

# Ontario Archaeological Society



## **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

**NOVEMBER 2, 2019**

**STARTING AT 5 P.M.**

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**November 1 to 3**

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# ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



***DRAFT***  
**AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL**  
**BUSINESS MEETING**



**Saturday Nov. 2 at 5 p.m.**  
**at the Chelsea Hotel**  
**‘Rosetti A’**  
**33 Gerrard Street West, Toronto**

1. President’s opening remarks
2. Minutes of the previous meeting
3. Matters arising from these minutes
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# ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

**Saturday Nov. 10, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.**

**at the**

**John D. Bradley  
Convention Centre,  
Chatham-Kent**



**2018 Chatham-Kent**

### *DRAFT MINUTES*

#### **Board Members in attendance**

Alicia Hawkins, President  
Paul Racher, Past-President  
Rob Pihl, Vice-President  
Debbie Steiss, Treasurer  
James Conolly, Director  
Kaitlyn Malleau, Director  
Dana Millson, Director  
Bill Ross, Director  
Amy St. John, Director  
Lorie Harris, Executive Director

There were 24 OAS members in attendance (based on a total membership of 697), and six proxies were received.

#### **Call to Order (at 4:46 pm)**

President Alicia Hawkins called the meeting to order at 4:46 pm and welcomed the membership to the Annual Business Meeting. Upon motion (Rob Pihl/Dana Millson), the agenda for the 2018 OAS Annual Business Meeting (ABM) was proposed for adoption; with no discussion, the vote was called and carried. Upon motion (Rob Pihl/Josh Dent), the minutes from the 2017 ABM were proposed for adoption; with no discussion, the vote was called and carried. No matters arising from the minutes were noted.

#### **President's Report**

President Alicia Hawkins updated the membership on var-

ious OAS initiatives she has been involved with during the year:

- Surplus funding from the grant provided by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) to assist with the 'Nations United' session at the 2017 OAS on Friday was used to publish the proceedings based on a taped recording of the event. The proceedings include recommendations made by the participants and are available on the OAS website;

- Training for First Nation Field Liaison Representatives (FLR) has continued in partnership with the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and included both the production of several training modules and the supply of OAS volunteers to help with training;

- Kate Oxley, MTCS, encouraged the OAS to apply to the Ontario Trillium Foundation Grow grant program (an alternate revenue stream to offset the frozen Provincial Heritage Organization grant)—the grant requires measurable criteria for making a difference in people's lives; the OAS therefore submitted an application to provide funding to grow the FLR training program for a two-year period in Northeastern Ontario, which includes Sudbury, Manitoulin, Algoma and Cochrane; the program would work closely with the Anishinabek Nation that has many communities within the identified catchment area; the aim would be to provide information through a series of workshops about archaeology within the region—reports, publications, known site locations and replicas of representative or special artifacts;

- A 'Statement of Intent' has been signed between the OAS

and the Anishinabek Nation that seeks to establish a collaborative protocol pertaining to the repatriation of artifacts, ancestors, and the sharing of documents pertaining to their heritage; the OAS would provide documents, representative artifacts, and volunteers to help conduct the workshops.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Debbie Steiss provided an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year that ended on December 31, 2017 and some information on trends and activities during the current year that affect the financial position of the OAS. These are highlighted as follows:

Upon consultation with the OAS accountants, Weinberg & Gaspirc, a 'Notice to Reader' was conducted for the 2017 fiscal year; however, based increased revenue generated from the Trillium grant in fiscal 2018, a regular audit will likely need to be performed;

Comments regarding the financial year ending December 31, 2017:

- Year-end reporting was tabulated according to the various funds, e.g., Endowment (OAS Publication and V Sonstenes SR), Restricted (OAS Awards and Restricted Projects determined by the OAS Board) and unrestricted (OAS Future);
- A Provincial Heritage Organization (PHO) grant was received of over \$42,000 which goes towards operating activities
- A Student Employment Program grant of \$10,974 was received from the MTCS to hire three students;
- The OAS membership fee was increased by 10% over the 2016 rate and up 7% in 2018;
- The revenue from subscriptions to the journal *Ontario Archaeology* increased slightly from the previous year;
- The 2017 OAS Symposium generated a profit in excess of \$21,000, and this was facilitated by a grant of \$26,500 from the MTCS to support the First Nation session called 'Nations United', sponsorship revenue in excess of \$12,000 and over \$2,000 generated from the Silent Auction; Steiss noted that profit from the OAS Symposium is an important source of operating funds, given that the PHO grants have been frozen for the past several years;

Debbie referred to the balance sheet for the year ending December 31, 2017 that was published in the Annual Report.

Debbie noted that during an event in 2018 called June Giving, an amount in excess of \$5,000 was raised for the Awards Fund.

Upon motion (Eva MacDonald/Sheryl Smith), the 2017 Financial Statement was proposed for adoption. Jim Keron asked if interest from the publication fund could cover more than one issue of *Ontario Archaeology* per year and Debbie

Steiss responded that the accountants Weinberg & Gaspirc could advise on re-allocating some of the growth that did not originate from strictly interest-bearing investments.

Upon motion (Debbie Steiss/Jim Keron), the accounting firm of Weinberg & Gaspirc LLP was proposed for appointment to perform the OAS financial audit for the 2018 fiscal year. There was no discussion, and the vote was called and carried.

### Election of Directors

The Nomination Committee consisted of Alicia Hawkins and Paul Racher, and they were tasked with finding nominees for the two-year position of Director of Heritage Advocacy that would be vacant in 2019, as well as for the President-Elect position. Alicia was pleased to announce that they had secured two nominees: Jim Sherett has agreed to run for Director of Heritage Advocacy, and Dr. Scott Martin agreed to run for President-Elect. After further calls for nominations from the floor, the question was called and the two nominees were acclaimed.

### 2019 Symposium

Carole Stimmell announced that the 2019 OAS Symposium will be co-hosted by the OAS Toronto Chapter and the University of Toronto, Department of Anthropology Archaeological Research Centre; the theme will be based on Urban Archaeology. As yet, no date has been scheduled and a venue for the meetings is still to be determined; however, due to the high accommodation costs in Toronto, the chapter cannot guarantee a favourable rate for accommodations. The banquet site will hopefully be held in a brew pub.

### Strategic Plan

A draft version of the Strategic Plan (SP) for 2019-2024 was published on the OAS website, in a previous issue of *Arch Notes* and made available to the OAS membership in the Annual Report for the ABM. President Alicia Hawkins provided a brief background on how the draft SP was prepared, and how it reflects the two-fold Mission of the OAS to provide archaeological education and public outreach as well as leadership as to how archaeology is practised in Ontario; she also touched on some of the SP objectives, such as reducing the number of *Arch Notes* to quarterly per year and having fewer Board meetings (four per year), etc.

Sheryl Smith thanked the Board for their efforts in producing the draft SP and asked how progress towards achieving the SP goals could be measured. She advocated for the OAS Board to engage in regular communication with the OAS membership and to provide them with feedback regarding the success of the SP.

Alicia suggested that the OAS website could be used to help the membership monitor the progress of the SP and encouraged the membership to provide more volunteer help where possible, outside of serving as Directors on the board. A recurring theme is the Society does a lot of work, with not enough resources or enough financial support and thousands of hours are contributed by volunteers.

Upon motion (Neal Ferris/Matt Beaudoin), the draft Strategic Plan was proposed for adoption. With no further discussion, the vote was called and carried.

### Other Business

Upon motion (Neal Ferris/James Conolly), the OAS membership thanks the following individuals for their contributions to the OAS:

Lorie Harris, OAS Executive Director;  
 Outgoing Board of Director members—Paul Racher and

Bill Fox;

Ontario Archaeology editor—Chris Ellis and copy editor, Suzanne Needs-Howarth;

OAS Webmaster—Josh Dent;

Arch Notes co-editors—Sheryl Smith and Carole Stimmell; and

The 2018 OAS Symposium committee: Holly Martelle, Jim Keron, Josh Dent, Shari Prowse, Amanda Black and Nicole Aszalos.

