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### FROM THE EDITOR

Hello everyone! There has been a big change in plans. The 33rd Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society is being held March 3-5, 2006, at the Atrium Hotel in Monroe instead of February 24-26, as originally planned. This change was made in order to address the original meeting date conflict with the Mardi Gras holidays. Another call for papers with a meeting announcement, with appropriate changes, is included in this issue. If you have yet to submit your abstract for a paper to present, make sure and get it in right away. Also, don't forget to reserve your room early and let the hotel know that you are with the LAS Annual meeting to receive the correct rate.

Make sure you also arrive on Friday so that you can attend the mound tour festivities. Besides the official meeting, there will be a reception with refreshments on Friday night, a banquet on Saturday, and a social with cash bar that will follow the banquet at 8 pm. Bring your cameras to document all the action for the newsletter! Silent auction items are also requested for this year's meeting. Contact Joe Saunders for more information at 318-342-1899.

After years of serving as newsletter editor for the LAS, it is with regret that I must step down and hand the hat to someone else. I have taken a new job as executive director of a literacy program here in Baton Rouge and my schedule has become quite busy; I am unable to keep up the pace with the newsletter. Dennis Jones will be taking my place as editor and I know he will do an excellent job bringing you a quality publication. Thank you for your support of the newsletter over these years and see you at the meeting!

*Cherie Schwab*  
Newsletter Editor

# Annual Meeting Dates Have Changed!!!

## New Dates for the Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society

### March 3, 4 and 5th, 2006

The Atrium Hotel, Monroe

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**MINUTES OF THE  
LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**November 5, 2005  
Amite, Louisiana**

**Reported by  
Maureen Downey**

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Archaeological Society met Saturday, November 5, 2005 at the home of Maureen Downey in Amite, Louisiana. President John Polk called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

Members present were:

John Polk - LAS President  
Ellen Ibert - LAS Vice President/President-Elect  
Maureen Downey - LAS Secretary  
Josetta LeBoeuf - LAS Treasurer  
Chip McGimsey - LAS Bulletin Editor  
Rogers Serpas - LAS Representative at Large  
Margarette G. Cheramie - CLAC Representative  
Lena Polk - Delta Chapter Representative  
Nancy Affeltranger - CLAC President

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 6, 2005, meeting held at the Grand Ecore Visitors Center, Natchitoches, Louisiana were amended to show the correct spelling of Merryville. Ellen Ibert made a motion to accept the amended minutes. Chip McGimsey seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

**REPORTS**

**President**

President John Polk welcomed everyone. He then reported on his recent conversation with Ms. Patrice Junius, Outreach Coordinator for the U.S. Department of the Interior, in which she said she was still enthusiastic regarding the grant to cover memberships for area high schools. However, John said that he was considering requesting that the grant cover a regular membership for a designated person from each school instead of an institutional membership for the school. He expressed his belief that informa-

tion might be disseminated more efficiently in that manner. The committee suggested that he discuss this with Ms. Junius and follow her preference in the matter. He also said that he had recently spoken with Rebecca Saunders of the LSU Museum of Science. She said that the LAS archives could perhaps be stored at the museum. Materials that need to be archived were discussed. Ellen Ibert stated that all material should be placed in archival-quality containers. A volunteer to serve as LAS archivist is needed.

**Vice President**

Ellen Ibert reported on her research on non profit status for LAS Chapters and the relationship between the LAS and the chapters. She distributed Federal Publication No. 557, Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization, and explained the procedures involved in applying for tax exempt status for subordinate organizations by a central organization. Discussion was held but any decision on the matter was deferred until Treasurer Josetta LeBoeuf could review the information and report back to the committee. Ellen suggested that all chapters be requested to send a status report to the committee and that information, together with relevant information from LAS by-laws, be used to formulate procedures for development of new chapters.

**Treasurer**

Josetta LeBoeuf gave the Treasurer's Report. Eight dollars in publication purchases was received. Three hundred dollars was advanced to the Northeast Chapter for the Annual Meeting. The CD account contains \$8,848.38.

**Membership**

Josetta LeBoeuf reported that she was receiving institutional membership renewals for 2006, but had received few regular renewals. She stated that although the LAS should continue to attempt to attract new members, it should also work to retain old members and encourage them to renew their memberships. Ellen Ibert made a motion to send membership renewal reminders and to include Annual Meeting information with the reminders. Rogers Serpas seconded the meeting. The motion passed.

**Bulletin Report**

Chip McGimsey reported concerns regarding an article submitted for publication in the Bulletin. After discussion, it was decided that Chip would research the matter further and report back to the Committee at the next meeting. Chip stated that he had sufficient material for the next two Bulletins, but that the review process had been interrupted by the re-

cent hurricanes. Suggestions for material to be included in future Bulletins were given. Chip said that he would like to see more submissions by avocational members. Methods to encourage submissions by non professionals were discussed.

