



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

***\*\*\* This is the official notification of the 2020 Annual General Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta \*\*\****

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 from 10:00-11:30 am online via Zoom video conferencing.

The AGM Agenda and full package is enclosed.

The purpose of the AGM is to:

- approve the minutes of the 2019 AGM;
- accept the Audited Financial Statements for 2019;
- accept the ASA Executive and Centre reports;
- adopt the new Vision, Mission, and Values Statements;
- adopt the revised ASA bylaws;
- elect the ASA Executive for the 2020/2021 year (positions: President, President Elect, Treasurer, Secretary); and
- appoint the auditors for the 2020/2021 year.

In order to attend and vote at the 2020 AGM, you must be an ASA member in good standing. Please contact your regional centre if you have not yet renewed your membership.

We are asking everyone to register individually through Eventbrite for the AGM (whether you have a family or individual membership). This will allow us to count those attending and ensure we have quorum. The AGM will be held online via Zoom. It is best to use computer with a camera and microphone but registrants can also call in using a telephone. A link to the Zoom online AGM will be sent to those registered one week before the meeting. Voting on agenda items will be done within the Zoom meeting platform.

Registration can be done through Eventbrite using this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/archaeological-society-of-alberta-agm-tickets-115651447593>.

The last day to register will be September 25 at 3:00 pm.



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**Annual General Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta**

Online via ZOOM  
September 26, 2020

**AGENDA**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Presented By</b>
<b>10:00 AM</b>	1.0 Consideration of the Agenda	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
	2.0 Minutes from the April 13, 2019 Annual General Meeting	<b>Alexandra Burchill</b>
<b>ASA Executive Reports</b>		
<b>10:15 AM</b>	3.0 Provincial President's Report	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
	4.0 2019 Audited Financial Report	<b>Joanne Braaten</b>
	5.0 Provincial Coordinator's Report	<b>Colleen Hughes</b>
	6.0 <i>Alberta Archaeological Review</i> Report	<b>Kevin McGeough</b>
<b>ASA Centres Reports as Printed and Distributed</b>		
<b>10:45 AM</b>	7.1 Bodo Archaeological Society	<b>Naomi Darrough</b>
	7.2 Calgary Archaeological Society	<b>Janet Blakey</b>
	7.3 Edmonton Archaeological Society	<b>Amandah van Merlin</b>
	7.4 Lethbridge Archaeological Society	<b>Rachel Lindemann</b>
	7.5 Red Deer Archaeological Society	<b>Chris Ullmann</b>
	7.6 Southeastern Archaeological Society	<b>Bruce Shepard</b>
<b>Revisions to the ASA Bylaws</b>		
<b>11:00 AM</b>	8.1 Vision, Mission, and Values Statements of the ASA	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
	8.2 Revisions to the ASA Bylaws (to be voted on by the members attending the AGM)	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
<b>Election of Officers</b>		
<b>11:15 AM</b>	9.1 President	
	9.2 President Elect	
	9.3 Executive Treasurer	
	9.4 Executive Secretary	
	9.5 Appointment of Auditors	
<b>Other Business</b>		
<b>11:25 AM</b>	10.0 2021 ASA Conference and Annual General Meeting	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
<b>11:30 PM</b>	<b>Adjournment</b>	



## ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Minutes

Annual General Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta

University of Lethbridge, Lethbridge Alberta

April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Attendees: 40

Time	Item	Presented By
4:55 PM	The meeting was called by the President at 4:55 PM. 1.0 Consideration of the Agenda <b>Shawn Bubel Moved to accept the agenda as presented with an amendment to correct spelling of Bruce Shepard's last name. Seconded by Bruce Shepard. CARRIED.</b>	Shawn Bubel
	2.0 Minutes from the April 28, 2018 Annual General Meeting The minutes were reviewed. No changes were proposed. <b>Colleen Hughes moved to accept the minutes. Seconded by Joanne Braaten. CARRIED.</b>	Alexandra Burchill
<b>Executive Reports</b>		
4:59 PM	3.0 2018 Audited Financial Report Joanne Braaten presented the Audited Financial Report to the membership. She noted that the approved grant for the Cluny project, supported by Calgary Centre, is to be postponed until 2020. There noted that there are no profits from the Occasional Paper Series, and that this account is balanced. She explained that the Society currently dipping into GICs but they are still doing okay financially. <b>Joanne Braaten moved to accept the Treasurer's report as printed in the AGM package. Seconded by Brian Vivian. CARRIED.</b> <b>Carol McCreary moved to accept the Occasional Papers Series report as printed in the AGM package. Seconded by Janet Blakey. CARRIED.</b>	Joanne Braaten
	4.0 Provincial President's Report Shawn Bubel presented a summarized version of her President's Report. She stated that membership continues to grow, with many Centres growing by at least 10 percent. Congratulations to the growing centres and the work they have done in their respective areas. The ASA is especially focused on education for both children and adults, which is a key way in which our cultural heritage is promoted and protected. The ASA educational events held across the province namely target non-ASA members. They have been well received. Financially, the ASA is spending more money than they have in grants or revenue; however, this is money well spent, and we are doing great work with what we have. Moreover, our members continue to work and explore other ways to generate funding, such as casinos, fundraisers, and donation campaigns. Thank you to everyone involved in this. The ASA is working steadily on major at-risk sites that are in danger. Congratulations to those Centres involved in this tough work. A strategic planning meeting was held in February 2019. Look out for changes to the bylaw and policies, a major outcome of the	Shawn Bubel

	<p>strategic planning meeting. The last Occasional Papers Series is available to purchase. Thank you to Joanne Braaten for all her work on the Occasional Paper Series. The <i>Alberta Archaeological Review</i> is back on track and thank you to Dan Meyer for his fantastic work. Kevin McGeough and Shawn Bubel have taken over as co-editors and hope to be fully caught up by 2020.</p> <p><b>Shawn Bubel moved to accept the President's report as printed in the AGM package. Seconded by Amandah van Merlin. CARRIED.</b></p>	
	<p>5.0 Provincial Coordinator's Report Colleen Hughes noted that one of her top priorities as Provincial Coordinator is the ASA newsletter, which people will receive every two months. She is also working on an educational kit.</p> <p><b>Colleen Hughes moved to accept the Provincial Coordinator's report as printed in the AGM package. Seconded by Wendy Unfreed. CARRIED.</b></p>	<b>Colleen Hughes</b>
<b>Centres Reports as Printed and Distributed</b>		
<b>5:12 PM</b>	<p>6.0 Bodo Archaeological Society The Bodo Centre was quiet in the winter other than regular business duties and the speaker series. Several fundraisers were held during the year to support summer activities. Things jumped into full force at the beginning of summer. Krista Gilliland helped last year along with an office manager. They had an open house for Canada Day and displayed a local artist's work. Bodo Centre's focus has always been public archaeology, which they will continue this summer (2019).</p>	<b>Bodo Centre Representative</b>
	<p>6.1 Calgary Archaeological Society Currently the Calgary Centre has 114 paid members. Some of the highlights of the year include awarding the Forbis Award to Terry Quin, which the Calgary Centre was honored to present to him. They held events throughout the year, a speaker series, sponsored conferences, and gave donations to other centres. They also provided grants to the Cluny project, as well as to the Forks project.</p>	<b>Janet Blakey</b>
	<p>6.2 Edmonton Archaeological Society The Edmonton Centre hosted last year's conference. They held their lecture series at the Edmonton public library. Maintaining volunteer hours after the conference was a major challenge for them.</p>	<b>Amandah van Merlin</b>
	<p>6.3 Lethbridge Archaeological Society Membership increased over the last year and many volunteer hours were spent in classrooms. We also held workshops and field events throughout the year, as well as a monthly speaker series.</p>	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
	<p>6.4 Red Deer Archaeological Society The Red Deer Centre started the year with 4 members and now they have 16 members, with an average of 20 people attending each speaker series talk. They are working to establish partnerships with the Red Deer Museum and other groups.</p>	<b>Doug Shaw</b>
	<p>6.5 Southeastern Archaeological Society The Southeast Centre has been busy with the Saamis site. This is an endangered site in the City of Medicine Hat. Compliments to the Archaeological Survey and Medicine Hat Parks Department for acting immediately. Protecting this site was very controversial in the City of Medicine Hat and petitions were signed. Despite the controversy, they received more interest in archaeological programs and membership increased to 55 people. They recorded an increase in regular attendance at the speaker series lectures. Wendy Unfreed will be coming to Medicine Hat in May to speak about the Saamis site. Last year, the centre logged over 2000 volunteer hours.</p>	<b>Bruce Shepard</b>

