

New York Archaeological Council

Fall 2017 Meeting

Saturday September 30, 2017

DRAFT Agenda

Officers Reports:

- President
- Vice-president – status of new applications
- Treasurer – Reaching out to those who fell off the membership list, Switching accounts as a non-profit, November 1st Dues Notice
- Secretary –Minutes from spring meeting, membership mailing list updates and useage

Committee Chair Reports

- Action Committee – Update on Ellis Site, UB Survey acquisition of Kirk B. consulting firm collection
- Archaeology Season Posters and Future Programs
 - 2018 Video Competition (separate committee with Matt Sanger, Doug Pippin, Mike L, Linda S, Daria?) with video submission guidelines being developed by Matt S. – Need to get this started so people have time during the field season to produce a video; also need an advertisement of the competition to circulate to membership and to colleges/universities
 - 2020 second video competition (maybe have a backup plan)
- Funk Foundation
- Legislation – continued attacks on the National Historic Preservation Act and Antiquities Act. NYAC should have a committee able to do rapid comments/responses to government attacks on historic preservation. Do like SAA and SHA and have standard letters and links to NY House and Senate Representatives?
- Newsletter – we agreed on one per year with a June 1 publication date? Announcement should go out more than a month in advance and then repeat several times
- Website: Consultant's page updates, PayPal button for membership dues and donations

Ad Hoc Committees

- By-Laws committee - update
- Program Assistance Committee- Spring Program: Soils and Geomorphology in Archaeology program Start planning now

Old Business

- Update on sponsorship by the law firm
- Culling document: Need to rekindle progress on DRAFT Standards for collections culling (Suggestions include: Find experts and draft guidelines by specific material types, recognize need for a) differential treatment at Ph1 vs Ph2 vs Ph3 levels of investigation, b) differential treatment on private vs public land, c) differential treatment for pre-contact vs historic vs urban/industrial sites, d) differential treatment based on size and scale of project and sponsors, e) use of alternative mitigation strategies, f) make flow charts to depict decision making process for different scenarios

New Business

- Create NYAC Founder's web page tab with names of photos of past awardees, history of, etc.
- Spring Meeting *dates, place* in conjunction with NYSAA meeting; sponsor?
- Spring Program – video competition
- Request to upgrade our The Archaeology Channel (TAC) sponsorship, TAC as video contest venue?
- Attempts to email scam \$\$\$ from NYAC
- Creating and disseminating an archive of the afternoon program
- Apology for meeting conflict and future meeting arrangements
- Discussion of NYAC Application process and need for Statement of Interest (By-laws relevance?)
- General need for better organization and action by NYAC Board and membership, committee list, calendar of activities and important dates