In drafting this strategic plan, we have consulted broadly with membership at the symposium and through Arch Notes, with most of the regional chapters, and with board members.

Mission:

Two related themes were repeatedly articulated with respect to the mission of the organization:

1. To educate the public about archaeology in Ontario, especially to the broader public
2. To provide leadership about how archaeology should be practiced

These speak to two of the main present functions of the OAS: education and advocacy.

A number of different and fairly specific ideas were stated with respect to where the OAS could be in 5 years. These have been incorporated into five general objectives, as follows:

- increase our effectiveness at promoting archaeology to the general public
- provide leadership in the archaeology sector with respect to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples
- demonstrate leadership on best practices for archaeology in the province
- improve our service to archaeologists and OAS members
- improve our internal management systems
By 2024 we will have increased our effectiveness at promoting archaeology to the general public by

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<td>- Making our <em>Arch Notes</em> available electronically at no cost</td>
<td>Publications, webmaster</td>
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<td>- Having a visible presence at public heritage events around the province</td>
<td>Public outreach committee</td>
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<td>- Developing a Archaeology Month program with 10 events highlighted in a month once per year</td>
<td>Public outreach, ED, chapters</td>
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<td>- Having a mobile-friendly web page</td>
<td>Webmaster</td>
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<td>- Providing better support to chapters for their public events</td>
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<td>- Coordinating with other Provincial Heritage Organizations and heritage organizations such as Save Ontario Shipwrecks, the Ontario Marine Heritage Committee, and Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals so that we are present at their events and we can work towards a coordinated unified voice for heritage preservation in Ontario</td>
<td>President, ED, Public outreach, Membership recruitment, Advocacy</td>
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By 2024 we will provide leadership in the archaeology sector with respect to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples by

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<td>- Having formal alliances with PTOs and independent FNs</td>
<td>R3 committee and president</td>
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<td>- Having facilitated development of lasting relationships between FNs and archaeologists and chapters that are locally based</td>
<td>R3 committee, president, chapter executives</td>
<td>2018-2020</td>
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<td>- Having examined the Ontario Heritage Act for areas that need to be addressed in order to be consistent with UNDRIP and the TRC and having lobbied the Ontario government to make these changes (maybe together with the Ontario Historical Society and other PHOs?)</td>
<td>R3 committee and president, advocacy</td>
<td>2018-2024</td>
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<td>- Having developed a reconciliation space on our web page that details reconciliation projects such as Field Liaison Representative (FLR) training and “Mush Hole” type work and provides opportunities for involvement</td>
<td>R3 committee and president, webmaster, outreach committee</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>- Having a standing program for FLR training and a roster of trainers</td>
<td>R3 committee and president, outreach,</td>
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<td>o Fundraise for materials to support these</td>
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<td>- Having examined all of our policies and procedures to ensure that they are</td>
<td>R3 committee, board, and vice-president</td>
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<td>- Having developed a subcommittee of the Reconciliation, Restitution and Reclama-</td>
<td>R3 committee</td>
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<td>and how this could be changed</td>
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<td>- Having developed protocols for what happens when members do not abide by the</td>
<td>R3 committee, board, professional chapter</td>
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<td>Statement of Ethical Principles</td>
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**By 2024 we will have demonstrated leadership on best practices for archaeology in the province by**

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<th>Responsible Parties</th>
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<td>- Providing feedback to MTCS with respect to the Standards and Guidelines</td>
<td>Advocacy, Best Practices committee</td>
<td>2022</td>
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<td>through a series of white papers developed by subcommittees of the OAS</td>
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<td>- Developing a standing space within the symposium for skill development</td>
<td>Public outreach, membership recruitment</td>
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<td>workshops for archaeologists, particularly field technicians</td>
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<td>- Establishing a professional chapter of the OAS with clearly articulated</td>
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<td>- Launching and funding a “project of the year” that supports increasing</td>
<td>Public outreach committee</td>
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**By 2024 we will have improved our service to archaeologists and OAS members by**

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<td>- Increasing our membership base within the student and field technician</td>
<td>Public outreach, Membership recruitment</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>sector through initiatives that are appealing to these groups</td>
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<td>- Reaching a threshold of a minimum of 10% of symposium presentations</td>
<td>Membership recruitment, Symposium</td>
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<td>Publishing theme issues in Arch Notes that deal with the practice of archaeology in the province (i.e., Environmentally sustainable archaeological field practice, Technology in the field, etc.)</td>
<td>Publications, AN editor</td>
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<td>Reducing the number of issues of Arch Notes from 6 to 4, while focusing on providing more in-depth content</td>
<td>Publications, AN editors</td>
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<td>Ensuring that temporary positions (Student Employment Program) provide archaeological experience to students and align with our strategic plan and that opportunities are provided to students from across the province</td>
<td>President, Board, ED</td>
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**By 2024 we will have improved our internal management systems by**

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<td>Reducing the number of face-to-face board meetings from 6 per year to 4 per year, better allowing for regional representation and better use of BOD time</td>
<td>Board, OAS</td>
<td>2020</td>
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<td>Devising better ways to use our volunteer base (shift from efforts to find speakers for many, poorly attended talks, to service on committees and presence at public events? Encourage partnerships between chapters and universities to expand the number of talks)</td>
<td>Board, chapters</td>
<td>2020</td>
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<td>Eliminating the structural deficit through expenditure reduction and/or increased revenue</td>
<td>Board, Treasurer, Fundraising committee</td>
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<td>Examining our financial expenditures and regularizing them, being mindful of the fact that we are a volunteer organization</td>
<td>Board, Treasurer</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>Undertaking an operations study to determine if there is overlap in practices and if there are ways to streamline office practice</td>
<td>President, ED, Treasurer</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>Establishing two new liaison positions who will communicate with the Director of Membership Recruitment: one student liaison and one field technician liaison</td>
<td>Membership recruitment</td>
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<td>Establishing standard responses to agencies looking for input from the OAS on matters pertaining to development</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>- Establishing a standard response to address sale of artifacts by Kijiji, eBay and various auction houses</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>- Establishing a team of people (and resources to support them) who can respond to requests for planners for presentations about protection of archaeological heritage</td>
<td>Advocacy</td>
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<td>- Establish an improved system for submission of necessary paperwork from chapters (MOU, financial statements) that works for both the office and the chapters</td>
<td>Chapters</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>- Provide space at the symposium (and elsewhere?) to facilitate the exchange of ideas between chapters, so that chapters may learn about successful strategies from other chapters</td>
<td>Symposium Org. Ctte, Chapters</td>
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<td>- Re-examine awards categories and criteria to ensure that there are potential awards for deserving people</td>
<td>Membership services</td>
<td>2019</td>
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<td>- Establishing, supporting and defining terms of reference for the following standing committees that will report to specific board of directors and informing the membership of these committees through social media and ArchNotes:</td>
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<td>o Fundraising committee – Treasurer</td>
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<td>o Web committee – Director of Public Outreach</td>
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<td>o Awards evaluation committee (for Sonstenes and Publications) – Director of Membership Services</td>
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<td>o Reconciliation, Reclamation, Restitution – President (?)</td>
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<td>o Human resources – President</td>
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<td>o Best Practices – Chapter services (with membership from the professional chapter)</td>
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### Committees and Goals

