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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The past year has been one of steady growth and increasing involvement of the APA in many areas of Ontario archaeology. We have now passed our all time high in membership (n=60) and continue to grow because of the increased services which we offer. Over the past year: we have hosted two instructional workshops, on writing legal contracts and on identifying historic 19th century artifacts; set up training for First Nations monitors in affiliation with Six Nations; continued Round Table discussions with Six Nations on an eventual archaeological notification agreement; put out several newsletters to keep members informed; initiated discussions aimed at a notification agreement with the Williams Treaty First Nations; met with the Assistant Deputy Minister, policy staff and archaeology unit staff of the Ontario Ministry of Culture to discuss current issues and areas of current and future co-operation; expanded the APA web page with numerous new service areas (and continued to maintain the only list of archaeological consultants in Ontario); provided sizeable donations to sister organizations, the OAS and the CAA, to facilitate conference meetings; established a bi-annual radiocarbon date award for members to fill a research need (in conjunction with Brock

University which keeps a public on-line list of C14 results for researchers to use); and continued to respond to member requests for advocacy or intervention on critical issues. All of this is done as a non-profit organization funded by members only.

I am privileged to work with an exceptionally dedicated group of individuals on the APA Executive and to be able to function well as a group despite many different perspectives on how to address problems or help the APA function better. Several new members have joined the APA Executive in the past year or so including Nick Gromoff (treasurer and membership director), Cathy Crinnion (Grants Director) and Bill Finlayson (Director). We also wish Neal Ferris well in his move to the OAS after a brief stay with the APA. Although our fees for professional members have gone up for 2009 to meet increased costs, we all feel that the APA is now providing a level of service unprecedented in its history. We are also very encouraged by a maturing professional relationship with the Ministry of Culture archaeology unit and look forward to meeting to discuss issues now on a regular schedule. I am looking forward to 2009 as probably the best year yet for APA and for archaeology in Ontario.

- If you are an APA member and are interested in our radiocarbon date draw, please send your name and address to our Secretary ASAP, your chance of winning is actually pretty good.

- APA will be meeting separately with the Ministry of Culture to discuss the Draft Standards and Guidelines in early March of 2009. Please advise any member of the Executive if you have concerns about the Draft Standards that you wish us to address.

Lawrence Jackson, Ph.D.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR'S COMMENT

Once again it is the winter season. It is amazing how the time flies and we are out of the field (hopefully), trying to finish off the paper work before we gallop off again into the sunrise.

This past year has been a busy one for the APA, and it looks no different for this one. The fourth Round Table at Six Nations is being planned for March, and a couple of ideas for workshops are being put forward.

This newsletter provides an up-date on the Annual General Meeting held at the end of November of 2008, and a synopsis of a meeting held by some APA board members with Neil Downs of the Ministry of Culture.

Welcome to two new directors: Bill Finlayson and Cathy Crinnion. Cathy is taking over the position of fund raising, and Bill is director at large.

Cheers
Jacquie

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President:	Lawrence Jackson
Vice President:	Scarlett Janusas
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The TAG (Technical Advisory Group) meetings appear to have started again with the Ministry of Culture, concerning the new Standards and Guidelines. We'll keep people up-dated as to what is happening...

The APA has been invited to attend a meeting with the Ministry of Culture on **March 3rd, 2009** to discuss the new Standards and Guidelines. If you have concerns that you wish addressed please advise the Executive or contact the Ministry of Culture directly.

NEWS

CONFERENCES

DIG Conference
Developing International Geoarchaeology
 McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario
 May 25th to May 29th, 2009
 contact: Lisa Sonnenburg 905525-1940 x20115
www.developinginternationalgeoarchaeology.org



CAA Conference
Canadian Archaeological Association
May 13th to May 16th, 2009
Thunder Bay (Valhalla Inn)
www.canadianarchaeology.com/econferences_lasso

Call for Papers

The organizing committee of the CAA 2009 Meeting is pleased to announce a call for papers/posters and invite you to Thunder Bay. There is no specific theme for this meeting but instead we anticipate examining a variety of interesting issues to archaeologists working in Canada and nearby.

Paper presentations will be scheduled for 20 minutes each including questions. All rooms will be equipped with digital projectors, laptops and screens; however, slide and overhead projectors will not be provided.

Posters will be limited to a maximum size of 0.9m x 1.2m (3' x 4'), in order to provide space for all participants. The Lakehead University Anthropology Association student group will provide prizes for a student poster competition.