The vote was called and carried.

### Adjournment

Upon motion (Matt Beaudoin/Neal Ferris), the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm. The vote was called and carried.

*Notes taken by  
 Rob Pihl, Vice President*



Visitors to the London Chapter's Archaeology Day at Longwoods Conservation Area got the opportunity to try making a stone tool under the guidance of flintknapper Darcy Fallon.

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2018

It is difficult to even know where to begin this president's report. The last year feels like a whirlwind of activities for the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) in many different areas.

Coming out of the work that we have been carrying out towards reconciliation in the last few years, one of the major areas in which OAS board members and volunteers focussed their efforts was on training workshops for Indigenous communities. All told, we mounted seven of these; three in northern Ontario which were supported by Ontario Trillium Foundation funding, and four in southern Ontario, put on entirely by volunteers.

Many different OAS members have contributed to these sessions in both the north and the south, and we are confident that these are making an impact, as we continue to receive requests to put on future training sessions. These include requests from 'repeat customers' – which I consider to be a good sign, as it indicates that the earlier sessions were well received. And we are receiving requests to put on workshops for Indigenous communities that we have not previously worked with. This I also consider to be a good sign, as it would suggest that the OAS has a reputation for providing positive training.

As the season draws to a close, we are exploring locations for the 2020 Northern Ontario trainings, and we are considering options for how to put on future volunteer sessions in southern Ontario in such a way as to not completely exhaust our excellent and generous volunteers. A huge thanks goes out to all of the people who participated, and to the Indigenous communities and other organizations that partnered in these presentations.

A second major area in which the OAS has been active this year has been with respect to advocacy. The current provincial government has put forward several proposed changes to legislation and policy that could impact archaeological heritage and has requested the input of the OAS on several occasions. The specific pieces of legislation and policy include Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (aka Bill 66), the Housing Supply Action Plan, the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 and the Provincial Policy Statement (2014). The OAS was represented at meetings on the Housing Supply Action Plan and the Provincial Policy Statement (2014). We informed the membership of the proposed changes through email and social media, and this meant that in addition to the official responses drafted by board members, a number of responses were received from members and supporters of the OAS.

Changes that would have impacted heritage under the

Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (Schedule 10 of Bill 66) were ultimately withdrawn by the government. Changes to the Ontario Heritage Act were focussed on built heritage, and while we were concerned about changes to the scheduling of heritage buildings, we were relieved that no proposed changes affected protection of archaeological sites.

At the time of writing, consultation is underway regarding the Provincial Policy Statement (2014), an important document that provides planners across the province with guidance in a number of areas. We support some of the proposed changes – specifically those that strengthen the obligation to engage with Indigenous communities. However, we note with some trepidation that proposed changes to definitions may result in sidelining the recommendations or guidelines provided in municipal archaeological management plans, particularly where these guidelines are more stringent than provincial ones. Our efforts at advocacy have been enormously strengthened by the contributions of Jim Sherratt, Peter Popkin, Holly Martelle, Paul Racher, and, most recently, our new director of Heritage Advocacy, Abbey Flower. Keep your eye on social media and on *Arch Notes*, as we can be sure that there are likely to be further proposed changes in the coming months.

For some time, there have been persistent rumours that the current Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2011) are likely to undergo revision. As a part of our current strategic plan, we aim to "Provide[e] feedback to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with respect to the Standards and Guidelines through a series of white papers developed by subcommittees of the OAS" and our stated date by which we wanted to do this was 2022.

Owing to indications that revisions could be imminent, we have moved to try to produce these white papers ahead of this schedule. A number of specialists in different aspects of archaeology have been contacted and asked to lead the drafting of white papers in the different areas. We hope to have at least some of these complete by the New Year, as we understand that a program review is now underway at the MTCS.

As an organization, the OAS is continually evaluating its needs, including our web presence, the physical office and staffing. Early in 2019, the Board completed a review of the job description for the Executive Director (ED) position with the OAS. In completing this review, the Board concluded that our expectations (as reflected in the roles and responsibilities outlined in the job description) were significantly different from the current needs of the organization. In light of that, we made the very difficult decision to let go the existing

staff person. We are in the process of undertaking a search for a new staff person with different qualifications and skills. We anticipate that this process may take some time. During that time, the Board has begun an assessment of our office space needs including examining the OAS office materials in accordance with our records retention schedule, including catching up on the transfer of files to the Ontario Archives. We sincerely thank Lorie Harris for her many years of service to the OAS.

Finally, as most OAS members will be aware, this year we lost several of our elders. Our spring-summer issue of *Arch Notes* ran memorials for Helen Devereux, Janet Cooper, and Charles Garrad. I personally was lucky enough to have known all of these people at different points in my archaeological career. Although they intersected with archaeology in different ways, they all shared a deep passion for learning about the past and this translated into a longstanding commitment to the discipline. Just this week, I found that once

again, I had cause to reference Cooper and Savage's bibliography on Ontario zooarchaeology. And a few weeks ago, at the start of term here at Laurentian, a mature student recounted to me how talented a lecturer Helen Devereux was, when the student originally attended university in the early 1980s. It is impossible, really to summarize or characterize Charlie Garrad's contribution to Ontario archaeology and to the OAS. I will say that, although he was in poor health for the entire tenure of my presidency, he repeatedly let me know that he was available – eager, in fact – to assist me in whatever way he could. We are starting a restricted fund in Charlie's name to aid avocational archaeologists to transition collections into long term stable curation facilities. And we have named a new award, one for excellence in mentorship, in Helen's name.

*Alicia Hawkins*



Sheryl Smith, President of the Peterborough Chapter, with other Peterborough Chapter members present a copy of their latest publication, ***The Ancestors Speak: Stories from the Brock Street Site***, to Chief and Councillors of Curve Lake First Nation

**November 2, 2019**

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018

This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 and some information on trends and activities during the current year that affect the financial position of the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS).

Upon consultation with the accounting firm (Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP) it was decided that an audit engagement would be conducted on the 2018 fiscal year due to the increase in revenue that year which placed the OAS well above the \$100,000 threshold for requiring an audit. The audited financial statements prepared by Weinberg & Gaspirc are included with this report.

## Comments on the financial results of the year ending December 31, 2018:

Membership revenue saw another increase by 8% over 2017 (\$27,091 vs \$25,133) with a total of just above 700 members. Subscription revenue to *Ontario Archaeology* journal increased 2.5% in 2018 (\$3,981 from \$3,885) and is up by 15% from its low in 2015 (\$3,364). It remains approximately \$500 to \$800 less than what it was during the years 2011 to 2013.

Donations in 2018 rose to \$7,258, with a successful June 'Giving Month' campaign and matching challenge, which raised \$5,000 to replenish the depleted Awards fund and an additional \$1,504 contributed to the Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Fund as part of the November 'Giving Tuesday' campaign.

The 2018 symposium 'Connections and Pathways Though the Past' was organized by the London and Windsor chapters of the OAS and took place in Chatham. Registrations was approximately 190, including Indigenous representatives attending and members of the Chatham-Kent Black History Society, Ontario Black History Society, Buxton National Historic Site and Museum, Uncle Tom's Cabin Historic site and Henson family descendants attending the "Connecting Black History, Heritage and Archaeology" Saturday session at the symposium.

Symposium corporate sponsorships totaled \$11,400 and individual donations were \$645. Silent Auction proceeds generated a record \$3,129. The final Symposium profit figure was approximately \$13,800, split between the OAS and the London and Windsor organizing chapters.

A Summer Experience Program (SEP) grant for a total

of \$10,974 was awarded to hire three summer interns to assist the OAS with various projects: archiving of records in the OAS office; planning and promotion of the annual symposium; and data management for archaeological collections donated to Lakehead University, Thunder Bay.