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<td>- Establish and implement a bequest request program</td>
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<td>- At the start of each year, determine the fundraising priorities of the organization and recruit individuals to assist with these priorities</td>
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<td>- Carry out targeted fundraising in June and on Giving Tuesday</td>
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<td><strong>Grant writing committee (supplemental to PHO and SEP)</strong></td>
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<td>- With the BOD determine priorities for grants</td>
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<td>- Determine the types of grants the OAS could be eligible to apply for</td>
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<td>- Work with the symposium committee to identify potential grant possibilities for the symposium</td>
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<td>- If successful, write grant reports</td>
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<td><strong>Web committee</strong></td>
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<td>- Examine available software options that are alternatives to Wild Apricot</td>
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<td>- Assist with coding for mobile option or transition to new platform</td>
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<td>- Establish reconciliation section on web page</td>
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<td>- Recruit archaeologists to edit pages on Ontario Archaeology</td>
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<td>- Devise a strategy and timeline for advertising the Sonstenes award to potential student applicants</td>
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<td>- Determine eligibility for nominations for publication award (i.e., not self-published?)</td>
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<td>- Provide recommendations to the board on which</td>
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applicants/nominees should be awarded the Sonstenes award and the publication award from 2019

**Reconciliation, Reclamation, Restitution**  
President  
- Establish agreements with PTOs 2019  
- Examine internal policy and practice 2020  
- Study archaeological terminology 2021  
- Nurture and facilitate relationship building between FNs/FN orgs and local archaeologists 2019 and ongoing

**Human Resources**  
President  
- Outline with the ED a semi-annual work plan and evaluate the progress on the work plan on a semi-annual basis 2019  
- Draft applications for the SEP that align with OAS priorities, as outlined here 2019

**Best Practices**  
President  
- Examine the standards and guidelines and define working groups (subcommittees) to evaluate the current practice and write working papers on different aspects of the S and Gs (and technical bulletins?) 2022  
  - Survey  
  - Indigenous engagement  
  - Artifact analysis  
  - Specialist analysis  
  - Northern Ontario

*originally published in Arch Notes September/October 2018*
This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 and some information on trends and activities during the current year that affect the financial position of the OAS.

Upon consultation with the accounting firm, Weinberg & Gaspirc, CPA LLP, it was decided that a ‘Notice to Reader’ engagement would be conducted on the 2017 fiscal year, as was done for 2016. The financial statements included with this report present the 2017 financial information of the OAS, as prepared by Weinberg & Gaspirc.

Comments on the financial results of the year ending December 31, 2017:

Membership revenue increased 10% over 2016 ($25,133 vs $22,758), with a total of 700 members. Subscription revenue to the *Ontario Archaeology* (OA) journal increased only minimally ($3,885 from $3,831), staying approximately 15% lower than subscription level three to five years ago.

Donations in 2017 totaled just under $1,000, with one additional Life membership subscription.

We continue to focus attention on fundraising as demonstrated by this year’s campaign in June directed to raising donations for the Awards Fund. Fundraising is an element of our newly formulated Strategic Plan.

**2017 OAS Symposium**

The 2017 symposium, “From Truth to Reconciliation: Redefining Archaeology in Ontario” was organized by the OAS and took place in Brantford. Total registration was 318, including 75 representatives of Indigenous communities who attended the Nations United opening session at the symposium. The Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sport provided a grant of $26,550 towards facilitation and logistical support of Indigenous participation at the symposium and production of a final report on the Nations United plenary session, detailing outcome and results.

Symposium corporate sponsorships and donations totaled $12,250 and individual donations $840. Silent Auction proceeds generated a further $1,973. The final Symposium profit figure was approximately $24,000, after factoring in the costs associated with producing the final report proceedings, completed in 2018.

After expenses, there was an overall operating surplus of $21,000 last year. This result can be attributed to the success and profit from the symposium and underscores the importance of the symposium as a source of financial contribution to the Society.

As indicated on the Statement of Operations, investment income generated last year totaled $18,640.

A statement showing the OAS Funds performance over the past five years is included below.

Comments on the preliminary financial results for the year 2017 to date:

To date, OAS membership revenue has increased by approximately 7% over 2017. Overall membership numbers have remained steady at approximately 700 members, with OA subscribers up just 3% from 2017.

As mentioned, this year’s campaign soliciting donations to the depleted Awards Fund raised $5,000 and the Futures fund received a $500 donation. No Life memberships have been subscribed to date.

A Summer Employment Program grant ($10,974) was awarded to the OAS that provided funding for three students. Their jobs included: assistance and records archiving in the OAS office; support for planning and promotion of the 2018 annual symposium; and data management assistance for archaeological collections donated to Lakehead University, Thunder Bay.

Revenue and expenses for the 2018 OAS Symposium will be processed jointly through the London and Windsor OAS Chapters, who are the co-organizers.
### The Ontario Archaeological Society

#### Balance Sheet

**As of December 31, 2017**

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September 12, 2018

Notice to Reader

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the balance sheet of Ontario Archaeological Society as at December 31, 2017 and the statement of operations for the year then ended.