	<b>Shawn Bubel moved to accept the ASA Centre reports as printed in the AGM package. Seconded by Janet Blakey. CARRIED.</b>	
<b>Election of Officers</b>		
<b>5:23 PM</b>	7.0 President As Past-President, Brian Vivian asked for nominations from the floor three times. There were no other nominations. By acclamation Shawn Bubel is the President of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.	
	7.1 President Elect Kathy Gadd is the President-Elect. Shawn Bubel asked or nominations from the floor three times. There were no other nominations. By acclamation Kathy Gadd is the President-Elect of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.	
	7.2 Executive Treasurer Joanne Braaten is the Executive-Treasurer. Shawn Bubel asked or nominations from the floor three times. There were no other nominations. By acclamation Joanne Braaten is the Executive-Treasurer of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.	
	7.3 Executive Secretary Alexandra Burchill is the Executive Secretary. Shawn Bubel asked or nominations from the floor three times. There were no other nominations. By acclamation Alexandra Burchill is the Executive-Secretary of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.	
<b>Other Business</b>		
<b>5:28 PM</b>	8.0 2020 Annual General Meeting The ASA will be co-hosting the conference next year with the Canadian Archaeological Association in Edmonton. Look for exciting news from the conference organizing committee in the coming year.	<b>Shawn Bubel</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>Bruce Shepard moved to adjourn the AGM. CARRIED.</b>	



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

**Archaeological Society of Alberta  
President's Report  
2019/2020**

The Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA) is made up of six regional centres, each of which is run by their own members. Elected representatives from the regional centres come together to serve on the ASA Executive, along with the President, Past President, Treasurer, Secretary, and the *Alberta Archaeological Review* (AAR) editor(s) who are elected for one to three-year terms at the Annual General Meeting. This year I continued in my role as ASA President, a position I have held several times in the past.

This 2019-2020 President's Report covers a period of tremendous challenges for the ASA. It began with significant budget cuts, followed by the disbanding of the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation board. This volunteer board oversaw the Provincial Heritage Organizations. As one of the PHOs, the Archaeological Society of Alberta reported to and was supported by this group. The year (March 2020) concluded with a pandemic that led to the cancelation of many of our activities and further, severe, funding cuts from the Ministry. Despite these external trials, our dedicated volunteers have still managed to provide an amazing year of programming and archaeological work, sharing the importance of our province's cultural heritage with Albertans and people further afield. Our members volunteered more than 9,800 hours, planning and delivering events and activities, some of which are highlighted in this report. They also took care of the administrative tasks needed to operate the ASA at regional and provincial levels. Thank you! Our volunteers make the ASA a success.

I planned to present this report at the Annual General Meeting in Edmonton on May 9, 2020. While the conference has been postponed until next year, the online AGM will be held in the early fall of 2020 and this report will formally presented then.

