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Letter From the President

Well, two years have now passed since I was elected. It definitely has been an interesting two years. Prior to my election I had spent the majority of my time involved with archeological issues in Wyoming and Montana. As a result, I was not very familiar with the people working in Nebraska nor Nebraska archeological issues. Being President of N.A.P.A. for two years has helped remedy this. I am grateful for the opportunity and I hope that the membership has seen an improvement in N.A.P.A. activities.

In thinking back on the past two years I am proud that we have accomplished three things. The first is that Anne Wolley has streamlined and organized the membership process. Not only do we now accurately know who our members are, but we have been able to increase our numbers. The stage is set for a more active campaign with N.A.S. to bring more Nebraskans into the archeological fold.

The second accomplishment has been the successful completion of the N.A.P.A. journal, Central Plains Archeology. Special thanks go to John Ludwickson, Eli Paul, Curt Peacock and Melissa Connor and all the contributors to this first issue. Plowing new ground is the toughest. They received some criticism along the way but I wish to clearly state our congratulations and thanks for a job well done! Their achievement and standard will surely help make the N.A.P.A. journal a valuable reference source for all those interested in Plains' archeology.

The third accomplishment during the past two years is the strengthening of the N.A.P.A. organization and the expanded involvement of our organization. We currently have an excellent rapport with N.A.S. through their president, Todd Rivers. Issues of mutual interest such as expanding membership, educational opportunities and joint fieldwork projects are currently being explored. I personally have touched base with Todd about the possibility of reviving the Omaha metropolitan chapter of N.A.S. Work will begin this spring.

Our legislative committee, chaired by Peter Bleed has been faced

with numerous challenges over the past two years. The reburial issue, which found its way into the Nebraska legislature, is of major concern to N.A.P.A. This issue, which is still plaguing the Nebraska Historical Society, has illustrated the need to make our legislative committee permanent, as proposed by an amendment to our by-laws (see this newsletter). It is also time to begin exploring a formal relationship between N.A.P.A. and the Native American organizations in Nebraska. Cooperation, rather than confrontation, is obviously in our best interest.

Another sign of the maturing of N.A.P.A. is the idea for workshops that has been successfully organized by Melissa Connor. The first set in Lincoln last Fall was well received by the area high schools and the community as a whole. Melissa has organized a set of workshops to be held in Omaha this spring. I am sure that they will also be successful. Melissa is a tremendous asset to N.A.P.A. Over the past two years I have seen her enthusiasm and creativity pay off. We should all be as active and committed as Melissa!

Currently N.A.P.A. has people working on the following committees: educational, publication, membership, finance, legislative, archeology week, N.A.S/N.A.P.A. joint fieldwork, and bylaw revision. This expanded organization is reflective of a vibrant and maturing organization.

In closing, I wish to thank all of the people who have helped me over the past two years. A special thanks goes to Cathie Masters, Vice President. She has been in charge of most of N.A.P.A.'s "nuts and bolts" (she would say mostly nuts) in regards to its operations. She has faithfully issued the newsletter, helped Anne with numerous mailings and taken flack that clearly should have been mine. I did not know Cathie two years ago, but if she is typical of the dedicated individuals working to better Nebraska archeology, then it has a bright future.

Best regards,
Bob Hassler
N.A.P.A. President

Activities of the Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee

The operation of N.A.P.A. over the past four years has shown the need to modify the bylaws to more accurately correspond with actual activities. This committee has submitted the following amendments for consideration. These amendments will be voted on at the annual meeting.

Amendment #1: Section V. Membership C. Termination of Membership:

Current: A member will be dropped from membership in the Nebraska Association of Professional Archeologists if he/she fails to pay annual dues. A former member may be reinstated, in these cases, by paying all annual dues owed.

Propose: A member will be dropped from membership in the Nebraska Association of Professional Archeologists if they fail to pay annual dues. (Delete next sentence entirely).

Amendment #2: Section VI. Officers and Board of Directors A.

Current: 2. Vice-President. The Vice-President shall be responsible for soliciting and editing material for the quarterly newsletter and other publications.

Propose: 2. President-elect. The President-elect shall be responsible for soliciting and editing material for the tri-annual newsletter and semi-annual journal (Central Plains Archaeology). The President-elect may appoint a special editor for the journal.

Amendment #3: Section VI. Officers and Board of Directors C.

Current: The Officers and Directors shall serve two-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Non-officer Directors elected in 1986 shall serve for only a one year term. Thereafter Officers and Directors will be elected in alternate years. Serving Directors may resign if they are elected to Office.

Propose: The Officers and Directors shall serve two-year terms and may not serve more than two consecutive terms. Directors will be elected in odd calendar years. The Secretary-Treasurer will be elected in even calendar years. Annually a President will be elected. The first year will be served as President-elect and the second year as President.