We have not performed an audit or a review engagement in respect of these financial statements and, accordingly, we express no assurance thereon.

Readers are cautioned that these statements may not be appropriate for their purposes.

[Signature]

CPA LLP
Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Ontario, Canada
## Ontario Archaeological Society

### Balance Sheet

**As at December 31**

(unaudited - see Notice to Reader)

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Annual Business Meeting
# Ontario Archaeological Society

## Statement of Operations

**Year ended December 31**

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT FOR 2018

In efforts to engage new members, the OAS continues to enhance the website and social media platforms. New web pages were created in 2018 and current electronic copies of Arch Notes publications continue to be added to the publication section of the website. Social Media used by the Society shows over 1,200 Facebook followers and 756+ Twitter users.

With the appointment of Josh Dent as the OAS webmaster in 2018, the website has been improved in function and content. Job positions for OAS summer students and company job postings have also been made available. This increase in web presence has also played a vital role in the recruitment of new members.

Throughout the year, the Society’s office provides service to members and the general public. In 2018, there were over 1,200 referrals and responses to inquiries. Inquiries included: archaeological licensing; Ministry Standards and Guidelines for conducting archaeological work within the Province of Ontario; archaeology and education courses offered at secondary/post-secondary institutions; field school opportunities; guest speakers for schools and heritage organizations; and artifact discoveries and identification. The OAS Board appointed Bev Garner to assist with requests for artifact identification. Inquiries can be directed to artifacts@ontarioarchaeology.org.

2018 OAS Membership Statistics

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(Membership as of October 1, 2018)

Of the 706 Society members, demographic information was provided by 561 members as follows:

- Applied/Consultant firm/Other Professional—235;
- Academic—108;
- Avocational/Public—61;
- University/College Students—51;
- High School—1;
- Gov’t Department/Agencies—30;
- Educator/Museum/ Cultural or Heritage Centers—40;
- First Nations Communities—6;
- Other—29.

Thank you to those members who provided statistical information which helps the OAS provide feedback and communication to the membership.

Ontario Archaeology

2018 OA Journal Subscription with Membership Classification

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In January 2018, the Ottawa Chapter members coordinated the preparation and mailing of the Society’s peer reviewed journal, Ontario Archaeology (OA), Number 97, 2017. The Society’s member subscription to the Journal showed a small increase in subscriptions over the past year from 447 to 478 subscribers in 2018. A very special thank you to all contributors and Dr. Christopher Ellis for his vital role as the OA Editor.

Arch Notes

Arch Notes, the Society’s bi-monthly newsletter to members, continued steady distribution in 2018. Six publications were sent by email to 570 + members with 150 hard copies distributed. A reduction of print copies supports the Society’s goal of ‘green’ distribution. The distribution of Arch Notes reaches a very large audience from members who reside across Canada to 30+ institution members throughout the United States. A special thank you to Carole Stimmell and Sheryl Smith for their continued role as Arch Notes Editors.

Provincial 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 and they are open to the public. Chapters produce newsletters and special publications, coordinate public archaeology days, participate in outreach community events; promoting the work of the Society.
Summer Employment Program

In April 2018, the Society received a Summer Experience Program Grant (SEP) from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. This grant enabled the Society to hire three summer students:

Kimberly Giles—Archaeological Data Management Assistant, Lakehead University, Thunder Bay; she was supervised by William Ross (Director of Membership) and Dr. Scott Hamilton. The focus of the position was to assist the OAS in preserving and recording archaeological heritage in the Province of Ontario. This was done through registering of archaeological sites based on materials collected by amateur archaeologists;

Zsofia Agoston Villalba—Assistant Symposium Coordinator, Museum of Ontario Archaeology, London; she was supervised by Jim Keron, 2018 Symposium Chair and Amy St. John (Director of Chapter Services). Zsofia assisted with the planning and promotion of the Society’s yearly Symposium, “Connections and Pathways through the Past” to be held November 9–11 in Chatham, Ontario; and

Justin D’Souza—Digitizing and Archiving Assistant, OAS head office, Toronto; he was supervised by Debbie Steiss (OAS Treasurer) and Lorie Harris (Executive Director). Justin completed the indexing of OAS archival records started in 2017 through a previous SEP grant. Justin also located and digitized 70% of the OAS symposium programs (1974 to 2017). These have been uploaded to the OAS website.

All three students excelled in their positions and provided valuable 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 SEP supervisors—William Ross, Amy St. John, Debbie Steiss, Dr. Scott Hamilton and Jim Keron—for your role in supervising the students.

A special thank you to Kim, Zsofia and Justin for your valuable contributions this summer. The Society benefited greatly from the work you accomplished. Thank you to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport for your continued support.

In July, the OAS Executive Board of Directors renewed the Executive Director part time contract for an additional year. The office is 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. Thank you to Margaret Ann Fecteau and Chris MacDonald for their yearly assistance at the annual symposium.

Volunteers

Volunteers are integral to the growth and success of The Ontario Archaeological Society. In 2018, 9,735 volunteer hours were contributed by Society Members. The Executive Board of Directors 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: Paul Racher—Past President and Bill Fox—Director of Heritage Advocacy. 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 2019.

Lorie Harris

Sheryl Smith and Mima Kapches took the honours at the 2018 Symposium. Dr. Kapches was given the J V. Wright Award while Sheryl was awarded the Emerson Silver Medal.

November 10, 2018
DIRECTORS’ REPORTS FOR 2018

VICE-PRESIDENT’S REPORT

After two years on the Executive of the OAS, I still find the job very interesting and challenging, and I enjoy working with my fellow and very dedicated Board members. My primary role continues to be as Secretary and ensuring that Board meeting minutes are properly recorded and archived. One initiative this year is to make the Board meetings more transparent by publishing the minutes on our website.

This year the President has been moving forward with the formulation of a new strategic plan for the OAS, and I am looking forward over my next two-year term to working with everyone else involved to implement this plan for the betterment of the OAS.

Rob Pihl

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

In my third year as Board member I have enjoyed working with both the Board and communicating with executive from various Chapters. I am proud of the direction the OAS is moving in and look forward to communicating with Chapter members and executives about moving the organization into the future.