**Annual General Meeting and Conference**

The 2019/2020 year began at the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Conference which was hosted by the Lethbridge Centre at the University of Lethbridge from April 12-14, 2019. There were 103 registrants for the three-day event. The conference kicked off on Friday with walking tour of historic downtown Lethbridge and a radiocarbon dating workshop hosted by Tara Collett. Saturday was filled with scintillating talks on Alberta archaeology and concluded with a jaw-dropping keynote address about the amazing finds emerging as a result of climate change in the Yukon. Many of the presentations were made by students and a number of awards were given out. The first-place student presenter was Madisen Hvidberg and the second-place prize was awarded to Christina Robinson. The best poster award, selected by the Association of Consultants, was given to Tatyanna Ewald. On Sunday, participants learned about Lethbridge's coal mining history through a guided tour of the Galt 8 Mine, led by Wendy Aitkens and Rob Wondrasek.

## **Membership**

Membership remains steady in all six of our regional centres: Edmonton - 71, Bodo – 21, Red Deer – 12, Calgary - 130, South Eastern Alberta - 66, and Lethbridge - 73. Our total membership is more than 370 individuals and 12 institutions. The regional centres undertake many activities throughout the year that support the Alberta Historical Resources Act, promoting and preserving Alberta’s archaeological heritage. ASA centre activities include monthly presentations by guest speakers, executive meetings and elections, banquets and members’ nights. They also organize workshops and field trips that get members into the field and actively engage with our archaeological resources. Participant counts recorded at most of these events tallied to more than 8000 attendees throughout the year. While these activities are summarized in this report, individual centre reports provide more specific details.

## **Speaker Series**

One of the main activities that all centres organize is the monthly speaker series, usually tied to their regular monthly meetings. The speakers invited to give presentations represent the variety of people engaged with archaeology, from academic/professional archaeologists, to students, First Nations Elders, and our avocational members. For many, these talks are the highlight of their membership. The physical distancing measures enacted to address the COVID-19 pandemic, which were instituted in March, meant that some centres had to postpone presentations that were scheduled in the final months of the season.

Edmonton Centre’s 2019/2020 season challenged the idea of “civilization” through a series of talks that engaged with that concept. Red Deer Centre held a number of talks on Mesoamerican sites, as well as sites in Utah and in Alberta. Calgary Centre hosted presentations at both the University of Calgary and the Calgary Public Library, with speakers from all over western Canada and as far away as London, England. The South Eastern Alberta Archaeology Society Centre (SEAAS) held a diverse series of talks in which both local archaeology and the archaeology of Israel, the Andes, and the Arctic was highlighted. This season’s presentations hosted by the Lethbridge Centre were given by current and former University of Lethbridge students and faculty members. Topics ranged from excavations in Ireland, Israel, and Ecuador, the search for the Northwest Passage, the ethics of forensic archaeology, and the importance of oral histories relating to residential schools. Bodo Centre’s focus is on summer activities at the Bodo archaeological site, but they also had Christina Poletto, the Indigenous Services Facilitator at Stantec, present at their Annual General Meeting in October 2019. The speaker series talks, which are also open to the public, are a great conduit to attracting new members.

## **Education and Public Outreach**

One of the key mandates of the ASA is public education. Our regional centres work very hard to provide a variety of educational opportunities for different stakeholders. This includes working with K-12 educators in creating curriculum and teaching materials related to archaeology and Alberta history.

Calgary Centre’s education program continues to be developed. Their Education Kit was used at a number of events this year, including: Heritage Calgary Week at the Central Public Library, at Elbow Valley School and Big Rock School. They gave out more than 1000 copies of their activity book, *Colouring Calgary’s Past*. They also hosted information tables at Calgary’s Canada Day event, the heritage Festival, the Chacmool conference, and the Paleontological symposium.