An Ontario Trillium Grow Grant application was also submitted and awarded in 2018. The grant totals \$270,100 to be spent over two years for the purpose of adapting workshops already offered by the OAS in order to provide similar training to Indigenous archaeological monitors in northern First Nations communities, specifically in the Algoma, Cochrane, Manitoulin and Sudbury districts. The first installment amount of \$67,600 was received in late December 2018 and work on the project started in January 2019.

After expenses, there was a small operating surplus in 2018 of \$2,108.

The OAS investments suffered a loss in 2018 in the amount of \$13,537, as indicated on the Balance Sheet but we are gaining back that loss in 2019.

The OAS Funds performance up to the end of 2018 is also detailed on the Statement of Operations.

## Comments on the preliminary financial results for the year 2019 to date:

In 2019, OAS membership revenue has increased again by approximately 5% over 2018 (\$28,549) with a total of 740 members and a similar 6% increase in *OA* subscribers.

With the passing of Charlie Garrad earlier this year, a new fund was established, The Charlie Garrad Avocational Archaeological Collections Fund, to provide support for the transition of archaeological collections, including artifacts and documentation, from avocational archaeologists to long-term permanent curation facilities. This fund will be the target for our late fall fundraising campaign around 'Giving Tuesday'.

This year also saw the disbursement of the first Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Award in the amount of \$1,000. Five applications were received and reviewed by a committee set up for this purpose and the award was given to Jonathan Micon for processing three AMS radiocarbon dates towards his doctoral research on Sixteenth century Political Re-alignment in an Iroquoian Borderland.

A SEP grant to fund three student interns (\$10,974) was

again awarded to the OAS for three positions that involved:

- assistance in planning and promotion of this year's annual symposium;
- assistance with data management of archaeological collections donated to Lakehead University, Thunder Bay; and
- assistance in heritage advocacy for the protection of archaeological sites and artifacts as well as outreach to First Nations.

The work plan proposed for the Ontario Trillium Foun-

dation Grow Grant started in January with the hiring of Sarah Hazell as Workshop Co-ordinator for the Indigenous monitors' training workshops that were held this summer in selected northern communities. These were very successful events and additional workshops will be conducted next year in other communities.

Symposium revenue and expenses will be processed through the Toronto Chapter organizers of this year's event.

*Debbie Steiss*

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## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

We are bringing forward the following proposed constitutional changes. These changes aim to do two things:

- make the work of board members more manageable, particularly given that we do much of our work electronically;
- allocate effort where it is needed in the Society today.

### **Change from six meetings a year to four meetings per year**

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

### **Change the Director of Membership Recruitment to Director of Education**

6. Elected Officers and Directors shall select among themselves who will hold designated Directors' portfolios for the Executive Board's six Directors at the first Executive Board meeting of

the year. In the event of an impasse, the President will make the final determination of assignments as required. The Directors' portfolios consist of the following: Director of Member Services; Director of Heritage Advocacy; Director of Publications; Director of Public Outreach; Director of Chapter Services; ~~Membership Director~~ **Director of Education**.

~~7. The Director of Membership Recruitment will develop and supervise member recruitment programs, assist members with the creation and maintenance of their profiles in the online membership system, supervise and help maintain the online membership database, and undertake periodic analyses of membership data to inform recruitment and other Executive Board initiatives.~~

**7. The Director of Education will manage archaeological training, the society's educational materials, the dissemination of knowledge about the archaeological process, and the role of the OAS. The director will respond to educational requests from Indigenous communities, educational or other institutions for assistance from the OAS. The Director of Education will facilitate and promote student involvement within the OAS.**

# DIRECTORS' REPORTS FOR 2018

## PRESIDENT-ELECT REPORT

This year has been my first on the Board of Directors, taking on the role of President-Elect in late March 2019. The first six months have been a steep learning curve! As President-Elect, I have been working closely with the President to learn the role, but also to move forward the key initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan. It is an exciting time to be a part of the Board for many reasons.

We have begun the crucial work of creating 'white papers' or best practices guides for both the analysis of artifacts and certain aspects of archaeological fieldwork such as survey techniques. This is important work: both for the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) to provide guidance to its members and to help guide the comments we, as an organization, provide to the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport as they develop and refine standards of practice.

A key document for the OAS in this regard is on the engagement of Indigenous communities in the archaeological endeavour, whether it be research or cultural resource management. This work is in its infancy, but is a step towards realizing the objectives introduced in 2017 to the revised OAS Constitution.

We have also been working hard in 2019 to improve relationships with Indigenous communities. This work ranges from volunteering our time to train community representatives (as archaeological monitors or FLRs), to meeting with communities and also providing advice and support when requested. These relationships are an important part of the future of the OAS and lay the groundwork for meeting our commitments to UNDRIP and the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. The creation of the Indigenous Advocacy Award, to recognise the efforts of individuals from Indigenous communities, is one other way we are working to improve relations through a small gesture of recognition for their efforts, often on a voluntary basis.

In 2019 I also worked with the President and the Board on advocacy with the provincial government around Restoring Ontario's Competitiveness Act (Bill 66), the Housing Supply Action Plan, the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990 and the proposed changes to the Provincial Policy Statement (2014). While these initiatives may have a limited effect on archaeology, it is important for the OAS to be engaged in the dialogue to support others in the heritage sector, and to be at the table should changes be introduced that do impact archaeology in a significant way.

There is also the everyday advocacy of archaeology: deal-

ing with individuals with an artifact or information about where a site might be found, and promoting archaeology through outreach events. While my part is small in these things, it is the small efforts by our Board and membership that allow larger endeavours to be realised. The significance of the contribution of volunteers cannot be over stated, no matter how small.

I am looking forward to 2020 and its new opportunities for the OAS, as we continue to work to achieve the goals set out in the strategic plan, but also the new goals we are creating through partnerships with Indigenous communities.

*Jim Sherratt*

## VICE-PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my third year on the Executive Board of the Ontario Archaeological Society, and I still find the job both interesting and challenging: my primary role as Secretary ensures that Board meeting minutes are properly recorded, archived and disseminated to our website, but all Board members are tasked with implementing various aspects of the Strategic Plan and overseeing special projects. The Board has been working to reduce, organize, re-allocate and/or archive the extensive files accumulated by the OAS since incorporation, and I have been developing a document retention policy which is finally near completion and will soon be implemented.

Being based out of the London area, I have had the opportunity to represent the OAS at events sponsored by the Museum of Ontario Archaeology such as the opening of temporary exhibits or promoting the OAS at their fall Harvest Festival and Pow Wow. As a Research Associate there, I hope to continue and enhance this relationship.

I enjoy the working relationship of the Board and appreciate the mutual respect that exists for each other around the table and the understanding and accommodation that they provided me during personal time-off this summer.

*Rob Pihl*

## DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

In my fourth year as a Board member, I have enjoyed working with both the Board and communicating with executives from various Chapters. I look forward to connecting with Chapter members and executive about moving the organization into the future in 2020.

As Director of Chapter Services, I have continued to observe as the Chapters held talks and events this year. The variety and depth of speaker series at Chapter meetings has been impressive, and the outreach events Chapters have hosted and attended have been noteworthy. I applaud all the volunteers that keep the Chapters active.

As always, I have spent time this year responding to concerns from Chapters and communicating between the board and Chapters. I worked with other Board members to put together the working document on “Best Practices for Avocational and Chapter-based Archaeology Projects on Indigenous Lands.”

I am also the Board representative on the newly created Task Force on Member Safety. The spirit behind this task force is to provide an environment where members and attendees feel safe to attend events and report any cases of harassment, sexual harassment and sexual assault. We realize these are difficult issues, but also strongly feel that we need to address them to move into the future as an organization. I look forward to working with member volunteers who have already stepped forward on these issues.

