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“Material culture is the conventional name for the tangible yield of human conduct.”

– Henry Glassie

Baton Rouge, Louisiana 2008

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Future Sites of PAS: APAL Conferences

Pipestem, West Virginia - October 29-31, 2009
Theme: Heritage Preservation in Appalachia

Castleton, Vermont - Fall 2010

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Greetings and Salutations!

I hope spring has sprung where you are and that you have suffered little physical and emotional damage with what appeared to be a tough transition between seasons. Down here in southern Florida it is now what we call “almost” summer. But spring has been pleasant, although a lack of rain has started to cause some problems. (Driest it has been since 1932 they say. It’s a good thing we keep records!)

It was good to see many of you in Baton Rouge last October. It was a great meeting, with two fantastic field trips. I also know some of you couldn’t make it... and your absence was noted. But in true PAS tradition, we carried on.

For our 41st annual meeting we will be in southeastern West Virginia. Make sure you make your room reservations early. It is a peak time for foliage during our meeting dates and the lodge is sure to be packed.

Dawn and Marshall, two stalwarts in the organization have quite a lineup for our meeting and field trip. Some of us will also be taking a post-meeting trip to an area of mountaintop removal. If time permits, please join us. Larry will be happy to see you and will appreciate your support, now that pending legislation puts controls on that coal removal process. (This is the guy whose dog was poisoned by the coal companies, trying to get Larry off a couple million dollars’ worth of coal his family has owned for generations on top of Buford Mountain.)

In society news, many of the new changes are in place. The publications staff has finished its transition for the newsletter, journal, and book reviews. The new Secretary and Treasurer have started to rigorously pursue their duties and the Finance Committee is starting to analyze our economic position. Of course our endowment took quite a “hit,” as many of the invested funds did. Hopefully, the market will rebound over time to recoup our losses. Several cost avoidance measures along with some budget cuts were approved by the Board. The price of membership, however, did not increase. A letter sent by our new Treasurer at the end of 2008 asking for additional funds had a positive response, and suggestions from the Membership Committee are being phased in, albeit slowly.

In short, we are still a viable entity. The Board of Directors is taking proactive steps to keep us afloat to continue to fulfill our mission.

That being said, more is better at times. I will ask all of you now to consider donating to the organization this year to help out, over and above the membership dues (this overage is tax deductible). Please include a little something more, if you can afford it, to help us fund our awards, conferences, and programs. As the world changes, we must change as well... hopefully into a period of prosperity for all.

A healthy spring and a sultry summer to you all... life is too short not to pet the alligators once in a while.

Peace,

Artimus Keiffer, Ph.D.
Executive Director
Stuart, Florida

On the cover - Clockwise, from top: PAS: APAL members pose for a group photo in New Orleans, Louisiana (photo by Chris Mayda); Jay Edwards points out water marks on a house that survived the 2005 Katrina flood in New Orleans (photo by Kat Forgacs); PAS: APAL members investigate Creole architecture in a New Orleans neighborhood (photo by Kat Forgacs).
The Pioneer America Society will hold its annual conference at Pipestem Resort State Park, the "Year-round Crown Jewel of West Virginia State Parks," in Pipestem, WV, on October 29-31, 2009. The conference will begin on Thursday, with registration, a reception, and the Mountaintop Removal Road Show. Papers will be presented on Friday, and Saturday will be devoted to a day-long field trip. An optional whitewater rafting trip, focusing on New River Gorge National River history, will be offered on Sunday for those interested.

Pipestem Resort Park is a fully modern facility that includes a nature center, hiking trails, horse stables, tennis and golf. Rooms have been reserved in McKeever Lodge, where standard hotel amenities exist.

Like the recent Baton Rouge meeting, this conference will be held in conjunction with the Eastern Historical Geography Association (EHGA).

The 2009 conference theme is: Heritage Preservation in Appalachia, but as always, papers on other topics of interest to the members of each organization are welcome.

The Saturday field trip will explore largely abandoned landscapes of coal mining. It will include a tour of the Pocahontas Exhibition Coal Mine, a National Historic Landmark, which was the first mine in the Pocahontas coal field, as well as a walking tour of historic Pocahontas, VA. Lunch will be provided at the Bramwell Café, followed by a guided tour of Bramwell, WV, where more than a dozen coal millionaires once made their homes. The afternoon will be spent exploring Kimball, WV, with its company store and still occupied houses; the restored World War Memorial, the first and only remaining memorial in the United States built to honor African-American veterans; and Vivian, WV, a once proud mining community whose derelict company store and school provide a hint of better times in the past.