As Director of Chapter Services, I have continued to solicit information from each Chapter Executive and search out the talks, events and meetings so that we can share all these great events on the website and in Arch Notes. It is wonderful how Chapters continue the legacy of OAS public outreach. The variety and depth of speaker series at Chapter meetings has also been impressive this year. I applaud all the volunteers that keep the Chapters active.

I’ve spent time this year reworking the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Chapters and the provincial body to update the MOU to uphold our recently updated statement of ethics. I hope we can make the responsibilities between Chapters and the provincial organization more transparent. I have been continuing to compile a speaker list and have been working on trying to make some digital talks available to Chapters.

I had the pleasure of attending the successful 2017 symposium hosted by the OAS Board and I enjoyed meeting with Chapter members and executive at the social events there. I look forward to attending, visiting with you all, and sharing ideas at the 2018 symposium. I have been busy writing my dissertation throughout the 2017-18 year, but I hope to have more time to visit other Chapters and finish OAS projects in the following year. Over the remainder of 2018 and into the 2019 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.

Amy St. John

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE ADVOCACY

In reviewing my OAS files for the last year, I noted with interest a suggestion made in my covering note for the Heritage Advocacy report submitted in 2017. I proposed that the time had come for a “young, more energetic incumbent,” given my “rather thin” report…but more of that later.

Last November, I worked with President Paul Racher to identify Ontario artifacts listed for sale at the Bonham auction house in San Francisco and enlist the support of the Province and National Museum of History in support of protests by Indigenous organisations. In the end, the ethnographic items and government documents were withdrawn from sale. Similar issues were raised during continuing attempts to sell Ontario artifacts (and replicas) on line at sites such as Kijiji and eBay. I was able to provide clarification to our board and Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) staff concerning the application of the Ontario Heritage Act to artifact/collection sales, and present further information concerning the weak state of Federal legislated protection outside of lands in National Parks, National Historic Sites, and Canals. While Canada accepted in 1978 the UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property – 1970, there has been no evident consideration of its application to Ontario’s archaeological ‘treasures’.

Further liaison with Indigenous communities involved the creation of a Canada Summer Jobs position for the archeological collection management program at the Woodland Cultural Centre museum in Brantford. Gary Warrick of WLU, and Paula Whitlow (Director) and Tara Froman (Collections Manager) had worked with our President Alicia and myself to establish the student position funding. Sadly, a lack of applicants defeated the proposal this year; however, an October meeting has been organized to strategize about recruitment next year. Advice was also provided to an Indigenous individual from Killarney concerning a response to an unregulated development project adjacent to the Killarney Bay 1 site.

Annual Business Meeting
Finally, the writer participated in a monitor training session in June, organized by the Department of Consultation and Accommodation, Mississaugas of the New Credit and the OAS board. This year the OAS was circulated with the usual range of Provincial development notices (MNR Parks projects, Ontario Hydro transmission lines, etc.), and I worked with our Executive Director, Lorie, to review previous OAS responses, in an attempt to generate a template. The Advocacy file now includes some well drafted examples penned by former board members, such as Peter Popkin and Tony Stapells. Concerns communicated to the OAS by the public included a pending subdivision development on a purported 1812 battle field in Fort Erie, which could have contained unmarked graves. Given the variety of potential CRM consultant methodologies and outcomes, a ‘neighbourhood watch’ approach was proposed. Ultimately, monitored topsoil stripping to identify grave shafts was approved by MTCS. The latest municipal challenge has involved a request to the Windsor Parks department by the ‘Sunparlour Treasure Seekers’ for a permit to metal detect on their lands. Previous historical research for an archaeological master plan and archaeological mitigation related to local development, such as the Ambassador Bridge project, have documented the rich Indigenous and Euro-Canadian heritage of the Detroit River corridor, including numerous unmarked Indigenous grave sites, which often contain metal grave goods. A proposed ‘rubber stamp’ for the permit appears to be on hold due to protests from the OAS executive and a local Indigenous community.

Response to the ‘Old Collections’ initiative (see Arch Notes 22[6]) has included a call for help from member Stan Wortner regarding assistance in the curation of his and other local artifact collections. An attempt was also made to develop a strategy for detailed recording of the Troup collection, prior to its demise; however, little progress has occurred to date. On a more positive note, a large collection stored in a Sarnia garage has been transferred to Trent University, where it is being processed for long term curation and being studied by an M.A. graduate student. I look forward to the establishment of an OAS advisory committee dedicated to the development of a strategy for legacy collection management.

Otherwise, not a great deal was accomplished, other than the high point of my year – organizing the presentation of a 50 year OAS membership pin and certificate to Paul Lennox in January at Norview Lodge in the Town of Simcoe (see Arch Notes 23[1]). As Paul is a long-term archaeological colleague and friend, this was a particularly enjoyable event, not only for myself, but also Gary Warrick and, of course, Past President Paul Racher, and well deserved!

Returning to the concept of ‘thin reports’, I began to be convinced over the course of this year that I had not been adequately discharging my duties for this important OAS portfolio. My many other archaeological commitments did not allow the time, nor did I have the energy of four decades ago to promote archaeological heritage conservation within a development context. Consequently, I tendered my resignation during the September board meeting and look forward to the recruitment of a “young, more energetic incumbent”!

Bill Fox

DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP AND RECRUITMENT

This year, 2018, has been a productive one for membership and recruitment. My contributions to the OAS this year have focused on promotion of the society, re-examining and updating our membership categories and aiding in fundraising initiatives. Since 2016, I have organized the OAS table at the ROM’s Archaeology Day. We were a part of this event again this October (Oct. 21) to raise awareness of the society and its work. In April, I attended the ‘Heritage in Halton’ conference to promote the society and to learn about the structure and initiatives of other similar heritage management groups in southern Ontario. As a member of the Outreach Committee, I am also involved in other promotional events for the society that will be held over the next year.

I have also focused on re-examining the membership categories we offer and the creation of a new three-year membership category, bringing our membership scheme in line with those of other heritage societies. This work has also included obtaining more benefits for members, such as discounts for entry to museums; these will be announced in greater detail once they have been confirmed.