Please submit an abstract of 150 words or less on the separate Paper/Poster Form by the deadline of April 3, 2009 to the email address below (preferably). If you have any questions, contact the program coordinator at:

Email: CAA09@lakeheadu.ca
Program Coordinator, CAA 2009 Meeting
c/o Dept. of Anthropology
Lakehead University
955 Oliver Road, Thunder Bay, ON P7B 5E1



A National Conference to be held in Hamilton, Ontario 21 – 24 October 2009

First Call for Papers

Deadline for submission 9 April 2009

In October 2009 Hamilton, Ontario will be the site of a national conference on industrial heritage in Canada which is being sponsored by Parks Canada and the City of Hamilton. You are invited to submit a proposal for a presentation for this conference. The five themes identified are:

- Brown site to Heritage Site: Planning Challenges and Strategies
- The Challenge of Preserving Industrial Heritage as Historic Sites and Museums
- Adaptive Use of Industrial Heritage: Conservation or Recycling?
- Strengthening Community Identity and Engagement
- Industrial Landscapes and Districts

Other topics or sessions will be considered. For more detailed information on the themes visit our website at www.industrialstrengthconference.ca

Papers will be no more than 20 minutes in length and can be presented in English or French. Each proposal should include 1) title 2) a 250-300 word abstract describing the subject and a summary of the key points, finding or conclusions 3) resume of the presenter(s) including address, telephone and email contact.

Send your proposal by e-mail to industrial.strength@hamilton.ca. The proposals will be reviewed by the program committee and you will be notified of their decision by May 15th.

Boyd Archaeological Field School

Enrolment for the 2009 course is open!

A residential summer credit course for high school students sponsored by the York Region District School Board, in co-operation with the Royal Ontario Museum and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Students excavate a portion of an actual archaeological site during this 3-week course: JULY 26 to AUGUST 15, 2009. We will return after a very exciting and successful season for a second year at the Graham House site, the mid-19th century home of a blacksmith and his family. Until recently, the main site for the program was the Seed-Barker site, a 16th-century Iroquoian village.

Course components:

- an introduction to archaeological theory
- archaeological excavation field work
- analysis of artifacts
- study of Aboriginal and Euro-Canadian settler cultures
- explore traditional knowledge of local environmental resources

- flint knapping and other lost arts

The PRE-COURSE SESSION will be held on Sunday June 7th for those students who have enrolled in the 2009 course. Note that we are still accepting new applications and it is not confirmed yet that the course will receive sufficient enrolment to run.

Location: Claremont Conservation Field Centre

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Toronto and Region Conservation
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www.trca.on.ca/archaeological_field_schools
www.boydfieldschool.org

MEETING WITH NEIL DOWNS, MCL -by Scarlett Janusas

Three APA Executive Board Members, Laurie Jackson, Scarlett Janusas, and Peter Timmins met with Neil Downs, manager of the Heritage Unit at the Ministry of Culture, Toronto on Friday, January 23rd, 2009.

A number of issues were discussed during this meeting.

- the results of the Ministry roundtable discussions that were held in the fall in London, Thunder Bay, Kingston and Toronto.
- the status of the New Standards and Guidelines. We requested reduced turn around time for request for site data (preferably within 48 hours - we really should have the data in hand prior to field work). Also, encourage our members to submit their data requests the same

time as requesting a CIF/PIF.

- We also requested that upon submission of reports that we receive an email notification of its receipt. We were told this would be put into place.

- Ministry of Culture was brought up to speed with APA's continuing role in fostering good will and permit/notification systems with First Nations and that another session with Six Nations would be coming up soon. They were encouraged to take a more active role in the process. We advised them that this system in southern Ontario was not applicable in Northern Ontario, and that the government needs to talk to each other and the First Nations communities. We encouraged an overall policy for government to government communication.

- We spoke about the liability issues of APA communicating items that were indicated to individuals, but never put in writing by the Ministry. Requested better communications, and if something changed, that everyone be alerted to these changes.

- We discussed the continued lag in letters of concurrence. We also requested that a system be put in place that for those projects where nothing was found, that they should be cleared immediately. Taken under advisement.

- Discussed the lack of consistency between the Ministry of Culture and municipalities, where sometimes lands are cleared before the report has even landed on a review (Ministry) desk. Taken under advisement.

Regular meetings will be held through the year with the Ministry and some of the Executive

Members of the APA. If you have any issues that you would like raised concerning the Ministry, please contact one of the Directors, and we will raise it at the next meeting.