On Sunday, the optional rafting field trip heads northward on the New River Gorge National River (Class III Rapids), exploring extant mining landscapes.

The conference committee is now soliciting proposals for papers and special sessions relating to the conference theme. The deadline for the submission of abstracts is September 1, 2009.

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or visit http://www.westvirginia.com/
The 40th Annual PAS Conference:
A joint meeting with the Eastern Historical Geography Association
October 15-18, 2008 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana
by Craig Colten

Although Hurricane Gustav provided a scare to conference organizers in late August, tropical cyclones could not deter this year’s 40th Anniversary PAS Conference. Splendid fall weather greeted the attendees of the joint PAS-EHGA conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. LSU’s Department of Geography and Anthropology hosted an opening reception at the state Visitor’s Center overlooking the Mississippi River on Wednesday evening to set the meeting in motion.

The following morning, a busload of PAS-EHGA members, plus an overflow van piloted by Artimus Keiffer headed down the Mississippi River for the opening field trip. Craig Colten led the trip that included stops at the former international boundary at Bayou Manchac, the Acadian church at St. Gabriel, the African American Museum in Donaldsonville, and the lock that connected the Mississippi River with Bayou Plaquemine. Malcolm Comeaux provided the Keynote Lecture that evening when he spoke on “Cajuns: Environments and Material Culture.”

A full day of paper presentations followed on Friday. A total of fourteen sessions offered attendees a rich variety of topics. A special session on Landscapes at Risk showcased efforts to preserve material culture in the wake of Hurricane Katrina. Another brought together students of Milton Newton, one of the early PAS stalwarts, who passed away a number of years ago, but who would have been pleased to see PAS held in Baton Rouge. The EHGA organized two of the sessions with scholarship that complemented the work of PAS members.

Friday evening saw the conference attendees gather in the rooftop ballroom of the historic Heildeberg Hotel – now the Baton Rouge Hilton – for the annual banquet and awards ceremony.

On Saturday, Jay Edwards from Louisiana State University led a field trip to New Orleans, once again trailed by an overflow van. This second outing showcased Creole architecture and traditional New Orleans shotguns and doubles. Those on board also were able to gauge the progress made in rebuilding the city since Hurricane Katrina in 2005, and to sample New Orleans fare.

Generous sponsors of the conference included the LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Office of Research and Economic Development, and the Geographical Review.

There were over ninety registrants who feasted on the Acadian buffet that preceded the Friday business meeting and the combined groups filled the room block at the Hilton. The EHGA was re-energized by the joint meeting and plans to join PAS again in Pipestem, WV this fall. By the numbers, this was a successful gathering, and from all I have heard, it was equally successful from the social and scholarly angles as well.

Craig Colten
Local Organizer
Summaries of the 2008 Awards presented by the Pioneer America Society: Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes

The Henry H. Douglas Distinguished Service Award, named in honor of the founder of the Pioneer America Society, is given to an individual for significant contributions to furthering the Society’s goals, through service, teaching, publications, and/or the promotion of historic preservation. This year’s recipient was Marshall S. McLennan, Professor Emeritus of the Historic Preservation Program at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan (see page 8 of the newsletter for more).

The Fred B. Kniffen Book Award, established in 1989 by PAS: APAL, honors the work of Fred Kniffen, a long-time scholar at Louisiana State University. The Kniffen Award recognizes the best-authored book in the field of North American material culture. The 2008 Kniffen Award was presented to Ann Smart Martin of the University of Wisconsin-Madison for *Buying into the World of Goods: Early Consumers in Backcountry Virginia* (Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2008), and to David Robertson of SUNY-Geneseo for *Hard as the Rock Itself: Place and Identity in the American Mining Town* (Boulder, CO: University Press of Colorado, 2006) (see page 10).

The Allen G. Noble Book Award honors the scholarship Allen G. Noble contributed to cultural geography. The award recognizes the best-edited book in the field of North American material culture. There was no award presented in 2008.