Finally, with other directors and members I contributed my efforts to fundraising for the OAS. The June Giving Challenge was more successful than expected and we were able to raise above our target. In addition, the logo competition was opened earlier this year, and it has enabled the society to gain a new design to include on promotional materials next year. I continue to work with the administration team to help maintain our Facebook and Twitter pages.

The coming year will be my sixth and final year as Director of Membership and Recruitment. During this, I look forward to continue supporting our membership, building more opportunities for recruitment, and to further develop our visibility in the province.

Dana Millson

November 10, 2018
DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES

To start with I would like to make it known that the Board of Directors encourage OAS members to nominate people who they feel are worthy candidates for any of the various awards given out by the Ontario Archaeological Society.

The board, in discussions over a couple of our meetings identified an issue with the two Kenyon awards in that they did not seem to be awarded very often and that they appeared to be sort of ‘second best’ awards. With Bill Fox, who had worked extensively with both Tim and Ian Kenyon, we considered how to best honour the memory of the Kenyons who had contributed so much to Ontario Archaeology. We realized that there was no award that recognized contributions in historical archaeology and so that became the theme for the new “Tim and Ian Kenyon Award”. Special thanks to Bill Fox for drafting the new guidelines which have been approved by the board and can be found on the OAS website.

The Board is looking at other awards to determine if there are categories that we don’t recognize at the present so that in the future we can recognize other deserving members of the Society.

The Board is also looking at establishing committees to evaluate nominations for the publications and Sonstenes awards.

Over the summer, I supervised, along with Dr. Scott Hamilton, Clarence Surette and others, a student under the Summer Employment Program. The purpose of the program was to document archaeological sites that had originally been well plotted on a series of maps and assigned Borden numbers by an unlicensed avocational who of course couldn’t submit Borden forms but had catalogued all the artifacts with his own Borden numbers. He was quite careful not to duplicate any official Borden numbers and upon his passing donated his collection to Lakehead University. This collection included several thousand artifacts including a massive number of native copper artifacts.

Someone on the committee (which eventually numbered some seven members, both professionals and licenced and unlicensed amateurs) had or have actually been to each of the collector’s sites so we were confident of locational data and will submit the completed Borden forms so that the material donated to Lakehead University will not have to be re-catalogued.

The student did a great job and even managed to find errors in some current Bordenized sites that will be corrected as part of the project. Work was conducted under a PIF obtained by the author.

It has been a fruitful year.

Bill Ross

DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH

This year the major outreach focus of the OAS has been to expand its social media profile. We began the year by introducing an official Social Media Policy for the society, to protect all our members and participants on social media from bullying and harassment. Next, we created a Facebook Page to more easily link our Facebook activities to our website. Additionally, we have begun to make a greater use of our Twitter account to engage with our members and showcase accomplishments within our archaeological community. Finally, we have created an Instagram account which we are eager to begin using to share snapshots of interesting projects throughout the province, as well as to share our memories of important past archaeological projects of Ontario.

Our website now has a regular blog series, Connections and Pathways thanks very much to Megan Conger!

Right now, we are in the process of putting together an Outreach Committee for the OAS which will be able to organize outreach events, as well as take on running various media meant for the exchange of ideas within our community.

Kaitlyn Malleau

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

This first year of my directorship was primarily taken up with becoming more familiar about the functioning of the OAS and learning about the publications portfolio. The editorship of Ontario Archaeology continued this year in Professor Ellis very capable hands, and Arch Notes was similarly fortunate to have Sheryl Smith and Carole Stimmell as joint editors, producing (at time of writing) five editions since last December.

The most significant task this year was updating the OAS publications policy to ensure it is in accordance with the revised OAS Statement of Ethnical Principles. While the updated publication policy remains substantially the same, now, via a new author agreement form, those submitting publications to OA are asked to confirm that a pre-publication version of their submission has been submitted to the relevant descendant community/communities.

Further, if the paper addresses or depicts human remains or material culture associated with human remains, informed consent for the publication of that information should be obtained from the relevant descendant community/communities prior to publication in OA.

This change may be seen by some as an unwelcome restriction on the dissemination of information; but the Board and I were unanimous in believing it is the right thing to do to en-
sure that OAS publications adhere to the goals of reconciliation and that descendent communities are properly consulted before the publication of material that is meaningful to their constituents.

Finally, to ensure that publication in OA is made as widely accessible as possible and as well to conform to Social Science and Humanities Research Council guidelines (amongst others) requiring free access to publicly funded research, we have changed the date after which we provide open access to OA to one year less a day after publication. Members continue to receive the journal before the public; and by enabling open access after a year we anticipate that this will widen the journal’s reach.

James Conolly

CHAPTER REPORTS FOR 2018

GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

The Chapter has been active this year in its core programming, volunteer activities, and outreach. Members continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month (September through April) at the University of Waterloo, and have heard so far this year engaging talks by Jean-Francois Millaire (Western University), Robert Wojtowicz (Archaeological Services Inc.), Chris Langlois (ASI), Frances Stewart (University of New Brunswick), and Paul Racher (Archaeological Research Associates).

Chapter members have also availed themselves of numerous volunteer opportunities, including the ARA-led excavations at the former Mohawk Institute in Brantford, the OAS London Chapter-led Messenger Site excavations at Lake Whittaker near Harrietsville, and the University of Waterloo excavations at the Iler Earthworks near Harrow. Finally, the Chapter is continuing its outreach activities at both UW and Wilfred Laurier University and on social media.

Christopher Watts

HURONIA CHAPTER

Speakers Program

Our regular meetings take place at the Midland Public Library at 7 pm each month of the year to provide a forum on archaeological issues and projects that the chapter might be able to generate such as funding, public awareness and hands on projects involving chapter members. So far we have had Sarah Clarke, Deb Foran, Trevor Carter, John Raynor, Bill Finlayson, Ken Armson, Mary Thornbush with future speakers Doug Hunter, Gaisis About, and our 2019 elections scheduled for 2018.

Finances

We currently have $9,895.28 in the bank as of the end of July, and 28 members of whom I would say that 15 are regular attendees of our meetings and activities.