I had the pleasure of attending the successful 2018 symposium hosted by the London and Windsor Chapters, and I enjoyed meeting with Chapter executives at the annual Chapter Presidents’ meeting and hearing what you have all been up to this year. I look forward to attending the upcoming 2019 symposium in Toronto, visiting with you all, and sharing ideas as well. Over the remainder of 2019 year and into 2020, 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**

It was about six months ago that I excitedly accepted the opportunity to join the OAS Board as Director of Heritage Advocacy. During that time there have been several postings to the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) that have come my way for review. The ERO is a platform open to the general public which allows you to comment and share your thoughts on actions the Province takes that could affect the environment, including cultural heritage. Some of the postings reviewed had considerations for potential archaeological impacts well in hand, with archaeological assessments completed up front and measures for mitigating or reducing potential land impacts. These included postings such as the Grundy Lake Provincial Park Amendment for Road Improvements and Recreation Lane, and the Watay

Power Environmental Assessment Update.

Other postings needed more detailed review and warranted specific comment on behalf of the OAS – the first of which was the Wasaga Beach Provincial Park New Park Management Plan. On the whole, this planning documentation already has an excellent baseline in explicitly addressing cultural heritage, archaeology, Indigenous engagement, and burials. Yet we provided several recommendations for strengthening such an essential park planning document with respect to cultural heritage. The first was to proactively complete an Archaeological Management Plan or comprehensive Stage 1, which should include specific policies for engagement and consultation with Indigenous Communities with respect to archaeological assessments and sites. The second is ensuring that archaeological potential, not only known archaeological sites, is explicitly considered during park planning. And lastly, we recommended that the Park Management Plan broaden its requirements for cultural heritage interpretation planning.

Another posting by the Province that has garnered attention from the OAS are the Proposed Changes to the Public Policy Statement posted by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH). The Provincial Policy Statement is a consolidated statement of the government’s policies on land use planning and is issued under section 3 of the Planning Act. It applies province-wide and sets out the provincial policy direction on a wide range of topics, initiatives and activities. I was able to attend a Multi-Stakeholder Meeting (hosted by MMAH) in September, and participated in some interesting and fulsome discussion with representatives from a variety of organizations, including municipal planners, environmental specialists, aggregate extractors, and housing developers.

It is important to note that several of the changes are very positive and should receive strong support from the OAS, specifically those that strengthen the requirements for Indigenous Engagement and Consultation early in the planning process. Other proposed changes need careful consideration, including those that may reduce a municipality’s ability to strengthen Archaeological Management Plans by including locally-specific criteria for archaeological potential. But perhaps most telling is how MMAH summarizes the proposed changes, and that the only mention of cultural heritage in its summary is under the goal heading of ‘Reducing Barriers and Costs’. Cultural heritage should instead fall under the goal of ‘Protecting the Environment’.

At the time of writing this report, we are actively working on formal comments to be submitted to MMAH before the closing of the posting later in October and will be encouraging the submission of individual comments from both members and the general public. It is imperative that we con-

tinue to communicate the inherent value of cultural heritage, not only in how the past can help us understand who we are today, but also in the real monetary values related to marketing potential and environmental advantages of archaeology and heritage conservation.

I am very much looking forward to continuing my role as an advocate for cultural heritage and archaeology within the OAS, and in particular working with both members and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport on potential changes or updates to the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. Here's to a hopeful look forward for more positive changes to come!

*Abbey Flower*

### **DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT**

This year has marked my final year as Membership Recruitment director and as such, it has been one focused on completing projects begun in previous years. In partnership with other directors, I have helped create the three-year membership category, which brings our membership scheme in line with those of other heritage societies. I have also sought further benefits for membership and secured a discount for certain membership types to visit the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

As a member of the Outreach Committee, I have been involved in promotional events for the society, such as Doors Open Toronto, Archaeology Day at the ROM and at the Ashbridges Estate. I have been working on making connections with other historical sites and initiatives so that the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) can get more involved around the province and increase its profile and the awareness of Ontario archaeology.

During this past year, I have also worked on defining the changing role that my portfolio has taken since the initiation of Wild Apricot. The role, which once focused on membership statistics and assistance, is now largely digitized. It is for this reason that in recent years I have focussed my attention more on recruitment, outreach, and education. Consequently, I have assisted in the proposal to change the portfolio to one that focuses solely on education, which will fill an important gap in our connections with the wider community and be invaluable to the society in the future.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to serve the OAS on the Board of Directors these past six years. The opportunity to promote Ontario archaeology to the public and to share my passion of understanding the past has been a pleasure. And it has been especially an honour to be part of the conversations about the changing role of our discipline in so-

ciety today and the place for the OAS in these dynamic times.

*Dana Millson*

### **DIRECTOR OF MEMBERSHIP SERVICES**

Two new awards have been added to our list:

#### **The Helen Devereux Award for Excellence in Archaeological Mentorship**

This award recognizes an individual who has, through the course of a career, demonstrated outstanding commitment to Ontario archaeology through consistent, high quality training of the next generation of aspiring archaeologists. Often, excellent archaeological practice is instilled when individuals first undertake fieldwork and/or laboratory analysis. Winners of this award will typically have many former trainees who have gone on to build successful careers in Ontario archaeology.

Nominations for this award should be made by former students or trainees of the nominated candidate, but other nominations will be considered.

#### **Indigenous Advocacy Award**

This award has been created to recognize a person or persons from an Indigenous community who has dedicated themselves to archaeology and preserving the cultural heritage of Indigenous peoples through active participation in Ontario archaeology. This award goes to those who work tirelessly not only for their own community, but who use their voice to advocate for the inclusion of the Indigenous perspective in all aspects of the archaeological endeavour.

This year we have four award winners who will all be presented their well-earned awards at the Annual Symposium in early November.

I also assisted with the supervision of a Summer Experience Program student who continued work registering sites within the Borden system that were documented by avocational archaeologists in the Thunder Bay region.

*William Ross*

### **DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OUTREACH**

This year was an exciting one for Public Outreach, and thanks to many dedicated volunteers we were able to accomplish many of our goals! Thanks to our social

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media team, we have been more consistently using our three social media platforms – Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram – to deliver announcements, advertisements, and communications to our membership. We have been able to advertise field school opportunities for students, job opportunities for professionals, and special events of interest. We were even able to produce an infographic series earlier this year on the Women of Ontario Archaeology, and we hope to deliver more original content in the future! We have also created a Facebook group for Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) Chapter Presidents to facilitate communication between them and with the Board. Last, but certainly not least, our OAS brochures have finally been updated (in English and in French) and will be circulated to each of the Chapters for their use.

Our OAS community members have been enthusiastic online-activists this year, taking on everything from speaking out about potential legislative changes, to creating our new Facebook group, OAS Activists Against Artifact Sales, where we ask that people report ads selling artifacts on eBay and Kijiji (e-mail outreach@ontarioarchaeology.org if you want to join!). It has been inspiring to watch this community pull together on these important issues.

The final project of the Outreach Committee this year has been to hold our first annual International Archaeology Day Event, where we invited the public to join us at the Ashbridges Estate to celebrate the occasion on October 19th. This year's theme was 'Heritage Protection' and we held stations educating the public on things they can do (and should not do) when they find an artifact, avocational licencing, and Ontario archaeology (including special research projects going on in the province today). We hope to continue to hold Archaeology Day every year, and eventually expand the events to an Archaeology Month, as per our Strategic Plan.

We also have a few ongoing projects, including developing web resources for the young professionals in the field right now. We hope to complete this project next year.

None of these projects would have been possible without all of our amazing Outreach volunteers, including our webmaster Josh Dent, our Facebook group administrator Mima Kapches, our social media team, Katie Mather and Kelly Gostic, and our young professional resource team, Mike McCready and Field Technician Liaison Kasey Baynton. Many thanks to each of you!

*Kaitlyn Malleau*

## DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS

The second and final year of my directorship of Publications was straightforward with the only hiccup being the challenge of finding a replacement for the skilled Dr. Suzanne Needs-Howarth, who has copy-edited *Ontario Archaeology* so well for many years. She no longer has the capacity to undertake this task on a volunteer basis, but I would like to acknowledge her important contribution to the publication and thank her for her dedication over many years.