The PAS: APAL Historic Preservation Award of Merit, established in 2000, recognizes the preservation, interpretation, instruction, celebration, or exhibit of American material culture. The winner for 2008 was the Southern Forest Heritage Museum and Research Center based in Long Leaf, Louisiana for outstanding contributions in the recognition and preservation of the South’s logging heritage and material culture (see page 11).

The Historic Preservation Certificate of Merit recipients were the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) and the Magnolia Mound Plantation Museum, in recognition of their outstanding efforts to preserve, restore, and interpret the circa 1791 Magnolia Mound Plantation of Baton Rouge, Louisiana (see page 12).

The Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award, established in 2006 in honor of long-time PAS: APAL member Hubert Wilhelm, a cultural geographer whose enthusiasm for teaching has had a global impact, is a competitive award in the field of American material culture open to both undergraduate and graduate students. Doctoral student Amy E. Potter, of the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was presented the Wilhelm Award for her presentation, “There’s No Place Like Home: Rebuilding Community in the Lower Ninth Ward” (see page 13).

The Warren E. Roberts Graduate Student Paper Competition, established in 2004 in memory of folklife scholar Warren E. Roberts, a longtime PAS: APAL member and former member of its Board of Directors, is a competitive award that recognizes excellence in original graduate student fieldwork, documentary research, and writing in the area of traditional North American material culture. There was no award presented in 2008.
Certificates of Appreciation

For their generous service in preparing the 2008 Conference, the Pioneer America Society recognized the following individuals in Baton Rouge:

Patrick A. Hesp
For generous support from the LSU Department of Geography and Anthropology

Todd Pourciau
For generous support from the LSU Office of Research and Economic Development

Amy R. Sumpter
For diligent assistance with planning and logistics

Ryan Orgera
For enthusiastic assistance with planning the program

Kent Mathewson
For his unique brand of organizational assistance

Nedda Taylor
For her masterful organization of registration

and Jay Edwards
For his generous assistance and for leading a grand field trip

Changes in the Board of Directors

For their years of service to the Society, Executive Director Artimus Keiffer recognized and presented Certificates of Appreciation to outgoing Board members Ralph Allen, Cathy Ambler, and Dawn Bowen.

At the annual Awards Banquet, the following individuals were also recognized for their years of dedicated service to the Pioneer America Society:

Material Culture Editor—Artimus Keiffer
Book Review Editor—Scott Roper

Newsletter Editor—Cathy Wilson
Secretory-Treasurer—Frank Ainsley

Successors in these positions were also announced. The new Editor for Material Culture is Sara Beth Keough; incoming Book Review Editor is Chris Post; incoming Newsletter Editor is Kat Forgacs; incoming Secretary is Cathy Wilson; and incoming Treasurer is Paula Reed.

Thank you all!!
Marshall S. McLennan received the Henry H. Douglas Distinguished Service Award of the Pioneer America Society at the annual meeting of the Society on October 17, 2008. No stranger to the Society, Marshall has been a member of the Society since 1982 and regularly attended its annual meetings. In 1997 the Society also benefitted from his coordinating and hosting its annual meeting at Dearborn, Michigan. He is a lifetime member of the Society.

Marshall McLennan, raised by a Scottish father and a mother from New Zealand, developed an early appreciation for global geography. During the Second World War he collected and studied military maps, and it was this early interest in global events that led him to pursue a career in geography.

Influenced by Carl Sauer and the “Berkeley school of geography,” McLennan approaches the study of material culture from the perspective of “cultural landscapes.” His interest in cultural and historic landscapes was first piqued by a seminar in settlement geography taken while he was pursuing his Master’s degree in Geography at San Francisco State University. The seminar was taught by guest lecturer John Leighly, an emeritus professor from Berkeley. (Leighly had been Carl Sauer’s first doctoral student at Berkeley.) Leighly assigned Fred Kniffen’s classic paper on Louisiana house types to McLennan to critique for the class. Subsequently Leighly proved instrumental in McLennan’s obtaining a scholarship to attend Berkeley.

Among those who further directed and shaped McLennan’s interests in cultural landscapes and material culture while at Berkeley were James Parsons, James Anderson (Anthropology), J. B. Jackson, and Jan Broek, whose concept of “sequence occupancy” as an analytical technique influenced McLennan (and colleague Andrew Nazarro)’s later analysis of evolving settlement patterns in Michigan’s Huron River Valley (1978-79).