The Bodo Centre continued to focus its efforts on educational programming at the Bodo archaeological site. More than 300 elementary and high school students from schools around the region visited the site and centre in May and June. They learned about the excavations and the artifacts directly from the

archaeologists. Students also learned about the cultural heritage of the region and how the Bodo site relates to other sites in the province. Bodo Centre held their open house on July 1<sup>st</sup>, a day filled with tours, demonstrations, and archaeological competitions. More than 600 visitors to their centre learned about the finds and toured the Bodo site over the summer. Members of the public worked alongside professional archaeologists, getting first-hand experience in excavation and analysis in July, and the Bodo centre hosted 30 children at the site for the Kid's camps in July and August (a highlight activity for the centre). Bodo Centre volunteers also went to the Prince Charles School in Edmonton, and worked at information tables at Shorncliffe Lake, Altario, and Provost.

Lethbridge Centre members visited seven schools in Lethbridge and Taber, where they worked with students from grades 2-7. They participated in Pincher Creek's Career Day, called "Day on the Creek", where they met with 258 students from the region to discuss careers in archaeology. Lethbridge Centre also discussed archaeology as a career with high school students at the Career Transitions' E.P.I.C event. They ran afternoon sessions at kids' camps in Pincher Creek, Carmangay, and at Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Park, along with the archaeology themed Destination Exploration camp at the University of Lethbridge. The Lethbridge Centre also participated in community library events, including Lethbridge Public Library's Word on the Street event and the Pincher Creek Library's Mad Scientist's Day.

The South Eastern Alberta Archaeological Society Centre (SEAAS) delivered a class on the archaeology of Alberta at Medicine Hat College. SEAAS also held a workshop for school groups on archaeological methods as part of the touring exhibit on the Franklin Expedition, hosted by the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Centre in Medicine Hat. They showed the children how to map an archaeological site, a skill these SEAAS instructors acquired through their own field experiences.

The ASA also supports post-secondary students. Calgary Centre has long term collaborations with the University of Calgary and Mount Royal University and awarded scholarships at both institutions. They also provided funding for Christina Robinson's PhD research at the University of Calgary and provided the University of Calgary with funding for the 2019 season at the Cluny excavations, which is its field school. Lethbridge Centre gave out its annual scholarship and funded two students to do independent studies at Writing-On-Stone Provincial Park. Red Deer Centre hosted most events at Red Deer College and many students attend these talks. Similarly, SEAAS held their meetings at Medicine Hat College, attracting post-secondary students from that institution to their events. Bodo hired two students this summer, one from Grant MacEwan University and one from Mount Royal University.

## **Workshops and Field Trips**

Workshops and field trips were organized by the regional centres across the province. These experiential opportunities are important components of ASA outreach. During Historic Calgary Week, the Calgary Centre led a downtown walking tour. They also held an overnight tour to the Brooks Aqueduct, where they learned about Christina Robinson's research, funded in part by the ASA. The Calgary Centre also hosted their annual lithics workshop, which was held in Heritage Park over two days.

Edmonton Centre held eight workshops and field trips this year. The workshops exposed participants to Metis beading, stone tool identification, and lithic production. Edmonton Centre organized two field trips to the RAM, and one to the Telus World of Science.

Lethbridge centre put on an orienteering and mapping workshop, basic skills for working in the field. Later in the summer, members of the Lethbridge Centre joined students from the Archaeology Club at the University of Lethbridge on an all-day guided hike to Lille in the Crowsnest past, an abandoned



coal mine town. The SEAAS centre organized a tour to the Sholten Hill and Ross Glen sites, as well as visit to the medicine wheel near Bow Island and the Brooks aqueduct.

### **Archaeological Survey and Excavation**

The Bodo excavations, noted elsewhere in this report, continue to merge excavation and public education at this extremely important site. This work is the focal point of that centre and it continues to be a model of this kind of public archaeology throughout Canada. They received \$5,000 from the ASA to help cover the costs of their program. The Bodo Site and Centre was one of the three finalists for the Alberta Pride Alto Award. Alberta Tourism recognized the incredible opportunities the centre creates for Albertans to engage directly with our past.