Amendment #4: Section VII. Meetings

Current: The corporation shall meet annually for the purpose of electing officials and for the transaction of such other business. The date and location of the Annual Meeting shall be determined at the preceding meeting. The agenda shall be set by the President who shall call for membership input. The agenda

shall be announced at least 30 days in advance by the Secretary-Treasurer.

Propose: The corporation shall meet annually for the purpose of electing officials and for the transaction of such other business. The date and location of the Annual Meeting shall correspond with the Nebraska Academy of Sciences' Annual Meeting. The agenda shall be announced in the N.A.P.A. Newsletter issued just prior to the Annual Meeting. The President, with membership input, will set the agenda.

Amendment #5: Section VII. Meetings

Current: Motions developed during either Board Meetings or the Annual Meeting of the corporation shall be sustained by a favorable majority of voting members at the meeting. A quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members. A quorum at the Annual Meeting shall be 1/3 of the fellow members.

Propose: Motions developed during Board Meetings shall be sustained by a favorable majority of voting members at the meeting. A quorum at a meeting of the Board shall be five (5) members. Motions developed at the Annual Meeting shall be sustained by a favorable majority of voting members at the meeting.

Amendment #6: Section VIII. Committees

Current: 2. Publication. This committee shall assist the Vice-President with all aspects of the corporation's publication program including selection and publication of reviews of archeological reports relevent to Nebraska.

Propose: 2. Publication. This committee shall assist the President-elect with all aspects of the corporation's publication program. (Delete the rest)

Amendment #7: Section VIII. Committees

Propose: 4. Legislative. This committee shall assist the President by reviewing and disseminating all local, state and national legislation which impacts Nebraska archeology. Legislative proposals would be developed by this committee for membership consideration.

Amendment #8: Section VIII. Committees

Propose: 5. Finance This committee would assist the Secretary-Treasurer in the solicitation of support grants from both public and private sources. Guidelines for the allocation of these funds would also be developed by this committee in conjunction with other standing committees.

Amendment #9: Section IX. Finances

Current: ...Disbursements in excess of \$25.00 shall require the prior concurrence of the Board of Directors and shall be within the constraints of available funds.

Propose: Disbursements in excess of \$100.00 shall require the prior concurrence of the Board of Directors and shall be within the constraints of available funds.

Amendment #10: Section X. Publications

Current: The corporation shall publish a tri-annual newsletter to disseminate corporation business, interests, and opinions. Other publications may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

Propose: The corporation shall publish a tri-annual newsletter to disseminate corporation business, interests, and opinions. The corporation also shall publish biannually a journal (Central Plains Archeology). Other publications may be authorized by the Board of Directors.

February N.A.P.A. Board Meeting

A N.A.P.A. Board meeting was held on February 14, 1990 at the Midwest Archeological Center. Doug Scott, Melissa Connor, Rob Bozell, Bob Hassler, Cathie Masters, Todd Rivers, Anne Wolley, Chris Schoen, and Doug Bamforth were present constituting a quorum.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Education Committee Report. Bob Hassler reported for Becky Otto that the organization of the Speaker's Bureau is progressing and she will be in touch with Melissa about the workshops and about Melissa's proposal that we organize an Archeology Week in Nebraska next year.

2. Secretary-Treasurer Report. Doug Bamforth reported a balance in the treasury of \$1635.67. This reflects a net figure

after deduction of the following expenditures:

Newsletter expenses (envelopes, postage, and printing)	\$106.56
Printing of <u>Central Plains Archeology</u> journal.	\$672.92

The balance also reflects a \$200.00 donation from the Nebraska Archeological Society and the return of \$276.00 from the Professional Council for North Dakota Heritage. Since the group was unable to raise enough money to pursue their case for retention of skeletal remains, they have returned our donation. One hundred dollars was contributed by N.A.P.A. as a group and \$176.00 was collected from individuals at the Plains Conference meeting. If anyone would like to be reimbursed for his/her contribution, please contact Doug Bamforth. It was decided at the Board meeting to target this money to the next journal printing.

3. Membership Committee Report. Anne reported that our total membership has now reached 91, with 59 fellow and 32 associate members. Only 39% of the membership has renewed for 1990, so keep those renewals coming in. Anne has received \$525.00 in dues and \$30.00 in donations. A special thanks to Ellen Cummings and Eli Paul for their generous donations. Those of you who have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. Remember, this will be the last Newsletter and Journal for those who haven't renewed their memberships.