As is necessary for a recipient of this award, McLennan has contributed richly to material culture studies scholarship. In 1973, he graduated with his Ph.D. in Geography
from the University of California, Berkeley. He joined the faculty at Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, Michigan in 1970 and taught in the Department of Geography until 1979. In that year, and with grant funding from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, McLennan introduced a graduate degree program in Historic Preservation Planning at EMU and served as the program’s Director for twenty years. Although the program offers a balanced preservation and architectural history curriculum, the foundational courses draw from cultural geography, settlement geography, American culture regions, American vernacular architecture, and American material culture.

It was shortly after the development of the EMU preservation program that McLennan joined the Pioneer America Society. Until his retirement (in 1999), he encouraged EMU’s preservation students to join PAS and to attend the annual conferences. During the Dearborn meeting of PAS, which McLennan organized, a significant number of the presentations were made by EMU preservation students and program alumni. Though ostensibly retired, McLennan continues to teach periodically at Eastern Michigan University.

In addition to teaching historic preservationists and geographers, McLennan contributed to the developing literature in those fields throughout his years as a professor and since his retirement. For many years Marshall’s vernacular interests focused specifically on house types, especially farmhouses. He says, however, that one of the great benefits of nearly thirty years of interacting with fellow PAS members such as Terry Jordan, Warren Roberts, and Allen Noble has been learning so much about log structures and barns that it motivated him to investigate these buildings in Michigan during retirement. A brief selection of his many publications includes chapters on vernacular Michigan farm buildings, ethnic farmhouses and barn types, and significant building materials and construction techniques in The Agricultural Landscape of Michigan: An Historic Context for the Theme of Agriculture for the Michigan Agricultural Heritage Project, The Museum, Michigan State University (2004). In 1987, his chapter entitled “Vernacular Architecture: Common House Types in Southern Michigan” was published in the Michigan Folk Reader, edited by C. Kurt Dewhurst and Yvonne Lockwood for the Michigan State University.

McLennan has also amply met the Douglas Award’s requirement of service to the Society. His many contributions have included his formulation and introduction of the annual Allen G. Noble Award for “best edited book” of the year. For six years, he also chaired the Fred Kniffen Book Award committee. In 2001, he co-organized (with Steve Stier) for the Pioneer America Society, the Michigan Barn Preservation Network, the Center for Great Lakes Culture, and several Michigan State University entities the regional conference “Understanding the Farmstead, 150 Years of Agricultural Building in the Great Lakes Region.”


Further defining his commitment to material culture, McLennan was a twenty-year (1979-1999) member of the Board of Directors of the National Council for Preservation Education. From 1988 through 1994, he also served on the Board of Directors of the Heritage Interpretation International. In Michigan, he served as a commissioner of the Washtenaw County Historic District Commission.

With the Henry H. Douglas Award, the Pioneer America Society recognizes Marshall McLennan for his years of dedication and contributions, both to the field of material culture and to the work of the Society.
During the summer of 2008, the PAS:APAL Noble and Kniffen Book Award Committee (Paula Reed, Jeffrey Wanser, and Susan Trail) reviewed 16 books nominated for the Noble and Kniffen awards. Of the 16 entries, only two were considered candidates for the Noble Award, given to the best-edited book in the field of North American Material Culture.

After reviewing all of the submissions, the committee convened by email discussion and compared findings about all of the books. For the Noble Award, the committee agreed unanimously that neither of the two submissions met the criteria for the award. Therefore, the committee agreed to make no Noble Award for 2008.

The remaining 14 books were candidates for the Kniffen Award for the best-authored book in the field of North American Material Culture. For the Kniffen Award, there were many fine submissions, and the committee’s selection was very difficult. After much deliberation, the committee agreed that two very different books rose to the top of the group. The themes and approaches of the two books are distinctly different, preventing a qualitative comparison of the two. The committee unanimously agreed to declare a tie for the two books and to give two awards for 2008.

The (tied) winners of the 2008 Fred B. Kniffen Book Award were:


and

*Hard As the Rock Itself: Place and Identity in the American Mining Town*, by David Robertson.