The Lethbridge Centre continued surveys and excavations at DIPI-1, a site that is currently being impacted by ATV and other recreational vehicle use. ASA members engaged in activities like shovel testing and surface recording to help document this site. Lethbridge Centre also funded two students to participate in the Writing-on-Stone rock art monitoring program. This is done yearly to document erosion, graffiti, and other threats facing the site. There were also excavations conducted at Writing-On-Stone that Lethbridge Centre members participated in. ASA members from several centres participated in the Forks Project funded by the Calgary Centre. Participants surveyed the Lower Red Deer River near Empress with project directors Margaret Kennedy and Barney Reeves in May and September 2019. They also organized a field trip to the Minor site. Moreover, Calgary Centre supported the public excavations in the Rocky View Area, directed by Erik Johannsen.

The ASA also supported Christina Robinson's field-based research at the Brooks Aqueduct, a national and provincial historic site. She received \$5,240 in funding to document and record this threatened site. Members of the ASA were invited to tour the site with Christina, learn about the importance of this aqueduct, Industrial Archaeology, and see her new recording methods in practice, methods that can be adapted for other historic sites.

### **Documentation of Archaeological Collections**

Edmonton Centre, in collaboration with the Royal Alberta Museum (RAM), held two Stones and Bones events this year. Stones and Bones events are important ASA outreach activities. The main goal is to encourage people to bring in their artifact collections that were legally acquired before the Alberta Historical Resources Act to have an expert look at them. The archaeologists examine the assemblages and explain their cultural significance to the collector. They also take the opportunity to talk about the legislation concerning archaeological remains and how artifact collections can be documented and curated. In turn, the archaeologists gain insight into the cultural record from the area where the artifacts were acquired. These events have led to the documentation of many collections, several of which have been submitted to the RAM. They also serve to strengthen relationships between landowners, archaeologists, and the ASA.

In tandem with the Royal Alberta Museum and the Archaeological Survey, the ASA makes it possible for private artifact collections to be used in understanding Alberta's past. This year members of the Lethbridge Centre worked with the Jim McMurchy collection and the Peterson collection. The value of this work is apparent in that it has led to the designation of new sites in southern Alberta.

## **ASA Executive Activities**

The ASA Executive held two executive meetings in person (April and October) and one meeting via Zoom (in May) after having to cancel the scheduled March meeting due to COVID. In response to last year's two-day strategic planning meeting in February, the Executive has taken a number of actions. We crafted the Vision, Mission, and Values Statements and overhauled our bylaws. The revisions to the bylaws will be circulated to members for consideration and acceptance at our online AGM, scheduled for September 26, 2020. Some of these changes include introducing a code of conduct policy and a conflict of interest policy. We created waivers of liability, photography permission forms, and notice of risk signage in consultation with our lawyers. We established a grants committee and created grant guidelines with a new scoring rubric to help in evaluating proposals for funding. All of these resources, including the revisions to the bylaws, are available on the ASA website. This has been a lot of work and I would like to thank all of the members of the Executive for their efforts.

## **Publications**

A new associate editor, Anne English has been appointed for the *Occasional Papers Series*, or Gold Series. While there were no new volumes published this year, a number of proposals are currently being considered for publication.

There have been two double issues of the *Alberta Archaeological Review (AAR)* printed over the past year (No. 66 & 67, Spring & Fall 2018 and No. 68 & 69, Spring & Fall 2019). Issue 68 & 69 was printed just as Alberta started responding to COVID. This situation has delayed the next issue, which will be a double issue, but we expect that that issue will be completed by the end of 2020, which will bring the *AAR* up to date. We expect to return to biannual publication in 2021.