Finding a replacement who has enough technical knowledge and the ability to complete the work professionally proved to be a surprisingly difficult undertaking! After a couple of false starts that delayed the work by several weeks, we did eventually find a skilled editor who worked with Professor Ellis to move the volume to print as quickly as possible. Although somewhat later than planned, this was not the fault of the editors and the volume has now been printed and distributed. *Arch Notes* has also been very fortunate to retain Sheryl Smith & Carole Stimmell as joint editors, producing three editions so far in 2019.

Those of you pursuing the society's website will have noticed that our policy to provide open access to *Ontario Archaeology* after 12 months of member-only access has been implemented. We anticipate that this will increase accessibility and ensure the volume remains relevant, not just to those of us who work in this province and its territories, but to the wider archaeological community interested in the significant work that we undertake.

As a further initiative, I would like to take the opportunity in this report to publicize what I hope is a revival of the *Monographs in Ontario Archaeology* series, the last one being produced in 1990 (*The Wolf Creek Site AchM-3: A Prehistoric Neutral Frontier Community in Southwestern Ontario*, by Gary A.M. Foster, edited by William A. Fox, 1990). The monograph series provides opportunities to publish longer multi-chapter (and multi-author) primary research and scholarship via the society in paper and digital format. I invite members to submit proposals for book-length volumes on the archaeology of the province (site-based or more thematic) to the incoming director.

It was a pleasure to have served as Director of Publications for the last two years, and I look forward to working with the next director to promote the publication program and the future success of the society.

*James Conolly*

# CHAPTER REPORTS FOR 2018

## GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

The Grand River Chapter has continued to forge along since moving to our new location at the University of Waterloo (UW). The involvement of students and their attendance has increased dramatically. This is what Dr. Christopher Watts and I had hoped for.

This past year our speakers were from both classical and Ontario archaeology, as we have done in the past. It has seemed to work well as it usually involves professors and students from Wilfred Laurier as well as the UW.

Some of the speakers from this past year have been Dr. Holly Martelle speaking about her firm's work in Toronto, in the area known as the Ward. In March, Dr. Neal Ferris spoke of some preliminary work he has been doing on the island of Nevis in the Caribbean.

The weather played a factor with one of our meetings: we had to cancel the presentation by Dr. Jim Keron and Shari Prowse on the Lake Whittaker project, but we hope to reschedule.

Some of our members worked out of the province this summer: Chris Watts was in New Mexico with a field school, and I was with Dr. Scott Nielsen on his field school in Labrador.

*Chris Dalton*

## HAMILTON CHAPTER

Our chapter continued to be active this past year. From August 1st to 17th, 2019, we contributed our education display to the Erland Lee Museum public archaeology dig, and as well, used our teaching kit there.

We've had a series of wonderful and varied speakers, including: Dr. Mima Kapches of the Toronto Chapter of the OAS who spoke on Canadians in the early Society for American Archaeology; Dr. Holly Martelle presented on the Ward Uncovered, her firm's work on black settler sites in Ontario; Dr. Dana Thacher spoke on exploring Inuit interactions with the Franklin Expedition by examining material culture from that time period; Dr. Greg Braun spoke on Iroquoian bundling and social practice; Rhiannon Fisher spoke on some unexpected finds on a Late Woodland site in Hamilton; and Alyssa Gomorri gave a talk on the Erland Lee Museum and the Women's Institutes of Ontario.

*Emily Anson*

## HURONIA CHAPTER

The Huronia Chapter executive started off the year with some ambitious plans to refocus the Chapter and to enlist the assistance of the membership in the management of numerous committees and portfolios. In order to accomplish this, we first had to increase our membership from where we had started the year with 12 members. We have been successful in this objective and currently stand with a membership of 35.

Our successes with the development of our committees and portfolios, however, was not as good and was probably overly ambitious. Some of those who were asked to fill these positions either declined to serve, were too busy to follow through with their commitments, or, perhaps, did not receive enough guidance or motivation from the executive. On the other hand, some of the portfolios performed quite well, and we made some inroads in the areas of Public Relations, Promotion and Press Coverage, as well as Advocacy, and a strong, but unsuccessful, effort towards attempting to host a Public Archaeology day this year.

We were successful in organizing and hosting a members' meeting every month, with October and November 2019 still to come, and with our Annual General Meeting and election scheduled for December. Our executive meets prior to each meeting, and we have been fortunate to have had at least a quorum present at each.

### **Chapter meeting dates for 2019**

January 9: our speaker was Janet Turner, and her topic was titled 'The Molson Site: A Proto-Historic First Nations Settlement, Barrie, Ontario';

February 27: Karolyn Smardz Frost spoke during Black History Month about early settlement in Canada by black men and women, like those who settled in Oro in Simcoe County;

March 13: 'The Métis Community and Culture after Discovery Harbour', which was presented by Marg Raynor and the Red Hot Stovepipe Band;

April 10: Paul Racher spoke about the provincial Housing Supply Action Plan and its potential impact on archaeology in Huronia;

May 1: Clayton Samuel King spoke as the Heritage and Culture Coordinator for Beausoleil First Nation (BFN). His presentation focussed on the family/doodem relationships which he has uncovered through his 10 years of research. His presentation explored the written clan signatures in treaties, petitions, requisitions, nominal roles and oral history

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regarding the BFN and the Chippewa Tri-Council;

June 12: Dr. Alicia Hawkins spoke on 'What is collaborative research? Working together to investigate Huron Wendat ceramic traditions'. Alicia was holding a field school in Huronia at that time and brought her students to the meeting;

July 10: Dr. Jean-François Lozier gave a presentation called 'Flesh Reborn—Indigenous mission settlements of the St. Lawrence Valley'. The talk challenges conventional histories of New France and of early Canada;

August 14: John Raynor, Chapter President, gave a talk called 'In Search of a Homestead', on the settlement pattern of the Drummond Islanders in this area after their arrival at the Naval Establishments at Penetang, following 1828;

September 11: Jim Shropshire spoke on his research into the evolution of the three earliest buildings at the Jesuit mission of Sainte Marie I, based on Kenneth Kidd's archaeological excavations of the site from 1940 to 1941;

October 9: Art Duval spoke on his research into the origin of 'Council Rock' found in Awenda Park;

November 13: Tentatively slated to be Fr. Michael Knox, Director of the Martyrs' Shrine, Midland, Ontario, on a subject of his choosing; and

December 11: reserved for Huronia Chapter AGM and Social.

### Other Activities

In June, the chapter was invited to participate in the Labatte Homestead Rendezvous at Thunder Beach. We set up displays, ran a PowerPoint titled 'Finding a Métis Homestead', and hosted tours for about 200 guests at an open house at the 1834 Labatte homestead. This event prompted the executive to set in motion efforts to have this homestead registered as a lead site.

In July, the chapter was invited to set up a display booth at the Tiny Township annual family BBQ. Our display included artifacts that were on loan courtesy of the Huronia Museum, along with the usual propaganda in support of the OAS and the Huronia Chapter. This event draws about 3,000 visitors and we received numerous queries about archaeology in our area.

Also, in July, we were invited to participate in the Festival du Loup in LaFontaine, but were unable to commit due to lack of available manpower, particularly with the ability to respond in French. We were also short of promotional material for handouts in French.

As most members of the OAS are aware, ASI is working with Simcoe County on a county wide Archaeological Master Plan (AMP). One of our members, who holds the Advocacy and Heritage committee portfolio, has been monitoring this process, and we anticipate that the AMP will be sent to county council for approval this fall.

We are also in communication with a company regarding the installation of a cell tower in north Tiny Township. Even though they are not required to conduct an assessment, we are leaning on their concern over public relations and have suggested that they do an assessment or at least hire a qualified monitor to be on site when soil disturbance is anticipated. We had a similar situation with Bell Canada several years back, and they decided to put their tower elsewhere rather than do an assessment or risk bad PR should they disturb a site.