*Buying into the World of Goods* examines how and why backcountry Virginians in the second half of the 18th century acquired stylish goods, and how country merchants brought these goods to them by developing specialized distribution chains, which the author views as triangulations between merchant, customer and objects.

The Book Award Committee felt that this book was a finely done integration of early American economics, place and time. The book is focused and well presented.

*Hard As the Rock Itself* explores the meanings ascribed to place and the perceptual divides that occur between “insiders” and
“outsiders,” especially for visually unpleasing and seemingly derelict places like historic mining towns. Robertson looks at three century-old mining towns, how they have survived, and how sense of place plays a vital role. The Book Award Committee found this book to be well written and doing an excellent job of presenting social history through these places.

The committee concluded that Buying into the World of Goods and Hard As the Rock Itself go beyond outstanding and exhaustive research to address the “so what?” question, contributing new ideas and fresh perspectives as outlined in our review criteria.

The committee would like to thank all who submitted nominations for both awards, and the many fine authors in the field of material culture. Congratulations to this year’s award winners!

The 2008 Historic Preservation Award of Merit awarded to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum of Long Leaf, Louisiana

For outstanding contributions in the recognition and preservation of the South’s logging heritage and material culture, the 2008 Historic Preservation Award of Merit was presented to the Southern Forest Heritage Museum and Research Center based in Long Leaf, Louisiana. Museum Director Bob Carroll was present to accept the award.

The Southern Forest Heritage Museum is a rare surviving complete sawmill complex from the early 20th century. The 57-acre complex features the most complete collection of steam-powered logging and milling equipment known to exist. The mill closed in 1969 and now operates as a museum devoted to examining and interpreting the heritage of the Gulf Coast region’s forest industry.

Notable site features include the mill’s commissary, planer mill, planer mill power plant, water pumping station, roundhouse, machine shop, carknocker shop, sawmill, sawmill power plant, two dry kilns, and storage sheds. Extant equipment includes three locomotives, a McGiffert loader, and a rare Clyde rehaul skidder, in addition to the many artifacts that were left in place when the mill closed.

More information about the museum can be found at www.forestheritagemuseum.org.
The 2008 Historic Preservation Certificate of Merit honoring the Magnolia Mound Plantation Museum, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

The 2008 Historic Preservation Certificate of Merit was presented to the Magnolia Mound Plantation Museum and BREC (the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge), in recognition of their outstanding efforts to preserve, restore, and interpret the circa 1791 plantation.

The Magnolia Mound Plantation was once part of a 900-acre land grant fronting on the Mississippi River. Today BREC retains 16 acres of the original property and offers tours of several original structures, including the plantation house (c.1791 and 1802-5), overseer’s house (c.1870), a double slave cabin (c.1830) known as the Quarter House, a carriage house, a small structure known as a pigeonnier (c.1825, meant to house game birds), a reconstructed open-hearth kitchen, and a crop garden containing indigo, tobacco, cotton, and sugar cane. The plantation house features many period furnishings representing the Federal-style tastes of prosperous local planters.

More information about the Museum can be found online at www.magnoliamound.org.

Winner of the 2008 Historic Preservation Award of Merit: the Southern Forest Heritage Museum of Longleaf, Louisiana
(photo courtesy of Craig Colten)

Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award
presented to Amy Potter, Louisiana State University
by Craig Colten

Doctoral student Amy E. Potter of the Department of Geography and Anthropology at Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, received the Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award at the 2008 Pioneer American Society Meeting in Baton Rouge.

Ms. Potter won the award for her paper “There’s No Place Like Home: Rebuilding Community in the Lower Ninth Ward,” which reports on research conducted in New Orleans for Professor Joyce Jackson’s Spring 2008 Urban Ethnographies course.

The Wilhelm Award was established in 2006 in honor of long-time PAS member Hubert Wilhelm, a cultural geographer who received his Ph.D. from LSU under the auspices of Professor Fred B. Kniffen, and whose enthusiasm for teaching has had a global impact. The award is sponsored by David Wilhelm, Hubert Wilhelm’s son.

