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Dues should be paid to the Secretary-Treasurer by not later than close of the Annual Business meeting each calendar year.

Membership Renewal Form is available at:

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TCPA/index.html>

Dues may be paid online by PayPal, by mail, or at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Meeting 2013

The Annual Business Meeting of the Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology will convene at **3:00 PM, Friday, January 25, 2013** at the Ed Jones Auditorium in the Ellington Agricultural Center on Edmondson Pike in Nashville. Elections will be held for two board positions (2013-16 terms), along with discussions of a number of issues important to the future of the TCPA. **All current members and potential members are encouraged to attend.**

As per tradition, the business meeting is held in conjunction with the Annual Conference on Current Research in Tennessee Archaeology (CRITA). The tentative schedule for CRITA 2013 is as follows: **Friday, January 25:** 1:30 PM – meeting of the Tennessee Archaeological Advisory Council; **3:00 PM -- Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology;** 4:15 PM – Reception (following TCPA). **Saturday, January 26:** 8:25 am -- Introductory Remarks; 8:30 am-Noon: Current Research Presentations; Noon-1:15 pm: Lunch; 1:15 pm onward: Current Research presentations.

PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

As promised at last year's annual meeting, I am resurrecting the long defunct *TCPA Bulletin* as another venue for communication amongst the members. Although circumstances prevented a general call for submittals for this issue of the *Bulletin*, please consider this a "call for future submittals." I will endeavor to get a *Bulletin* out in both spring/summer and fall/winter 2013. As the news and notices contained herein underline, our organization is taking an increasingly active role in advocating for archaeology at the local, state and national levels -- and providing significant financial support for important endeavors in Tennessee Archaeology. Of course, we will continue to facilitate communication among our members through the TCPA website, the newly revived bulletin (in hand), the email list TCPA-L, and the e-journal *Tennessee Archaeology*.

I hope all of you will plan to attend the Annual Business Meeting in January 2013, but for those who are unable, I have included a number of updates since our last meeting in January 2012 for your information.

Kevin E. Smith, President

TCPA Officer Elections, January 25

Solicitation of nominations for two vacant member-at-large positions on the Board of Directors was distributed to the membership via email on December 3, 2012 with a deadline of December 14 for receipt of nominations. The four-year terms for these two positions are 2013-2016, but please note that elected Board members will assume their office at the close of the annual business meeting on January 25, 2013 and cede their seats at the close of the annual business meeting in 2017. Board members rotating off this year are Pat Cummins and Lynne Sullivan. The Nominations Committee for 2013 elections includes:

Aaron Deter-Wolf (Chair): aaron.deter-wolf@tn.gov

Kandi Hollenbach: kdh@utk.edu

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Pursuant to the Bylaws and recent practice, the committee will review nominations and submit a slate of candidates (including brief biographies) following the December 14 deadline for nominations that will be posted on the TCPA web pages as soon as possible thereafter, but not later than January 11, 2013. The membership will be notified of that posting by email to the TCPA-L email list. The Nominations Committee will be responsible for coordinating the vote at the Annual Business Meeting. Please note that our bylaws do not allow for proxy or absentee ballots -- only eligible voting members present at the Annual Business meeting may participate.

As you consider how to cast your votes, I encourage members to think about our need to have adequate representation of our diverse constituency on the TCPA Board. While past discussions have suggested that we did not want to designate "categories" for at-large positions on the Board, those same discussions suggest that several considerations remain important to the membership in terms of "being representative." Those have included having some representation on the Board from universities, cultural resource management, government agencies, museums, and the avocational community. Other considerations raised in the past were to ensure gender diversity and representation from the Native American community. As a final note, another consideration raised in the past was having some representation from the three Grand Divisions - West, Middle, and East.

Please accept the above in the spirit intended -- as President, I have neither intent nor desire to support or promote any specific nominee or candidate. I simply ask that as you consider the slate of candidates, please include these past discussions and issues as part of your deliberative process.