4. Publication Committee Report. Now that the first issue of the journal is out, the committee is busily working on the second. The next issue, scheduled to be out in July, will be Volume 2 Number 1 and will contain articles by Donald Blakeslee (Nebraska Phase), Chris Schoen (window glass on the Plains), and James Gunderson (Nebraska pipestone). An anticipated third volume devoted to the Lincoln Pottery Works is tentatively scheduled for printing in December.

5. Ad Hoc Legislative Committee Report. No report.

6. Ad Hoc Finance Committee Report. Bob Hassler reported that Don Clark, chairman, is compiling a list of foundations in Nebraska which may provide matching grant funds to organizations such as N.A.P.A. A query letter is scheduled to be mailed out in March to solicit money from organizations.

The question of whether N.A.P.A. is tax exempt came up and it was pointed out that the organization is tax exempt under Nebraska statutes.

7. Ad Hoc Fieldwork Committee Report. Todd Rivers reported that N.A.S. will be sponsoring a two week amateur field school. Doug Bamforth will provide professional guidance for this project, which is planned for the first two weeks of July at Medicine Creek. For more information concerning the amateur

field school contact Todd Rivers (402-467-1314) or Les Hosick (308-367-4233).

8. Ad Hoc By-law Redrafting Report. Bob Hassler reported that changes in the by-laws are being considered. The proposed changes have been enumerated earlier in the Newsletter. These should be carefully considered by the membership before the Annual N.A.P.A. meeting on April 20, 1990.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Archeology Week. Melissa Connor suggested that we consider developing an "Archeology Week" in Nebraska. She pointed out that other states, including Colorado and Utah, have been quite successful in sponsoring "archeology weeks", and they have proved to be excellent means for promoting a positive image of archeology to the public. A wide range of archeological activities could be organized to bring amateurs, professionals, and the general public together. Hopefully, it would be possible to successfully lobby for an official proclamation of "Nebraska Archeology Week" by the Governor. The Board was anxious to see this idea developed and a committee will be organized very soon to begin work on this ambitious undertaking.

2. Officer Elections and Transfer of Committee Responsibilities. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting to fill the positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer. All committee chairperson positions will also terminate at this time. Appointment of new chairs will be the job of the newly elected N.A.P.A. officers. The nomination committee has the pleasure of putting forth the following persons for consideration:

Nomination for President: Melissa Connor
Nomination for Vice-President: Peter Bleed
Nomination for Secretary-Treasurer: Anne Wolley

Nominations from the floor are encouraged at the Annual Meeting. We look forward to seeing you there. We realize that attendance will probably be smaller than usual due to the simultaneous scheduling of the Society of American Archeology meetings in Las Vegas.

Agenda for the N.A.P.A. Annual Meeting (April 20, 1990)

Opening Remarks by the President (Hassler)
Committee Reports

1. Membership Committee (Wolley)
2. Publication Committee (Masters/Connor)
3. Secretary-Treasurer Report (Bamforth)
4. Education Committee (Otto)
5. Ad hoc Archeology Week Project Committee (Connor)
6. Ad hoc Fieldwork Committee (Bamforth)

7. Ad hoc Legislative Committee (Bleed)
8. Ad hoc Finance Committee (Hassler)
9. Ad hoc By-law Redrafting Committee (Hassler)
 - a. Reading of proposed amendment (see this newsletter)
 - b. Discussion of amendment
 - c. Voting on amendment

Election of Officers

1. Ad hoc Nominations Committee (Hassler)
2. Nominations from the floor
3. Closed Balloting
4. Election Results

Transfer of Responsibilities

1. Hassler Committee Chairpersons' Resignations
2. Past President's Remarks (Hassler)
3. President-elects Remarks

New Business (conducted by new President)

Meeting Closed

ANNOUNCEMENTS

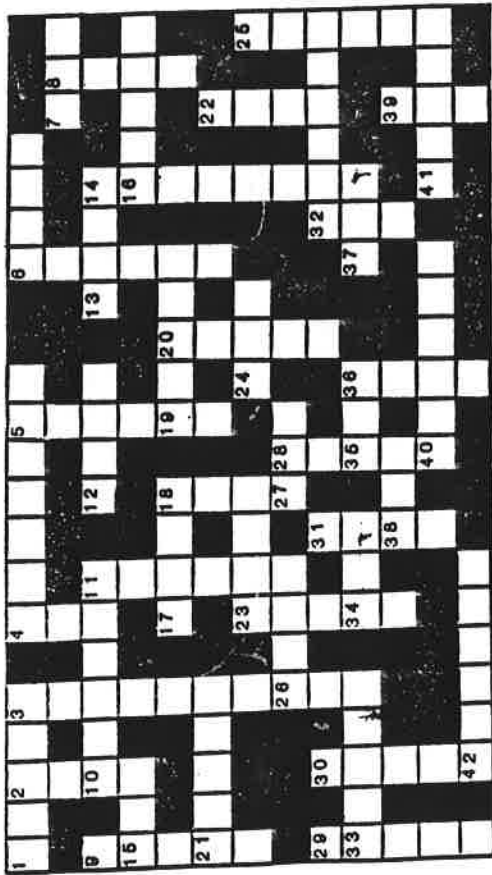
The Corp of Engineers is sponsoring an amateur dig August 1 to August 12, 1990 at a site 15-20 miles east of Williston, North Dakota. Site 39WI50 is located in Lewis and Clark State Park in the area of the Lake Sacacawea Garrison Dam. The park is installing utility lines eight feet underground, so a representative sample will be collected from the proposed construction area. The site is multicomponent and dates to 1000 B.C. A historic trading post is also believed to be in the vicinity of the site.