Dr. Hubert G. H. Wilhelm received his Ph.D., which focused on German settlement in Texas Hill Country, from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, under the auspices of renowned cultural geographer, Dr. Fred B. Kniffen. Following his graduation, Ohio University in Athens, Ohio extended an invitation to Dr. Wilhelm to join its Department of Geography and Geology in 1963. From that time onward, he continued to teach for more than 30 years at Ohio University, where he is still considered the Father of the Geography Department, having served as the first chair of the department after it separated from the Geology Department in the late 1960s.

In addition, he was twice honored as a University Professor for his teaching excellence while at the same time conducting research and writing on America’s built-up landscape, especially the diffusion of folk buildings (houses and barns) and migration and ethnic settlement patterns. Several of his presentations on these subjects have been published. His most recent publications include Barns of the Midwest, a cooperative editorial effort with Allen G. Noble, and two chapters in the two volume work, The National Road, which was edited by Karl Raitz and sponsored by the Pioneer America Society. Dr. Wilhelm’s continued enthusiasm and emphasis on material culture - ethnic landscapes, barns, and other forms of vernacular architecture -
have inspired many to follow in his footsteps. In fact, he has supervised master’s degree research for several of today’s leading cultural geographers.

Further, he has been a long-time member of PAS: Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes, in addition to various regional organizations, and he is recognized as one of today’s foremost experts on Ohio’s agricultural landscape. And thus, it is with this background that his family has generously agreed to sponsor the annual Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award which will provide both undergraduate and graduate students with the opportunity to compete for a research award in the field of material culture studies. This award includes a $200 cash prize, one banquet reimbursement, and an engraved plaque.

**Requirements:**

During the annual PAS: APAL Conference, two sessions of eight papers will be set aside for this student competition. No matter whether undergraduate, Master’s, or Doctoral research is submitted, it will be judged on the basis of content, scope, and enthusiasm for the subject of material culture.

A 250-word abstract accompanied by a one-page statement of the student’s interest in material culture must be submitted. Students are expected to attend the annual conference and present their paper with an enthusiastic flair, in keeping with the tradition of Dr. Wilhelm.

Presentations must be 20 minutes in length and should demonstrate exceptional abilities in topic selection, theory, methodology, field work, and conclusions. Three judges familiar with all levels of academic research plus one invited student representative will select one winner and one honorable mention. The award will be presented at the Friday Evening Awards Banquet.

This year, the annual meeting will take place in Pipestem, West Virginia on October 29-31, 2009. Interested students should consult the Society’s website, http://www.pioneeramerica.org, for complete conference information.

Submissions for the award should be sent directly to the Wilhelm Award Committee Chair, Artimus Keiffer, via email to: akeiffer@wittenberg.edu. The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2009. Students are expected to attend the conference and hence, should complete the conference registration form at this time.

On behalf of PAS: The Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes, it is our privilege to recognize exceptional students in the study of material culture with this, the Hubert G. H. Wilhelm Student Research Award. This award will, hopefully, stimulate interest in a subject that affects all of us in a myriad of untold ways.
PAS:APAL Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
41st Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 18, 2008
by W. Frank Ainsley, Secretary-Treasurer

Members present: Artimus Keiffer, Frank Ainsley, Scott Roper, Dawn Bowen, Allen Noble, Chris Post, Craig Colten, Margaret King, and Kat Forgacs

I. Interim Executive Director Artimus Keiffer convened the meeting at 5:28 p.m. and welcomed the Board members to Baton Rouge. New board members for 2008-2010 Tom Killian, Craig Colten, and Joanne Stuttgen were welcomed.

II. The minutes of the 2007 Hagerstown, Maryland meeting were accepted as written.

III. The Treasurer’s Reports were presented. Discussion followed about the deficit the society is running. Keiffer said the 2008 dues increase has helped. Noble moved to accept the report and it was unanimously accepted as presented.

IV. New Business:
   A. Approval of new officers:
      Paula Reed, Treasurer
      Cathy Wilson, Secretary
      Sara Beth Keough, Editor, Material Culture
      Scott Roper, Editor, PAST
      Chris Post, Book Review Editor
      Kat Forgacs, Editor, PAS Newsletter
      Trevor Blank, Webmaster
   
   B. Publications Reports
      1. PAS Newsletter—Kat Forgacs discussed the transition from Cathy Wilson.
      
      2. Material Culture—Keiffer reporting for Keough said there were three articles each in Volume 40:1 and 40:2. The Spring 2009 issue (Volume 41:1) will contain four articles.