### Newsletter Report

Cherie Schwab sent the Newsletter Report in which she stated that the newsletter did not go out as planned largely because of problems associated with the recent hurricanes. Because of damage to her computer, she also requested that submissions to the Newsletter be resent to her. Cherie also commented that receipt of the Newsletter by some members could be delayed because mail delivery to their areas may not be resumed yet. Ellen Ibert made a motion to establish deadlines for mailing newsletters, the dates for mailing to be no later than April 30, August 30 and December 10, the December 10th date commencing in 2006. Rogers Serpas seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Web Site

Josetta LeBoeuf said that the minor problems with PayPal were being handled effectively by Junior Dougherty. However, material on the site, including Annual Meeting information, needs to be updated and these updates should be sent to Junior as soon as possible.

## CHAPTER REPORTS

### Central Louisiana Archaeology Chapter

Margarette Cheramie described the excellent programs that the Chapter has had recently, including speakers on the Civil War.

### Baton Rouge Chapter

Josetta LeBoeuf reported for Baton Rouge Chapter. She stated that Stephanie Perrault was recently named program chairperson for the Baton Rouge Chapter.

### West Louisiana Archaeology Club

Ellen Ibert said that the WLAC now meets the third Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. She added that unfortunately the series of speakers planned for Archaeology Week at Fort Polk had to be cancelled.

### Delta Chapter

Lena Polk announced that the next meeting of the Delta Chapter would be held at the Westbank Library in St. Charles Parish.

### New Chapter in Lafayette

Work is still being done on organizing the new Lafayette Chapter. Hopefully progress will be able to be reported at the next meeting.

## ONGOING/UNFINISHED BUSINESS

### 2006 Annual Meeting

Josetta LeBoeuf said that plans were to have local mounds tours on the Friday of the 2006 Annual Meeting. Announcement of the tours is to be placed in the Newsletter. Advance registration for the tours will be requested so that transportation decisions can be made. The meeting is February 24, 2006 - February 26, 2006 in Monroe, Louisiana. (*Dates changed to March 3-5, 2006 - ed.*)

### LAS Field School

Plans for the LAS Field School have been postponed indefinitely because of the hurricane. The site is now being used for housing of employees of Cytec.

### Saucier Award

A call for nominations for the award is to be placed in the next newsletter. The committee appointed at the last Committee meeting will review any nominations received.

### Archaeology Week

Josetta LeBoeuf said that about half of the events had to be cancelled or postponed, but that those that were held had a good response.

## NEW BUSINESS

### Request for Funding for Radiometric Analysis

A request by Timothy Schilling for funding of radiometric analysis of materials from the Mott site was received by the Executive Committee. Chip McGimsey motioned that because of budget considerations, the request not be approved at this time and that the Committee reconsiders the request at its May, 2006 meeting. Nancy Affeltranger seconded the motion. The motion passed. Ellen Ibert suggested that guidelines governing grants be formed.

### Election of Vice President/President Elect

A new vice president/president-elect will be elected at the 2006 Annual Meeting. A call for nominations will be placed in the Newsletter. Nominations may be sent to [president@laarchaeology.org](mailto:president@laarchaeology.org), [secretary@laarchaeology.org](mailto:secretary@laarchaeology.org), or [treasurer@laarchaeology.org](mailto:treasurer@laarchaeology.org), or to any member of the Executive Committee.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next Executive Committee meeting will be Friday, February 24, 2006, in Monroe, LA. (*Date changed to March 3, 2006 – ed.*)

There being no further business, a motion was made by Chip McGimsey and seconded by Ellen Ibert to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously and President John Polk adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

## MINUTES OF THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONSERVANCY MEETING

Board of Directors' Meeting  
Amite, Louisiana  
November 5, 2005

Reported by Maureen Downey, Secretary

The meeting was called to order by President Ellen Ibert at 1:00 a.m., Saturday, November 5, 2005. Directors present were:

Ellen Ibert  
John Polk  
Lena Polk  
Maureen Downey  
Stu Braud

A quorum was not present. Stu Braud suggested items voted upon at the meeting be submitted to the absent directors for their vote. The results would be reviewed at the next meeting. If all directors agree, this process would be applied at all necessary times. John Polk made a motion, seconded by Stu Braud, that this process be adopted. All present approved and the motion will be sent to absent directors for approval.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the May 7, 2005, LAC meeting held in Baton Rouge will be distributed to all directors via email for their approval.

## ONGOING BUSINESS

At the last meeting, President Ellen Ibert requested that Carl Kuttruff have copies of the LAC brochures printed for distribution during Archaeology Week. However, because of the problems occurring at that time, President Ibert stated that she was not certain if this was done. She will check with Carl regarding the status of the brochures. The brochures will be discussed at the next LAC meeting.