### Press Coverage

*Neighbours in The Heart of Tiny*: Two of our members were interviewed by a local magazine and were the feature article for the March edition, where their activities related to archaeology and involvement in the chapter were mentioned;

*Cottage Life Magazine*: One of our members was contacted for a brief article for the spring edition of this national magazine, where both the OAS and the Huronia Chapter were mentioned;

*Tiny Cottagers*: The Chapter was invited to submit a 600-word article regarding archaeology in Tiny Township. The article was published in their spring/summer edition;

*Le Gout de vivre*: There is a French language newspaper based out of LaFontaine, and they invited us to submit an article focusing on the Métis settlements that developed in Huronia after their dispersal from Discovery Harbour. The article is extensive and is awaiting translation by the newspaper. They may break up the article for use in several editions; and

*San Sousi Copperhead Cottagers' Association Newsletter*: A Chapter member suggested that we approach the S.S.C.C.A. for inclusion of our poster and Chapter information in their community online newsletters. Submissions were accepted, and this effort to broaden our local base will continue in 2020.

As a direct result of our press coverage, the Chapter has been approached by local residents to help identify artifacts that they have found. Assigned Chapter members have responded to these queries, and some will require more follow up.

### Promo by the chapter

The Chapter has produced a flyer/poster for each of our meetings and has arranged for them to be placed on public noticeboards up in various communities. These posters are further circulated to members, and they are encouraged to print and post the flyer in their communities.

Our Chapter meetings are promoted on various venues, such as township electronic bulletin boards, and we have arranged for them to be on the Midland website.

## Online and social media

We have a webpage that is currently under review and reconstruction.

We have a blog that averages over 3,000 hits a month. We have had at least two members and one speaker who have come to us through the blog. We currently have 414 published posts with numerous comments.

We have both a Facebook page with 303 likes and a Facebook group with 284 members. Both have daily activity and are also used to promote our activities.

## Swag

The executive has developed and purchased some OAS ball caps that we have made available to members and the public for a donation of \$20 toward Chapter activities. We also use them as giveaways as a thank-you item to our monthly speakers. For budgeting reasons, we have decided to no longer give an honorarium to our speakers.

We are also considering adding mugs, thumb drives, and other items to our swag promo package.

## Outstanding issues and concerns

The executive has noted that our membership is largely made up of seniors and is searching for ways to attract some younger individuals to connect with our activities. We do not have a body of university students to draw upon in our area, and the general demographics of Huronia show a larger than average population of seniors and tourists.

We have also been advised that our current treasurer will not be standing for re-election to the 2020 executive. Hopefully someone else will step up, but willing volunteers have

been hard to find.

The executive has been struggling with finding the time to thoroughly study some questions brought forward to us by the OAS, namely, the OAS Best Practices document, the ramifications of the OAS insurance policy on our activities, and the issues raised by the sexual assault question (recently raised) and what will that mean for the chapters.

*John Raynor*

## LONDON CHAPTER

We hosted last year's annual symposium of the OAS in Chatham. While it is now history, it was very successful both financially and from a program perspective. The revised 'banquet' format was wildly successful with a much higher degree of interaction amongst the attendees. It also allowed for accommodation of late registrants to a higher degree than would be possible with the traditional plated dinner.

In July our annual picnic was again held at the Longwoods Conservation Area, done in conjunction with the annual Archaeology Day/Artifact Identification Day held there. 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!) and the southwestern Ontario flint knappers, led by Darcy Fallon, were present to do a series of knapping demonstrations with several of the conservation area's visitors trying their hand.



London Chapter President Chris Ellis assisted by Liam Browne help identify artifacts brought in by visitors to their annual Archaeology Day at Longwoods Conservation Area in July.



London Chapter member Larry Neilson at work at the Messenger Site.

Also, a large number of collections of artifacts, often quite extensive and mainly local, were brought in for identification by chapter life member and current Chapter President Chris Ellis. People started lining up before the official starting time and Chris, assisted by chapter member Liam Browne, was heavily involved in identifications 30 minutes before the scheduled start time and never stopped for over three hours! Chapter members had to bring Chris his lunch so he could multi-task – eating hot dogs and identifying objects at the same time. We were so busy that we did not get an accurate count of the collections or items examined, some of which came from as far away as Windsor. As was the case last year, Late Woodland finds were common with a consistent representation in the collections of Early Woodland (Meadowood) materials, and even several Hi-Lo Late Paleo artifacts. Two fluted points were also seen, as well as several Early Archaic items and exotic ground stone items including banner-stones and gorgets.

The chapter project at the Messenger Site was completed by excavation this past August, and we are now moving into analysis and reporting. The material has all been washed and

catalogued and is ready for analysis. We would like to involve more chapter members in this work and are currently working on a plan to do so. We had a number of volunteers helping which included people new to archaeology, as well as seasoned veterans. One recent high school grad was so enamored of the process that he enrolled at UWO to take anthropology/archaeology! We will be presenting the results and recommendation to the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority (KCCA) board of directors most likely over the winter. The intent of the project was to define the boundaries of the site and recommend measures to protect the site from collectors.

This past summer we expanded our outreach by hosting an Archaeology Day at Lake Whittaker in partnership with the KCCA and the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (MOA). The day included artifact identification, a simulated dig for kids, flint knapping, a display by the MOA and an activity area for kids and adults. Over 100 people attended the event and all the sponsoring parties were very happy with the result. For more detail see Darryl Dann's article in the most recent *Arch Notes* (24-3).

Our monthly speaker nights on the second Thursday have again been well attended with 20 or more people showing up. Speakers obviously entertained us with talks on several aspects of Ontario archaeology ranging from a Paleo site excavation to the history of archaeology in the province but we also were treated to archaeology in far-away places such as Nevis in the Caribbean and on exotic topics such as in investigating aspects of 1600s witch trials in England. We already have speakers lined up for our meetings through next January covering a similar diverse array of topics and places.

Under the direction of Chapter Board member Nicole Aazalos, the chapter also has been in the process this year of updating/modernizing our website that was formerly hosted at the University of Western Ontario but is now based at the MOA. While there are still corrections and modifications to come, it can now be accessed at our new web address: <http://oaslondonchapter.ca/>.

We continue to be quite behind in issuing our newsletter, the *KEWA*, due to a lack of submissions, but we have actually released more than a year's worth this year and have some others in process. The latest release as of this writing is our 2018(1) issue. The *KEWA* can be obtained by members in either paper or electronic pdf formats. Elsewhere on the publications front, we continue to regularly sell electronic disc copies of our *KEWA* issues from 1977-2007 and *The Archaeology of Southern Ontario to AD 1650* volume.

*Chris Ellis*

## **OTTAWA CHAPTER**

Over the past year and so, the OAS Ottawa Chapter has been active again with many organizations: Canadian Museum of History, Bonnechere Provincial Park, City of Ottawa, Ottawa University, Parks Canada and Archéo-Québec. The Chapter executive submitted the financial report, Memorandum of Understanding and newsletters to the OAS and will continue to work and collaborate with the OAS and heritage institutions in Ottawa and beyond.

This year again in August 2019, Archéo-Québec featured Le mois d'archéologie/Archaeology month, which crossed the Ottawa River this year. The cities of Ottawa and Gatineau, the Canadian Museum of Civilization, the National Capital Commission, Heritage Ottawa, Algonquin's of Pik-wakanagan and Kitigan Zibi and members of the Ottawa Chapter participated with displays, presentations, dig opportunities, talks and guided walks. For more than seven years, the archaeology month has been an Ottawa-Gatineau region rendezvous.

Facebook has been added to our website <http://www.ottawaoas.ca>, which provides information about archaeology in the Ottawa/Gatineau Area as well as Chapter and OAS activities. We continued to distribute business cards and pamphlets at public events. We received several enquiries from the public each month on our [contact@ottawaoas.ca](mailto:contact@ottawaoas.ca) email address.