      Chris Post reported that Keough is looking for a group of reviewers. Suggested reviewers included Tom Bell, Derek Alderman, John Morgan, and Keith Sculle. There was some discussion about the reviewers being members of PAS:APAL. Noble suggested to.

      Chris Post said there are 37 book reviews scheduled for 2009—half in Volume 41:1 and the rest in 41:2.

      3. PAST—Scott Roper reported that there were three articles and 25 book reviews in Volume 31. He also announced a new section—photos—to be called “Final Takes” that would consist of photos of disappearing cultural landscapes. He stated that it seemed to be more difficult to obtain papers for PAST.
4. Discussion about converting PAST into an “e-journal”—Dawn Bowen moved and Frank Ainsley seconded that the 2009 issue of PAST become an electronic issue and that it should be published that way with a link to the PAS:APAL web page. The motion passed.

Scott Roper said that he would edit PAST for three more issues—2009, 2010, and 2011; then he may hand it over to a new editor.

C. Ainsley moved and Roper seconded that the Board bestow upon Artimus Keiffer, the interim Executive Director, the official title of Executive Director of PAS:APAL. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Keiffer announced that he was updating the by-laws to reflect the recent changes in the composition of the Board and new offices that have been created in the Society.

E. Future Meeting Sites: The 2009 meeting will be at Pipestem State Park in West Virginia and will be hosted by Dawn and Marshall Bowen. Scott Roper will host the 2010 meeting in Castleton, Vermont. Ary Lamme will host the 2011 meeting in Gainesville, Florida. Sara Beth Keough will host the 2012 meeting in Saginaw, Michigan. A question was asked, “Are the meetings limited only to the eastern half of the country or could one be held in the West?” Consensus was that if some member from the West volunteered to host a meeting then the Society would probably accept the invitation.

A suggestion was made by Keiffer that a “Conference Committee” be established to help facilitate and plan meetings and assist the host and local arrangements chairs. Ainsley moved and Colten seconded a motion to do so. The motion passed unanimously.

F. Miscellaneous announcements from the Executive Director:
   1. Encourage people to sign up for the H-Net Material Culture site.
   2. The revised web page looks great, thanks to the efforts of our new webmaster, Trevor Blank.
   3. Material Culture is now being indexed by H.W. Wilson Co., EBSCO, and the University of Michigan.

G. Suggestion was made that the price of a back issue should be increased for non-members. Roper moved and Bowen seconded that the cost of a back issue be $25 for a non-member and remain at $10 for a member of PAS-APAL. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Membership Committee Report: Margaret King reported that she and Keith Roe had consulted with Cathy Wilson about providing membership cards and kits for new members. People like to have something to hold and carry around with them to show that they are members. Discussion followed about fund-raising; try to find
(2008 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, continued)

donors who need a tax break or would be willing to establish a bequest for the Society. Paula Reed, the incoming Treasurer, will be sending out a letter announcing a fund-raising request. Colten requested that the membership committee continue their good work and recommend some specific actions for the Board to consider.

V. Colten announced that 81 people have registered for this Baton Rouge meeting. Both field trips are fully booked, and LSU contributed $2,200 to help defray the costs of the meeting.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 pm.

PAS:APAL Business Meeting Minutes
41st Annual Conference, Baton Rouge, Louisiana
October 17, 2008
by W. Frank Ainsley, Secretary-Treasurer

1. Acting Executive Director Artimus Keiffer convened the meeting at 12:35 p.m. and welcomed the members to Baton Rouge.

2. Keiffer thanked Craig Colten, Jay Edwards, and their colleagues for organizing and planning this joint meeting of the Eastern Historical Geography Association and the Pioneer America Society.

3. New board members for 2009-2011 Cathy Ambler, Marshall Bowen, and Alice Reed Morrison were announced. All were elected by unanimous acclamation. Going off the Board are Ralph Allen and Dawn Bowen. On behalf of the Society, Keiffer extended the PAS:APAL's gratitude to these board members for their years of service.

4. Keiffer announced that Frank Ainsley would be stepping down on December 31, 2008 as Secretary-Treasurer and that beginning in 2009 the duties would be divided into two Board positions. The Board has nominated and accepted Cathy Wilson as the new Secretary and Paula Reed as the new Treasurer.