Council of Councils Meeting at SAA Memphis

At the April 2012 SAA meetings in Memphis, the TCPA was lead co-sponsor (with the Mississippi Archaeological Association) of the Council of Councils Meeting (in other words, we provided the coffee and pastries and Kevin Smith presided over the meeting). The Council of Councils is sponsored by the SAA to provide a national umbrella organization for coordinating information exchange

between state professional councils and societies, each of which is invited to send a representative to the meeting and/or provide a brief report of its activities. Dr. Tanya Peres, President-Elect, was also in attendance. Sponsorship of refreshments was at no cost to us thanks to a generous donation on behalf of the TCPA from Weaver & Associates LLC. We also thank Guy and his staff for coordinating with the hotel for the catering services. This is the second occasion we have hosted the Council of Council Meetings -- the last time was in 2006 in Puerto Rico.

Publications and Public Outreach

Since our last meeting, the editorial coordinators (Kevin E. Smith and Michael C. Moore) worked with Aaron Deter-Wolf and Tanya M. Peres as Guest-Editors of a special issue on "Recent Research in the Middle Cumberland River Valley." That evolved into sufficient articles to comprise a substantive volume (174 pages, including 118 figures and 32 tables), which was e-published in August 2012. This is quite comparable to the Volume 5 page length of 191 pages (including 119 figures and 22 tables). The editors are currently at work on Volume 7, Issue 1 -- but need more submittals

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Annual Recognition Awards Program

The Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology maintains an awards program to publicly recognize and acknowledge significant contributions of individuals to the archaeology of Tennessee. The awards fall into three categories: 1) significant and special achievements of individuals over the past calendar year (both avocational and professionals); 2) significant and special contributions of individuals over a career (both avocational and professionals); and 3) graduate student contributions. The current awards categories approved by the Board include: 1) Avocational Career Achievement Award; 2) Professional Career Achievement Award; 3-4) Special Achievement Awards for Avocational and Professional Archaeologists (recognizing special achievements over the past year); and 5) Special Recognition Awards for Thesis/Dissertation on Tennessee Archaeology. These recognitions are not necessarily intended to be "annual" awards -- but rather to recognize special and significant contributions as warranted. The Awards Committee welcomes nominations from members in any of these categories -- for initial nomination, please send the name and a brief but thorough justification to the attention of the president.

The Board has approved one award that will be publicly presented on Saturday, January 26 during the CRITA meeting.

Tennessee Well Represented in Leadership of the Southeastern Archaeological Conference

Following the results of elections at SEAC 2012 in Baton Rouge, Tennessee is very well represented in the leadership of that organization -- three of our board members are currently serving. Tanya M. Peres continues service as Executive Officer 1; Phillip Hodge continues service as Associate Editor (newsletter); and Kandi Hollenbach was elected to serve as Treasurer Elect.

TCPA Board Member Receives C.B. Moore Award for Excellence

At the Southeastern Archaeological Conference meeting in Baton Rouge, TCPA Board Member Kandi Hollenbach was awarded the C.B. Moore Award for Excellence by a young scholar in Southeastern Archaeology. Congratulations (or perhaps condolences) to Kandi!



Kandi Hollenbach with her C.B. Moore Award

Photograph courtesy Robert V. Sharp

TCPA Web Pages and Email List

The current on-line home of the TCPA is:

<http://www.mtsu.edu/~kesmith/TCPA/index.html>

If you click on the link to "Members Area," you will be prompted for a username and password. Both are "tcpa" (lowercase and without the quotes). This area includes meeting minutes, financial statement information, and other informational items. TCPA-L -- an email list hosted by Middle Tennessee State University -- serves as the primary means of communication with our membership. Please be sure to contact the list manager if your email changes or you are not receiving email notices (Listmanager: Kevin E. Smith, kevin.smith@mtsu.edu). We also have a Facebook page -- search for Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology and "L ke Us!"



Charles McNutt receiving his award.