Our newsletter, *Ottawa Archaeologist*, continues to be published and is distributed by e-mail but is also available on our website: <http://www.ottawaoas.ca/Newsletter/Newsletters.html>

### **Executive news**

André Miller, Chapter President represents the OAS Ottawa Chapter on the Board of Directors of Association des Archéologues professionnels du Québec (AAQ) as a Financial Analyst. Last May 2019, André attended the AAQ Colloque in Québec, Québec.

Our membership number continues to hold at 50 to 60 members, about half of whom live in the immediate Ottawa area. In total, about 100 people attended our Thursday night monthly meetings last fall and winter 2018, and they represent both a core of long-term supporters and many new observers from the public. Communication with members relied on direct e-mails from the President.

The 2019 Ottawa Chapter Executive included: President André Miller, Vice President Stacey Girling-Christie, Treasurer Bill MacLennan, Secretary Carol Pritchard, Director Bradley Drouin, Director Elizabeth Imrie, Director Ben Mortimer, Director Glenna Roberts and Director Sarah Taylor. In

addition are Newsletter Editor Marian Clark and Webmaster Yvon Riendeau, and our coordinator for the Peggi Armstrong Public Archaeology Award is André Miller.

I would like to give a big, big thank you to our executive and members who have volunteered their time on various events and activities in 2018-2019. Our membership and participation from the public make a positive impact on Archaeology and Heritage in the Ottawa region.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: The 2021 OAS Symposium Is Coming to Ottawa!**

A steering committee was formed during the past summer and event dates are confirmed to be October 22, 23 & 24, 2021. The immediate focus of the organizing committee now is to sort out accommodations in Ottawa and to develop a theme for the Symposium

### **Public Outreach in 2019**

Archaeology Day at Bonnechere Provincial Park was held on July 13th with a hands-on display of flint knapping, ceramic workshop and pot making. Ottawa Chapter participants included Stacey Girling-Christie, Bradley Drouin, Marian Clark and her husband, Bill McLeland, Glenna Roberts, as well as a few employees. It was held outside of the Davenport Building with the collaboration of park staff. It was a great success for all, with at least 50 participants from the public (kids and adults). Recent and upcoming monthly meetings include:

On September 19 Dr. Timothy Abel gave a talk on 'Current Research on the Iroquoian Occupations of Northern New York'. This talk briefly summarized his recent research on the Iroquoian occupations of northern New York between ca. AD 1450-1530. Some recent research includes new excavations and cultural materials, but also explores analyses of existing material culture and radiocarbon dating. Together with colleagues, we've brought research of this region into regional and national attention.

On October 17, Dr. Matthew Betts, Curator, Atlantic Provinces Archaeology, Canadian Museum of History gave a presentation on discussing the effects of coastal erosion on archaeological resources.

November 21 the monthly tour meeting will take place at the Canadian Museum of History. Curator Dr. Janet Young will lead a tour of the exhibit 'Neanderthal Crude cave dwellers or close cousins? Meet the Neanderthals'; the tour starts at 6:00 p.m. and will depart from the CMH Boutique / Coat Check area. Long viewed as primitive creatures, the species is much more like us than we previously thought. Drawing upon the most recent scientific discoveries, this major exhibition from the Muséum national d'Histoire naturelle (France) takes a new look at this species of the genus Homo. It brings together, for the first time, exceptional fossils

rarely shown to the public outside Europe. Neanderthals were great hunters, worked stone, mastered the use of fire and buried their dead. They lived throughout Europe and Asia for 300,000 years before mysteriously disappearing 30,000 years ago. <https://www.historymuseum.ca/neanderthal/>. Dr. Young specializes in the study of human skeletal remains and has been working at the Canadian Museum of History since 1994. Currently Curator of Physical Anthropology, Dr. Young is responsible for the creation, implementation, and coordination of the human remains repatriation laboratory whose goal is to document human remains prior to repatriation. Her research interests include biomechanical and pathological changes in the human skeleton as they relate to activity patterns and general health outcomes of past and present populations.

Dr. Young holds an honours BA in Archaeology and Ancient History from the University of Ottawa, an MSc in Human Osteology, Palaeopathology and Funerary Archaeology from the University of Bradford, England, and a PhD in Population Health from the University of Ottawa. She has published and presented on a range of topics including repatriation, forensics, historic bioarchaeology, Aboriginal bioarchaeology, burial practices, and disability. Some of her current research focuses on a historic cemetery population from the Ottawa area.

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 225!

Sheryl Smith continued as President for a second year with Tom Mohr as Vice-President, and other board members included Treasurer Deb Mohr, Secretary Dirk Verhulst, Director Julie Kapyrka, Director Morgan Tamplin, Director Kate Dougherty and Director Jolyane Saule (our Student Liaison). The executive is a devoted group that contributes many hours to our involvement in the community. Every year, chapters are asked by the Ontario Archaeological Society (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 1,500 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 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; our May and June meetings featured grad students Olivia Campsall, Diana Hansen, Daniel Lapierre, and Jeremy Brooks. We also enjoyed presentations from Catherine Mathias, Elder Doug Williams, Holly Martelle, Karolyn Smardz Frost, Dwayne James, and Scarlett Janusas.

The highlight of January’s meeting every year is a members’ Storytelling Night, honouring an Anishinaabe tradition of telling stories when the snow is on the ground. In keeping with reconciliation efforts, we also acknowledge the ancestral and treaty territories of the Indigenous people of the area, the Michi Saagiig Nishnaabeg, at each meeting.

The chapter can represent its mandate to the general public in other ways, too. This year our members participated in public archaeology days and Doors Open events. Unfortunately, no field school digs were available to us in 2019. I would like to single out our Secretary and Editor, Dirk Verhulst, who produces the Chapter Newsletter *STRATA* each year. This full colour publication is now in its ninth year and is going strong. Dirk ensures that each issue contains varied voices and captures both community events of interest and archaeology topics. Thank you, Dirk, from all of us!

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 embarked on a third one: *The Ancestors Speak: Stories from the Brock Street Site*, the story of Peterborough’s so-called 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 the influence continues today as we discuss how we report on, respect, and honour the dead. Part One of the book reports on follow-up excavations by Pat and Gord Dibb at the site in 2003. Part Two contains selected documents, reports, letters and photos from the repatriation of the ancestor (Middle Woodland Point Peninsula) to Curve Lake First Nation in 1991; this was a national precedent. Part Three comprises a dozen contributed new articles about what we have learned in the intervening years. Indigenous perspectives, and those of others involved, 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. In 2020 we will also be including a Teacher’s Guide and curriculum pointers.

The book was launched with fanfare in January 2019 and was later presented to the Mayor and Councillors of the City of Peterborough and to the Chief and Councillors of Curve Lake First Nation. Both entities contributed to publication costs for the book, along with the Trent University Archae-

ological Research Centre. We also participated in a panel discussion about the topic and the book itself as a special presentation at the Annual Meeting of the Trent Valley Archives.

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 our publications. I know we are luckier than many other chapters in this regard, and I have shared this with City Council. They were surprised to learn that the situation is not the same in other places.

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 Trent Valley Archives. Tom Mohr, especially, was recognized by the City of Kawartha Lakes Municipal Heritage Committee with the Osprey Award for Archaeological Heritage, given in acknowledgement of his volunteer work in the sector.

*Sheryl Smith*



Members from the Peterborough Chapter present a copy of *The Ancestors Speak: Stories from the Brock Street Site* to the Mayor and councillors of Peterborough

## THUNDER BAY CHAPTER

This past year, the Thunder Bay chapter has not been as active since there were only three presenters and none of our members were able to make it to the annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop which we host every other year with our colleagues in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan.