5. Sara Beth Keough of Saginaw Valley State University has become the full-time Editor of Material Culture, with Chris Post serving as Book Review Editor. Scott Roper serves as Editor of P.A.S.T.; Kat Forgacs is the new PAS:APAL Newsletter Editor; and Trevor Blank is the PAS:APAL webmaster. Trevor announced that the website will have links to color photos that are connected to the Society's journal articles.
6. Keiffer announced that the Board had recommended that his office of Interim Executive Director be officially changed to Executive Director.

7. Future Meeting Sites: Pipestem State Park in West Virginia has been offered by Dawn Bowen for 2009. Scott Roper will host the 2010 meeting in Castleton, Vermont. The 2011 meeting will hosted by Ary Lamme in Gainesville, Florida, and the 2012 meeting will be hosted by Sara Beth Keough in Saginaw, Michigan.


9. Artimus Keiffer presented a short pep talk about the PAS:APAL, called “What is TSA?”—

   T - Think big!
   S - Start small!
   A - Act now!

PAS:APAL THINKS BIG!
40 years of Material Culture. 31 years of PAST.
Website. Many interesting field trips.

START SMALL!
Support PAS:APAL. Submit papers.
Attend meetings. Renew membership.

ACT NOW!
Record the landscape. Make tax-deductible donations.

10. The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.
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On March 31, 2009, after 33 years and 10 months with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency, I “retired,” to use the formal classification, but not to go dormant. Instead I hope to remain intellectually engaged with the geographical and historical subjects I love. There were obvious advantages over those nearly 34 years of employment, for I drew on my formal education (Ph.D., History, University of Illinois, 1972) and learned on the job, at first, as an historic site manager; then overseeing a group of historic sites; next, Illinois’ participation in the National Register of Historic Places; and, lastly, administering a program of research and education, including its publications.

Now, there will be more time to get it all done. Traveling more will further stimulate the thoughts and yield the photographs which I am so fond of sharing, mostly through publication and some through personal presentations. Just now the topic literally on my desk and in my mind involves a co-authored manuscript about how people have thought of the automobile-made landscape and the possibility of arousing interest in a museum of the American Roadside. John A. Jakle and I have reflected on this for a considerable period and we feel the time is right, not only for an expression of our ideas, but to help promote the project of a museum of the American Roadside.

In some ways, I’ve traveled this path for many years because, even before I began my years with the State of Illinois’ historical and preservation program, I worked on contract for three years with the program surveying 26 counties in east-central Illinois. In that capacity, I assembled historical information on the historic sites people readily accepted as significant (often the homes of the rich and famous) but added to that data base a goodly number of places geographers would more readily acknowledge as representative of the prairie landscape in east-central Illinois than did historians at the time. Local residents in each county also taught me much about folkways and knowledge alive only in oral sources. Historical studies have come a long way since the early 1970s when I completed that survey, taking material culture into serious consideration and contributing to the new dialogue about museums. In this new and on-going dialogue, everyone interested is welcome. No longer is preaching practiced.

Let me say that in growing with the more eclectic and democratic view of historic preservation, history, and museums, I have benefited from the rich exchanges, both published in its journals, but also in very large measure from the lively personal contacts of Pioneer America Society members. Our society’s newly adopted second name—Association for the Preservation of Artifacts and Landscapes—reflects the increasingly interdisciplinary nature of material culture studies and, by it, the collegial spirit we all enjoy at the annual meetings. Thanks for all the good years. I look forward to more and seeing you at the meeting in West Virginia.

Keith A. Sculle
Effective January 1, 2009:
New PAS: APAL Secretary and Treasurer
New PAS: APAL Address

The Pioneer America Society: Association for the Preservation of Artifacts & Landscapes is pleased to announce the election of Cathy A. Wilson of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania, to the position of Secretary, and Paula S. Reed of Hagerstown, Maryland, to the position of Treasurer.

W. Frank Ainsley who has so ably served in the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the past twenty years retired from his post effective January 1, 2009. Consequently, all administrative matters of the Society beginning in January 2009 should be addressed to Cathy Wilson, Secretary, or to Paula Reed, Treasurer.

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