Future Projects

Taverns and Tombstones: This is an initiative to locate the original Penetanguishene Road and its associated burial sites within the Town of Penetanguishine and try to work with local planners to preserve old road allowances and cemeteries.

Ongoing

Jones Site Preservation: The Town of Midland will be getting the property containing a 14th Century Huron/Wendat Village shortly. Several members are working with the Town to determine long range land use planning. Ongoing

Archaeological Management Plan for Simcoe County: Several chapter members have attended public hearings related to the first ever AMP for Simcoe County. Working with Eric Beales, Rob McDonald and Ron Williamson, the chapter is pleased to play a supportive role in seeing this plan created to preserve the archaeological record of Huronia and Simcoe County.

Field Schools in Huronia: Bonnie Glencross conducted field work at the Ahatsistari Site in May/June of this year. Her students attended the June presentation and several members went out into the field to meet with her.

Kimberly Monk conducted a two week project at Discovery Harbour and is hopeful that a full underwater program can be offered for the 2019 year.

Future Projects

A book on “The Archaeology of Andrew Frederick Hunter, MA” is being considered. The idea is to reprint all of Hunter’s reports and a bibliography for 2020 or later.

The chapter is working with the Simcoe County Archives to ensure that the Barrie Examiner and the Orillia Packett and Times newspapers are preserved as both of these publications shut down this year.

John Raynor continues to monitor e-data, twitter and other social media web sites, and the chapter answers a number of requests and information pertaining to archaeology.

Jamie Hunter

November 10, 2018
This year the chapter in conjunction with the Windsor Chapter is hosting the 2018 OAS Symposium and a lot of effort has gone into the planning for this event. The overall theme is Connections and Pathways Through Time. The major theme session this year is titled ‘Connecting Black History and Archaeology’ and we are partnering with two Black History organizations. Other sessions include Archaeology of Chatham-Kent and Environs and The Archaeology of Water in Ontario.

One significant change this year is to the format of the ‘banquet’ which will be more open and interactive. There will not be a sit-down, meat and potatoes, dinner plate. Instead the event will take on more of a ‘reception’ format which will allow more interaction between people as opposed to the generational split we saw last year with the anti-banquet. There will still be enough food to qualify as a meal and the formal OAS award presentations will still take place and entertainment will be interspersed. And most important of all is the cost of the meal will be $25 and hopefully not be enough to discourage students and CRM field workers from attending.

In July our annual picnic was again held at the Longwoods Conservation Area, done in conjunction with the annual archaeology day/artifact identification day at Longwoods. As usual Director Nancy Van Sas organized the London Chapter activities and food contributions. There were plenty of hot dogs and sausages cooked to perfection by Karen Mattila of Longwoods (and a long-term chapter member!), the southwestern Ontario flint knappers were present to do a series of knapping demonstrations with several of the conservation area visitors trying their hand. A large number of collections of artifacts, found mainly locally and often quite extensive, were brought in for identification by chapter life member and current Chapter President Chris Ellis, assisted by other chapter members such as Chris Watts and Stan Wortner. We lost count by about 15 collections, some of which were quite large, and there was no break in doing these in the three afternoon hours allotted, making this one of the most successful events in recent memory. Late Woodland finds were common as is always the case, but there was a very consistent representation in the collections of Early Woodland (Meadowood) materials and while rare, several Hi-Lo Late...
Working with the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority, members of the London Chapter help survey the Messenger Site.

Paleo artifacts and even a couple of artifacts that Chris Ellis was convinced were of fluted point age.

This is the second year of the chapter working with the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) to define the extent of the Messenger Site (AfHf-3), a precontact early Neutral village site located on Conservation Authority property near Lake Whittaker. We continued our test pit assessment in spring and expanded the excavations to include test units to better define the settlement patterns of the site. The eastern and southern limits of the site within the property are well defined but additional test pitting in the north and west is required. The site does extend east into the adjacent property, but it is not clear to what extent. In the late spring, representatives of the Oneida of the Thames First Nations and KCCA staff joined us for a tour of the site and an overview of our results thus far. In late June our results were presented to the KCCA board, and we continued our excavations of the site throughout the rest of the summer and into the fall of 2018.

Our monthly speaker nights on the second Thursday have again been well attended with 20 or more people showing up. Speakers have covered not only the archaeology of Ontario but also of more exotic places ranging from Peru to the Solomon Islands, and we already have speakers lined up for our fall meetings.

We continue to be quite behind in issuing our newsletter, the KEWA, due to a lack of submissions, but elsewhere on the publications front we have been regularly selling electronic disc copies of our KEWA issues from 1977-2007 and The Archaeology of Southern Ontario to AD 1650 volume.

Jim Keron

OTTAWA CHAPTER

First, I would like to recognize publicly all the efforts of the Ottawa Chapter Executive for being active over the past year. It is important to thank our members who participate and volunteer their time on various events and activities. Your membership and participation make a positive approach on the archaeology and heritage in the Capital region.

Over the past year, the OAS Ottawa Chapter was active again with many organizations: National Capital Commission, CHOO/COPO, Bonnechere Provincial Park, City of Ottawa, Ottawa Riverkeepers, Ottawa University and Archéo-Quebec. Those institutions look for support and ad-
The Executive submitted the reports, Memorandum of Understanding and newsletters to the OAS. In the coming year, OAS Ottawa Chapter will continue to work, collaborate with all heritage institutions in Ottawa and beyond.

This year again in August 2018, Archéo-Québec featured Le mois d’archéologie/Archaeology month, which crossed the Ottawa River for the fifth time this year. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of History, 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 five years the archaeology month has been an Ottawa-Gatineau region rendezvous.

Social media such as Twitter @OttawaOAS, Facebook and Meet-up added to our web site, which provides information about archaeology in the Ottawa/Gatineau Area as well as Chapter and OAS activities. We continue to distribute business cards and pamphlets at public events. We still receive enquiries from the public each month on our email address.

Executive news:

André Miller, Chapter President continues to represent the OAS Ottawa Chapter on the Board of Directors of Association des Archéologues professionnels du Québec (AAQ) as the chair of the Nomination and Award Committee for Students this year. André attended the AAQ Colloque in Magog, Québec in May 2018.