At our November 6, 2018 meeting, we had one of our recent graduate students, Chris McEvoy, present some of his work entitled ‘Virtual Reality and Our Maritime Heritage’. This is a multi-year study where researchers are acquiring digital data from shipwrecks found throughout northwestern Ontario. Utilizing photogrammetry techniques and 360 degree imaging, the focus of the work has been to develop a digital catalogue of vessels associated with our maritime history. The presentation discussed the methodologies used to gather and present the information and highlighted the many obstacles the project faces.

Before his presentation, however, Mr. Bill Ross awarded Mr. Brad Hyslop his 25-year membership pin.

For the March 1, 2019 meeting, another one of our recent undergraduate students, Jamie Steinberg, presented some of the research he is planning for his upcoming Masters thesis at Lakehead University entitled ‘Magnetics at Macgillivray’.

The Macgillivray site is a large, multi-component habita-

tion site on Whitefish Lake in the district of Thunder Bay, Northwestern Ontario. Archaeological testing and analysis prove that Middle and Late Woodland people occupied the site repeatedly, subsisting on a combination of wild and domesticated food sources. During the 2017 excavations, magnetic susceptibility data was collected using a Terraplus KT-10 instrument in order to identify potential food processing areas, such as hearths or roasting features. Initial data analysis demonstrated vertical patterns that could suggest heat alteration of in situ soils. While preliminary, the results suggest that magnetic susceptibility surveys are a promising tool for archaeologists, particularly those working in the Boreal Forest.

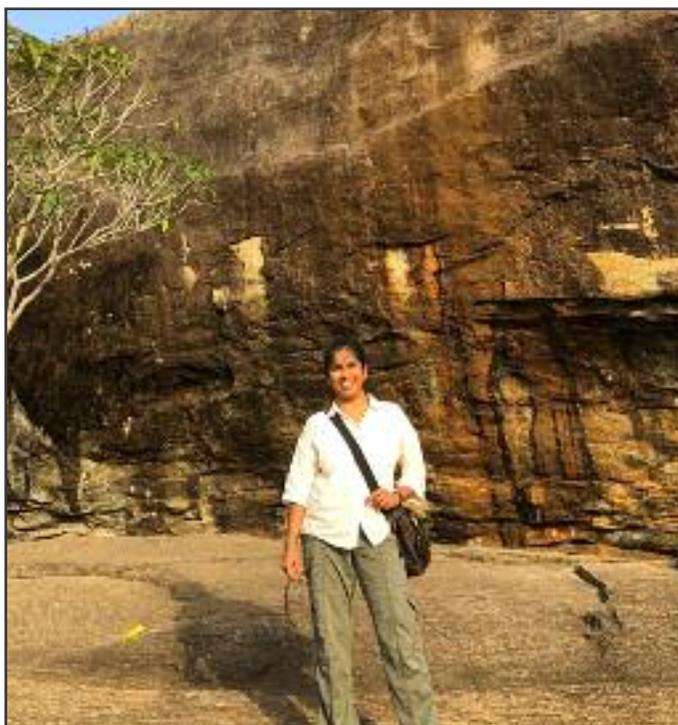
In early May 2019, Dr. Samanti Kulatilake, a biological anthropologist whose research explores patterns in the evolutionary history of regional populations in Sri Lanka, was visiting Lakehead University’s PaleoDNA Laboratory for a research project on ancient DNA. During her visit, she offered to deliver a presentation for the Ontario Archaeological Society’s Thunder Bay Chapter on her work entitled ‘Bioarchaeological Research in Sri Lanka’. Dr. Kulatilake took us on an exploratory journey of the archeological timeline, following research on the past life ways in the tropical island nation of Sri Lanka.

*Clarence Surette*



Bill Ross presents Thunder Bay member Brad Hyslop with his 25-year membership pin.

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Dr. Samanti Kulatilake, who was doing research at Lakehead, spoke to the Thunder Bay Chapter in May about her ancient DNA research in Sri Lanka.

### **TORONTO CHAPTER**

**A**t the 2018 Symposium in Chatham-Kent, the Toronto Chapter agreed to host the 2019 symposium. Holding the symposium in busy, expensive city like Toronto has its own challenges but the symposium committee, ably led by Dena Doroszenko, has done a remarkable job of putting all the elements of a successful symposium together – despite a number of unforeseen circumstances. Preliminary numbers show a good attendance and the program is overflowing with interesting papers and workshops.

The Toronto Symposium



Excavation of the Keffer Village Site was the subject of a talk in October by Dr. Susan Dermakar to the Toronto Chapter.

committee included Christine Caroppo, Sam MacLeod, Ellen Blaubeergs, Neil Gray, Janice Teichroeb, Henry Van Lieshout, Katherine Patton, Olivia Campsall, and Amy Fox.

In addition to the work on the symposium, the Toronto Chapter put on a full package of meetings and events. The Toronto Chapter meets every third Wednesday of the month (with the exception of the summer) at the University of Toronto. The year kicked off on January 16 with our annual members night, when members can share some of their personal experiences in archaeology. Speakers were Kathy David who shared her trip to archaeological sites in Newfoundland and Labrador. Carole Stimmell then discussed two museum exhibitions she was privileged to visit while on a trip to Phoenix. The first was a special exhibition of artifacts from Teotihuacan. The other, which was on display at the Museum of the American Indian, included a number of Inupiat Masks from Northern Alaska. After an extensive question and answer period, the evening ended with a New Year's party.

The February meeting had to be cancelled due to a snow storm, but in March Dr. Max Friesen gave a talk on Inuvialuit architecture, discussing cruciform houses he excavated in the MacKenzie Delta.

The archaeology in April moved much closer to home, when Richard Gerrard discussed the artifacts and stories about Toronto's city-held archaeological collections.

On May 15, Dr. Peter Russell, Curator Emeritus of the Earth Sciences Museum from the University of Waterloo explained how a box of bones donated to the museum led to the discovery of the history behind one of the largest mastodons in Ontario.

When meetings began again in September, Dr. Mima Kapches followed the paper trail to learn more about W. J. Wintemberg's archaeological life in Toronto.

In October, Dr. Susan Dermarkar gave a talk on the Keffer Village's place and relationships in 15th Century North Shore Iroquoia.

Yet to come in November is Dr. Trevor Orchard who will be speaking on the untapped potential of legacy collections in zooarchaeological research.

A special mention should be made to the person who has for the last few years found the speakers, made the arrangements and even designed the posters. The Toronto Chapter thanks Vice President and Convenor Christine Caroppo for all her work in making the chapter meeting program a success. Thanks also to Past President Mima Kapches, Treasurer Sam MacLeod, Secretary Neil Gray and website manager Janice Teichroeb.

*Carole Stimmell*

## WINDSOR CHAPTER

The Chapter held four meetings and participated in a beach clean-up with Caldwell First Nation members between July 2018 and June 2019.



On Toronto Chapter's members night in January, Carole Stimmell shared photos of museum exhibits featuring objects from Teotihuacan and Northern Alaska

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## **General meetings**

On October 9, 2018, Charlton Carscallen of AECOM presented on the corduroy road found during road construction in Kitchener, Ontario;

December 5, 2018: The Chapter members gathered for a social and enjoyed conversations about the past year and devoured tasty snacks and hot beverages;

February 13, 2019: Dr. Holly Martelle of Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants presented on her latest book *The Ward Uncovered: The Archaeology of Everyday Life*;

April 10, 2019: Our scheduled presenter had to cancel at the last minute, so our Chapter President Amanda Black with the help of Secretary Barbara Johnson put together an Introduction to Archaeology presentation geared towards welcoming and informing members of the local metal detector club.

## **Events**

On Saturday June 8, the Windsor Chapter participated in a beach clean-up at Point Pelee National Park in collaboration with Caldwell First Nation. Members of the Chapter Executive were also involved in meetings with the City of Windsor and the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport to help formalize a protocol with the local metal detector club and what they should do when they come across archaeological resources.

*Amanda Black*





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