The site is in a picturesque area within site of nice beaches. The area is popular for camping, fishing and swimming and a favorite spot for wind surfers because of the prevailing winds. Volunteers will work everyday from 8-12 and 1-5. Children under 14 should be accompanied by an adult and no children under 10 please. Becky says the park is pulling out all the stops to show volunteers a good time, so it should really be fun. For more information contact Becky Otto at work (402-221-3070) or at home (402-291-9269).

The Annual meeting of the Nebraska Association of Professional Archeologists will be held at the Nebraska Academy of Science meetings on April 20, 1990 in Olin Hall on the Nebraska Wesleyan University campus. Officers will be elected at this meeting and changes in the by-laws voted on, so please try to attend.

Cathie Masters
Editor

ANASAZI CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. The Indians used every part of this plant for food, fiber, soap, etc.
4. Generally made from yucca fibers, the Indians used them for carrying things, storing things and even as molds for their pottery.
6. An essential in their lives, it provided light and heat for warmth and cooking.
7. A pointed tool made of bone that had many uses.
10. Used for hunting deer and larger game, they were straightened in stone "shaftsmoothers" to fly true.
12. This vegetable was their main food and its husks were dried to make many things.
13. A Spanish word meaning hand, and it is the term used for the stone held in the hand while grinding corn on a large "metate" stone.
15. Various parts of animals and plants were put into storage rooms to _____.
16. An animal substance that was mixed with clay and ashes to cover their floors.
17. The flesh of this animal was used for food, the skin for warmth, the bones and antlers for tools.
19. Feathers from this bird were probably used for ceremonial costumes as they are today.
21. Dyes are made from different parts of the chamisa or rabbit _____.

23. Pottery was decorated with thinned clay called _____.
24. Walls of caves and other rooms were plastered with this to help keep the rooms clean and cover up soot.
26. These tools were used for chopping and cutting and were made of stone.
27. Antlers of the deer and _____ are placed, by the Pueblo Indians today, around the Shrine of the Stone Lions found in the Bandelier backcountry.
32. A dark volcanic rock from which tools were chipped and flaked.
33. _____ from animals, were probably used for bedding and warmth.
34. Often obtained from plants and used to color cotton cloth which was obtained by trade.
35. Gambel _____, a tree or shrub found here, produced acorns - a valuable food for Indians and wildlife.
37. A place where turkeys could have been kept.
38. The hunter has to have straight arrows so that his _____ is true.
40. Pieces of broken pottery found around ruin sites.
41. Artifacts have been found made from this animal although its range was east of here.
42. "Griddles" used for cooking were _____ flat surfaced, large _____.

DOWN

2. Earth used for making pottery.
3. These were of different size and shape, often flaked from obsidian, glass volcanic rock.
4. This was needed to shoot arrows.
5. Feathers were used from this bird to make blankets.
6. Obsidian rocks were _____ to make arrowheads and tools.
8. A material used for fire sticks, cradle boards, ladders and roof supports.
9. Earth mixed with matter and used to make bricks or plaster for pueblo homes.
11. When found at a ruin site, it meant they were traded for from peoples by the sea.
14. Volcanic matter that hardened very quickly into a black glass rock, used for arrow points and trade.
18. Yucca fibers were often used as we use _____.
20. Pieces of a _____ were used to scrape pottery smooth.
22. A Spanish word meaning water jar.
23. Many types were gathered, ground and mixed with cornmeal.
25. A raw material probably traded for and used to weave cloth and mats.
28. Were set up in kivas and used for weaving.
29. Were mixed with clay and blood and used on their floors.
30. A Spanish word meaning beams used for roof supports.
31. A viga was this.
32. Evergreen branches, dried plant material and skins were used for this.
36. Things stored in pottery containers would _____ safe from rodents.
39. Caves were enlarged for living quarters by carving away the hardened volcanic _____ and tuff rock which made up the canyon walls.