Photograph courtesy Kevin E. Smith

TCPA "Founder" Receives SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award

At the Southeastern Archaeological Conference in Baton Rouge, Charles H. McNutt was awarded the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. As some of you will recall, the TCPA awarded Charles a Career Achievement Award for Excellence in Professional Archaeology at our 2005 meeting. Congratulations to Charles for a well-deserved honor.

Charles McNutt came of age at the University of Michigan under the tutelage of Jimmy Griffin, who chaired his doctoral committee in the late fifties. Charles worked on the Missouri River Basin Project and then at the University of Nebraska in 1960, the University of Tennessee in 1961, and Arizona State in 1962. Two years later, he landed a position as an Associate Professor at Memphis State University where he worked with Charles Nash to create and nurture an anthropology program. Although he ostensibly retired in 1998, he remains active in the field. Charles was, and is, a stalwart contributor and supporter of Southeastern Archaeology, offering his unique insights into statistics and typology and a curious blend of culture history and culture process. But his most lasting contribution may well be his nurturing of students, who today have academic and contract positions throughout the field of archaeology. His influence and warm personality has touched many of those who have been fortunate to know Charles and to have been charmed by his many stories of past adventures and meetings. **Southeastern Archaeological Conference Bulletin 55:75.**



**SEAC Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients
John A. Walthall and Charles H. McNutt.**

Photograph courtesy Kevin E. Smith



**Dr. Jeffrey Altschul, President Elect of the Society for
American Archaeology presents the 2012 Crabtree
Award to John Dowd.**

Photograph courtesy Kevin E. Smith

Charter Board Member Receives National Award

At the April 20 meeting of the Society for American Archaeology in Memphis, John T. Dowd was awarded the prestigious Crabtree Award presented annually by the Society for American Archaeology to an outstanding avocational archaeologist who has "made significant contributions to advance understandings of local, regional, or national archaeology through excavation, research, publications, site or collections preservation, collaboration with the professional community and/or public outreach."

Those of you with long enough memories will recall that John was one among the first seven members of the TCPA Board of Directors (then known as the "Advisory Committee"). He served as an active and vocal advocate for avocational archaeologists on the "advisory committee" from 1993-2003. The TCPA awarded John the second of our Avocational Lifetime Achievement Awards in 1999. Congratulations to John for a well-deserved honor.

A Capsule Origin of the TCPA

In 1991, Charles McNutt led a discussion titled "Formation of Association of Tennessee Archaeologists" during the 3rd Annual CRITA Meeting. In 1992, further discussion culminated in a unanimous vote to form the Tennessee Council of Professional Archeologists: "to provide support to archeologists working for the state and federal agencies when such support is warranted... [and to] provide a vehicle of communication for archeologists working in the State." McNutt served as interim president and appointed an advisory committee to include representation from "academia, contract archeology, amateur archeology, and museums." The first annual TCPA meeting was held in 1993 at which an agency archaeologist was added to the advisory committee and a bylaws committee established.

In 1994, members approved the name Tennessee Council for Professional Archaeology and adopted bylaws. The purposes were outlined as: "(a) to facilitate and assist in the practice of professional archaeology... (b) to curate, display, and otherwise disseminate archaeological information... (c) to stimulate and encourage cooperation between professional and non-professional archaeologists; (d) to strengthen the identification of professional archaeology and of qualified archaeologists as professionals; (e) to encourage high standards in the practice of archaeology; (f) to require ethical behavior and high standards of performance from its membership; (g) to assist governmental and other organizations employing archaeologists in the responsible implementation of their duties; (h) to support existing legislation and legislative efforts that positively affect cultural resources and to stand against legislative efforts that would negatively affect those resources; (i) to provide a broadly-based open forum in which technical, ethical, administrative, and philosophical issues affecting cultural resources can be discussed in a positive atmosphere."

Despite some growing pains along the way, the TCPA has emerged as an active, significant and positive organization for Tennessee Archaeology.