Membership was discussed and the Board agreed that all members should be receiving more information regarding the LAC. Stu Braud made a motion that LAC information be placed on the website of Delta Chapter, LAS as offered by Lucretia McBride. John Polk seconded the motion. All present approved. The motion will be sent to absent directors for approval. Ellen Ibert requested John Polk contact Lucretia McBride regarding placing LAC information on the Delta Chapter, LAS web site. A LAC newsletter was discussed. John Polk motioned, seconded by Stu Braud, that the LAC begin issuing a newsletter. Directors present approved and this motion will be sent to all directors for their vote. Ellen Ibert agreed to coordinate the newsletter and also the membership renewal process.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ellen Ibert reported on the proposed donation of an archaeological conservation servitude from Mr. Kurt Feigley. Site 16OR143, located on Mr. Feigley's property, has been recorded with the state as a historically significant Civil War site. Research suggests that it was the location of "McGehee's Camp" during that war. Mr. Feigley stated that a historic marker had been placed on the site by the state, but has been removed by persons unknown. Marc Dupuy has been in contact with Mr. Feigley regarding the proposed donation. Ellen Ibert will make arrangements with Mr. Feigley for John Polk and Maureen Downey to review the site. Ellen Ibert motioned that Standard Operating Procedures

for the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Archaeological Conservancy be adopted. John Polk seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the directors present. Ellen suggested that she and Marc Dupuy work on the preparing the procedures. She added that these procedures could aid the directors in the process of accepting servitude donations.

The proposed slate of officers for 2006 is as follows:

President - Kathleen Bergeron  
Vice President - Stu Braud  
Treasurer - Ellen Ibert  
Secretary - Maureen Downey

Any other nominations should be sent to the secretary. The election will be at the next LAC meeting to be held in Monroe, Louisiana.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting of the LAC will be held in conjunction with the LAS 2006 Annual Meeting in Monroe, Louisiana.

There being no further business, John Polk proposed, seconded by Stu Braud, that the meeting be adjourned. President Ellen Ibert adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

**The LSU Museum of Natural Science, the Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Foundation, and the Louisiana Endowment for the Humanities are sponsoring a symposium entitled "Angola Archaeology: 70 Years of Legend, Science, and Reality" which will highlight the archaeological investigations conducted at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola, Louisiana. This event will show how this work has contributed to the history of the region and the discipline of archaeology in general. The symposium is scheduled to take place on Saturday March 25, 2006 at the Training Academy Facility at the Louisiana State Penitentiary at Angola. The symposium will be composed of presentations by professional archaeologists in a conference format; exhibits of recovered artifacts, historic photographs, and maps; hands-on activities and demonstrations; and bus tours showcasing the archaeological sites within the confines of the prison. Admission is free. Lunch will be available for purchase for \$3.00. For more information, contact Jenny Borders, Louisiana State Penitentiary Museum Curator, at (225) 655-2592 or log on to [www.angolamuseum.org](http://www.angolamuseum.org). To find out more about the work of archaeologists at Angola, contact Stephanie Perrault at (225) 578-3958.**

**The 13th Annual East Texas Archeological Conference will be held Saturday, February 18, 2006 at the Robert R. Muntz Library at the University of Texas at Tyler in Tyler, Texas. Hours will be from 9 AM until 5 PM. Registration fees are \$10 at the door. The theme will be Historic Caddo.**

## **Election of Vice President/President Elect**

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# Call For Papers

**33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Archaeological Society**  
**March 3-5, 2006**  
**Atrium Hotel**  
**Monroe, Louisiana**

**Abstracts are due February 10, 2005**

The LAS is requesting papers on the archaeology of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Arkansas. There will be two morning sessions and two afternoon sessions on Saturday and one morning session on Sunday. Presentations should be under 20 minutes. If interested, please submit an abstract about the paper ([saunders@ulm.edu](mailto:saunders@ulm.edu)), and if the visual medium is conventional or digital.

Preregistration is \$20, on-site registration is \$25. A banquet is planned for Saturday evening, with guest speaker George Milner talking about prehistoric mounds. Banquet tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on-site.

There will be two tours of the Ancient Mounds Heritage Area and Trails on Friday, March 3, 2006, starting at noon. One tour will be along the west side of the Ouachita River in Catahoula Parish and the other will be near Highway 65 in Tensas Parish. Each tour will caravan and should take between 3 and 4 hours.

For reservations at The Atrium Hotel and Suites call or email (318-325-0641). Rates are \$65 for queen, double, or king-size. Suites are \$85. Check-in time is 3 PM. Reservation cut-off date is Feb. 15, 2006

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email/phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Paper Title: \_\_\_\_\_ slides/digital \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract: Attached \_\_\_ emailed \_\_\_

Preregistration: (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ Banquet: (\$22) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Ancient Mound Tour on Friday? \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: From I 20 go N on Hwy. 165 to Louisville/ULM exit. Go west ca. 2 miles, Atrium on the right.

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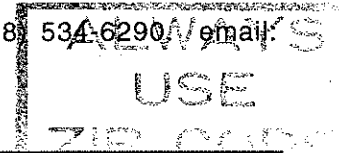
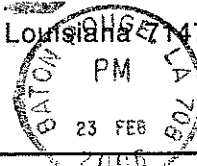
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