NEWS FROM OVERSEAS

An article recently appeared in the Daily Telegraph in England concerning Archaeologists and the economic meltdown. The full article may be viewed at: <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/property/propertynews/4569833/Archaeologists-lose-their-jobs-as-recession-bites.html>

By Stephen Adams, Arts Correspondent
Last Updated: 3:12PM GMT 09 Feb 2009

Estimates are that there are approximately 7,000 archaeologists currently making a living in Britain. By the end of 2009, it is expected that up to 1,000 archaeologists will lose their jobs.

Archaeology is extensively tied to the development industry in Britain, and a large number of these construction projects are now being put on hold due to the economic recession. Britain has been officially designated as being in a recession.

At the end of 2008, approximately 345 archaeologist lost their jobs. The Institute for Archaeologists is indicating that the jobs are permanently lost, and those archaeologists who have lost jobs should look for a "whole new career". With the passing of laws in 1990 that tied archaeology to the planning process in Britain, the number of archaeologists leapt from about 2,000 and has risen to approximately 7,000 in 2008.

Comment:

Archaeology in Ontario is also heavily tied to land development, as it is in Britain. Ours is also tied into infrastructure and well as general construction. How are the members being affected by the economic meltdown? If you would like to comment on how the recession is affecting your life as an archaeologist, please contact me, Jacque at my e-mail address. Address given below.

MCL's Review Officers:

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Amrita Dillon: the person who now receives reports.

Licensing officer: Andy Schoenhofer, Toronto office. Telephone: 416 314-7148; andy.schoenhofer@ontario.ca

Please note that while it has recently been announced by MCL that Roshan Jussawalla was to retire at the end of March, Roshan has indicated that she will continue on in her current position, and has put off retiring.

**APA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
November 29th, 2008**

The AGM of 2008 was held at Durham College on a Saturday, late in November. A summary of what transpired at the meeting is detailed below.

Laurie summarized what the APA has been doing for the last year, and also welcomed Bill Finlayson to the board. Scarlett discussed the benefits of being an APA member, announced that the Carbon-14 Draw was in effect again, and let members know about a proposed tab on the web page that would link useful websites (ie. soils maps, acreage converter etc.) to ours. (**Note:** this is tab is now in operation on the APA webpage!)

Nick noted that the Membership Director and Treasurer position have now been amalgamated, in order to provide better and faster service to those applying to be an APA member. A bylaw change will be made to reflect this.

The APA bank balance is approximately \$4,500 with \$2,000 in GICs. Recent expenses include \$500.00 for the maintenance of the webpage; \$235.00 for a workshop; \$600.00 for Executive conference calls; and \$500.00 for the roundtable sponsorship at the Ontario

Archaeological Society's conference. Membership fees brought in \$2,900.00 for the year.

Other business included the problems that members were encountering with the Ministry of Culture. Again, the problem of the lack of re-dress, the arbitrariness of reviewers, and the lack of trust concerning professional judgement (ie. when to plough and when not to) were all brought up as examples. It was suggested that the APA continue to have meetings in order to discuss matters with MCL. (Note: The APA executive has recently met with MCL staff to discuss such problems as they relate to the new 2006 Standards & Guidelines. A summary will be provided in the next newsletter).

Scarlett raised the issue of peer review and how this is becoming more common in terms of CRM archaeology. It was noted by a member that municipalities will hire peer reviewers. Peer review may become a problem when MCL has already cleared a project, and it was pointed out that it is often the case that the municipality is the approval authority and not MCL, in which case the municipality planners are cautious about Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) hearings as they then have liability. MCL reviewers just accept the report into the provincial register of reports. It was pointed out that there is a lack of communication between archaeologists and municipalities. A workshop on these issues was then suggested. It was noted that engineers and planners have a well developed set of guidelines for peer review and they could be useful. Finally, it was noted that it is the responsibility of the archaeologist to know what each municipality requires, and that there are 430 municipalities in Ontario. This is one reason that planners specialized geographically, and this may be what happens to archaeologists as well.

A discussion then followed on Health and Safety issues, and this topic was also suggested as a possible workshop. A general Health and Safety Manual is being drafted, and could be put on the webpage for members' use. Scarlett also suggested to incorporate into the workshop a section on wildlife (ticks, chiggers bears etc.) and plants (ie. poison ivy).

The meeting was adjourned. This summary is based on the minutes kindly transcribed by Peter Timmins.