Our membership continues to hold a good participation with 50 to 60 members, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. About 150 people, altogether, attended our Thursday night monthly meetings last fall and winter 2017 and represent both a core of long-term supporters and many new observers from the public. Communication with members rely on direct e-mails from the President e-mail and on the Ottawa Archaeologist newsletter, which is published several times per year; it is distributed mainly by e-mail but is also available on our web site.

The 2018 Ottawa Chapter Executive included: President—André Miller; Vice President—Stacey Girling-Christie; Treasurer—Bill MacLennan; our new Secretary—Carol Pritchard; Directors at Large—Bradley Drouin, Elizabeth Imrie, Ben Mortimer, Glenna Roberts and Sarah Taylor; Newsletter Editor—Marian Clark; Webmaster—Yvon Riendeau; and Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award—Lois King.

Public Outreach:

On July 15th, 2018, Ottawa Chapter members Marian Clark, Bill McLeland, Glenna Roberts and few other members took part in Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Provincial Park with a hands-on display, flint knapping, ceramic workshop and pot-making. It was held outside of the Davenport Building with the collaboration of park staff. It was a great success for all, with at least 90 participants from the public (kids and adults).

The following is the fall 2018 line-up for our OAS speakers at Routhier Community Centre:

- Thursday, October 18, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Canadians And The Founding Of The Society For American Archaeology, 1934-1942, Dr. Mima Kapches.
- Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. Archaeology Award from KLMHC Archaeological Heritage.
in the Rouge Valley: Rouge National Urban Park of Canada, Dr. Jenneth Curtis

André Miller

PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER

Since the last annual report, our chapter has continued its mandate to bring an awareness of the ethical practice of archaeology to Peterborough and region. Our membership hovers around 40 but our ‘friends’ list stretches to over 200!

After a period of several years’ service, Tom Mohr stepped back as President at our Christmas meeting but took on the VP role instead. Executive for the OAS Peterborough Chapter in 2018 is: President—Sheryl Smith; Vice-President—Tom Mohr; Treasurer—Deb Mohr; Secretary—Dirk Verhulst; Directors—Pat Dibb, Julie Kapyrka, Morgan Tamplin and Kate Dougherty; OAS Liaison—Bill Fox (ex-officio). The executive is a devoted group that contributes many hours to our involvement in the community. Every year, chapters are asked by the OAS office to estimate the number of volunteer hours given. This is to bolster the Provincial Heritage Organizations grant we seek from the government each year. I was astounded to come up with an estimate of almost 1,900 hours given by our group!

Chapter meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month except July and August. We have had a varied list of speakers on many topics since the last report. Especially, we welcomed up and coming young professionals and graduate students from Trent University to practise their speaking and presentation skills. Other chapter members such as Dr. Bob Pearce and Dr. Cathy Mathias also spoke to us, as did Dr. Dena Doroszenko from the Ontario Heritage Trust. The highlight of January’s meeting was a members Storytelling Night, honouring an Anishinaabe tradition. Stories were funny, ironic, interesting, and even a bit sad (one recounted a gash on the head). In keeping with reconciliation efforts, we also acknowledge the ancestral and treaty territories of the Indigenous people of the area at each meeting.

The chapter is able to represent its mandate to the general

Peterborough Chapter member Tom Mohr and Captain Mike Eckersley joined Bill Fox on a shoreline hunt for Balsam Lake chert
public in other ways, too. We secured a booth at the indoor Gem and Mineral Show in Peterborough this past March and met hundreds of people who wandered in to see the artifacts, talk about sites, and take-home information. We also had a booth at the Kinmount Fall Fair in September with the same purpose.

One of the unique strengths of this chapter, to my mind, is its commitment to publishing. With two books already out there, namely *Peterborough Archaeology* and *A Block in Time*, we have embarked on a third one: the story of the Brock Street Burial from 1960 to the present day. The ancestor found during work on a city parking lot spurred a lot of interest at the time, but his influence continues today as we discuss how we report, respect, and honour the dead. Part One of the book will be the report on follow-up excavations by Pat and Gord Dibb at the site in 2003. Part Two will be selected documents, reports, letters and photos from the repatriation of the ancestor (of the Point Peninsula tradition) to Curve Lake First Nation in 1991 – a national precedent. Part Three will be a dozen contributed new articles about what we have learned in the intervening years. Indigenous perspectives and those of others involved will put the site and its importance into context. There is a multi-component history here, from Archaic times to 19th century commercial and residential occupation. We will also be including a Teacher’s Guide and curriculum pointers.

The City of Peterborough supports its arts, culture, social and recreational groups with small and large grants to encourage clubs and organizations to grow. Each year since our inception in 2010 we have applied for small grants to assist us in our outreach. The money received augments our membership income and what we raise by selling our books. It enables us to bring in speakers, pay modest honouraria and front the costs of publication. I know we are luckier than many other chapters in this regard. We also benefit from our association with Trent University which provides us with willing student participants and meeting space. Fleming College here also runs two museum-oriented diploma programmes: one in artifact conservation and one in museum management. Many of the Fleming students have archaeology backgrounds and so the generations continue.

I salute our executive members who participate in other heritage organizations on our behalf. We take part in the Trent University Archaeological Research Centre (TUARC), the Peterborough Electric City Culture Council, the Kawartha Heritage Network, the Peterborough Historical Society, and the Selwyn Municipal Heritage Committee.

**THUNDER BAY CHAPTER**

Although things have been a little slow in the last year, we have continued to be active. Since September 2017, we have had three presenters and hosted a workshop.

Earlier in the year, our current Secretary/Treasurer, Dr. Jill Taylor-Hollings completed her PhD program and on November 24, 2017, she shared the work she did for her dissertation. The title of her dissertation was ‘An overview of the Archaeology, Ethnohistory, and Traditional Use of the Miskweyaabiziibee (Bloodvein River) in Northwestern Ontario’ where she investigated the archaeology of the Miskweyaabiziibee (Bloodvein River) within the Woodland Caribou Signature Site provincial park in northwestern Ontario and focused on the Late Woodland Selkirk Composite through to post-contact timeframes.

On February 2, 2018, Terry Wilson shared some of his knowledge of the archaeology of the Thunder Bay area in his talk entitled ‘An Archaeological Perspective of Sturgeon Bay and the Surrounding Area’. His talk focused on the history and archaeology of the Sturgeon Bay area based on his observations, research and artifacts collected from the area. Even though he had several fantastic photographs of artifacts from the sites from the area, he also brought several artifacts for people to view.

On March 9, 2018, Bill Ross, who is a retired archaeologist from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and founder of the Thunder Bay Chapter shared some of this knowledge accumulated from over 40 years of work dealing with local finds and collectors in a talk entitled ‘Archaeologists Never Find the Good Stuff’. Many of us realize that Bill is the keeper of a lot of knowledge for this area that no one else knows and we really need to find a way to “download his brain.”

This year the annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop was held in Thunder Bay on March 16th and 17th, 2018. The workshop focused on new technologies such as 3D scanners, printers and techniques of residue removal. Several people also brought various rare and interesting artifacts for people to view and learn about. Several university students and faculty, local collectors and people from Minnesota, Michigan, and Wisconsin were in attendance for a very successful workshop.

Meetings are scheduled to resume near the end of October 2018.

*Bill Ross*

*Sheryl Smith*

**Annual Business Meeting**
The Toronto Chapter hosted a full series of talks and demonstrations this year. Thanks mainly to the efforts of our Vice President and Convenor, Christine Caroppo, members were able to hear speakers on a wide array of topics of archaeological interest. January is members’ night and Dr. Mima Kapches, Jane Simer and Neal Gray recounted their recent visits to sites in Sicily, Greece and Rome. In February Craig Cipolla, Associate Curator of North American Archaeology at the Royal Ontario Museum discussed aspects of the recent exhibition of Viking materials at the ROM. Dr. Carla Parslow, Associate Senior Archaeologist with Golder Associates brought the focus much closer to home with a discussion in March of ‘Water Level Management on the Rainy River and Indirect Impacts to Archaeological Sites’. In April Robert von Bitter, Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and Chris Menary, Toronto Region Conservation Authority talked about the importance of maps and illustrations in understanding The French Mission of Kenté. In May Dr. Mima Brown Kapches discussed her research on Canadians who were involved in the Early Years of the formation of the SAA.
The Society for American Archaeology (From 1934-1941).

Monthly meetings returned in September after a summer hiatus with Douglas Hunter, award-winning author, PhD. (history) York University discussing his work on the Beardmore sword: ‘The Viking Hoax that Scandalized the Royal Ontario Museum’. In October Carla Parslow, spoke on the ‘The Unexpected Finds at AhHa-317, a Late Woodland Habitation Site in Hamilton, Ontario’ including an unusual artifact, a penis pestle.

Upcoming talks will include Dr. Peter Russell, Curator Emeritus, University of Waterloo Earth Sciences Museum discussing Shirley’s Box: The Highgate Mastodon Story.

Symposium 2019

The Toronto Chapter’s biggest challenge for the next year is organizing the 2019 symposium in Toronto. While Toronto has many amenities that will appeal to those considering coming to the symposium, it is also large and expensive. The chapter hopes with work closely with the University of Toronto Department of Anthropology and the Arch Centre. Currently being discussed is the theme of the symposium, which may have a focus on doing urban archaeology.

The chapter would not run nearly so well without the assistance of our executive and volunteers. A special shout out to Christine Caroppo, our secretary Neal Gray and Kathy David.

Carole Stimmell

Windsor Chapter

The Windsor Chapter held three general meetings between July 2017 and June 2018, as well as three executive meetings, and participated in a ground penetrating radar survey.

General Meetings

On Wednesday, October 11, 2017, Darryl Dann from the OAS London Chapter gave a presentation focused on three sites he found on one property and his journey to get his avocational and research archaeological licenses. Darryl also spoke of the responsibilities that a license holder is legally obliged to follow.

On Wednesday, February 14th, 2018, Maria Cioppa, Associate Professor with the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences at the University of Windsor discussed the results of a survey conducted in the fall of 2017 with participants from the Windsor Chapter. Members used ground penetrating radar provided by the University of Windsor’s Earth Science Department to examine park land across from Assumption Church (see below).

On Wednesday, April 11, 2018, Dr. Dean Jacobs from Walpole Island First Nation gave a presentation entitled ‘From Rocks to Reconciliation: Stage 5, Are We There Yet?’. He discussed his experience of working with archaeologists over the four decades, and how far we have come and what steps we can take in support of Truth and Reconciliation through archaeological excavations.

Chapter Activity

Last fall on September 23 and 24, 2017, the Windsor Chapter members participated in a weekend of surveying with ground penetrating radar on the park land across from Assumption Church with the University of Windsor’s Earth Science Department. This adventure was led by Maria Cioppa, Associate Professor with the Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences. Ms Cioppa later joined us to present the preliminary GPR and magnetometer results from the WEDigHistory geophysics survey.

The WEDigHistory project is a Canada 150 project that focusing on ‘digging up’ the history of the Sandwich area and particularly the history of Assumption Park. Ms Cioppa is not an archaeologist, so when she speaks of ‘digging up’ the history she doesn’t mean with the use of a shovel and trowel like we would. Her tools of the trade are GPR and magnetometer, she also dug up historical information in documents.

Permission to even look at the property was only given to the university once it was agreed that they would only perform noninvasive explorations of the lands. She did not have permission to put a single shovel into the ground.

The project was funded by the Windsor Essex Community Foundation and the University of Windsor, with support from Ontario Heritage Trust, the Ontario Archaeological Society (Windsor-Essex Chapter), Sensors and Software Ltd, and the City of Windsor.

Ms Maria Cioppa would like to continue surveying the site with new machinery that the university has purchased and has invited us back this fall to help.

The Windsor Chapter Executive is sad to see Katherine Graham step down from her news editor position. She has held that position for many years and was the previous Chapter President and was on the 2012 symposium committee. Thank you Katherine it has always been a pleasure working with you!

Amanda Black
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