## **Provincial Coordinator**

An unfortunate outcome of the current budgetary situation in Alberta is that we had to terminate the contract of Colleen Hughes, our Provincial Coordinator for the past two years. Colleen's work for the organization was stellar and this is a huge blow to the association and a setback for the efforts we had all put in to establish this position. Colleen created a bimonthly newsletter circulated to all members of the society and posted to our website. She has been responsible for many elements of ASA communications, such as acting as a liaison between centres, working with the Archaeological Survey in public outreach, and helping direct the public to the appropriate executive member or centre. Our association often receives queries about identifying artifacts and she handled many of these questions. She helped ASA regional centres with various activities, including arranging speakers for the speaker series. Colleen catalogued the education kit so that it can be used by teachers and ASA members. Related, she enhanced the teacher resources that accompany the kit. These are just examples of the kinds of contributions Colleen made. Thank you, Colleen, for all that you did!

## **Social Media**

Increasing our presence on social media remains one of our strategic goals. Most of the regional centres have their own Facebook pages and use Twitter and Instagram to announce events and share news to their members. A few have their own websites that they manage internally and newsletters they produce. These social media outlets are in addition to the Archaeological Society of Alberta's website [www.arkeyalberta.com](http://www.arkeyalberta.com). Our provincial website continues to be our main platform that we use to reach members and non-members alike. Our new Vision, Mission, and Values Statements are posted there, along with our bylaws and general information about the ASA. There are pages for each regional

centre, on which notices about speakers and events are posted regularly. Website visits are tracked through Google Analytics. Page visits average between 400 and 600 per month. Most users are living in Alberta, but people from across the globe visit our website. The regional centres have reported impressive numbers of followers and likes on their local accounts. Our tech savvy members continually keep us up to date with social media outreach!

## **Funding**

The Archaeological Society of Alberta relies on funding to carry out activities relating to Alberta archaeology. The decrease in funding from the provincial government, delivered through Alberta Historical Resources Foundation (AHRF) until this year, has forced the centres to obtain funding through other means. In 2019 year our funding from AHRF dropped from \$36,170 to \$33,300 (a decrease of 9.2%). In April 2020 it was cut to \$14,750 (a further 55.7%), which was a shocking blow to our society. We are now trying to run the ASA with only 40% of the funding we had two years ago.

In 2019, the ASA used government funding to employ the provincial coordinator (\$5,538.13), support the Speaker Series (\$3,937.65), hold the strategic planning meeting (\$3,123.07), print two double issues of the *AAR* (\$7,220.85), digitize the ASA archived records (\$500), and cover the administrative costs to run the ASA, including travel costs for Executive members (volunteer positions) to attend meetings, insurance costs, storage and mailbox rentals, etc. Funds were also used to help support two field-based research projects (\$10,240). As you can see on the financial statement, the ASA had to dip into savings this year to cover the funding shortfall.

All other activities were supported with funds generated by the ASA centers and donations. Some centers have the volunteer support base to work a casino every three years. Most centers carry out local fundraising initiatives, such as calendar, T-shirt or chocolate sales. The dedicated volunteer teams at these regional centers are committed to continuing and growing their outreach activities, despite the decrease in provincial support. Our ASA projects and events significantly increase our knowledge and awareness of Alberta's archaeological past. Without these activities, there would be few opportunities for Albertans to engage with our cultural heritage.

## **Conclusion**

In closing, it has been an exciting and productive year for the Archaeological Society of Alberta. The cancellation of the spring and summer events of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic was unfortunate, but the ASA reacted quickly and positively. They continued to communicate with their members and created a number of online outreach activities. The ASA centres are now working hard to restructure their activities and events for the 2020/2021 year to ensure their members and all participants are safe. They are committed to offering activities and resources despite the added work to design and run online activities. I wish to thank the ASA Executive. They are a dedicated group of volunteers! And thank you to all of our members for making the Archaeological Society of Alberta the success that it is!



**Financial Statement January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

**INCOME**

Book sales	610.50
Provincial dues	860.00
AAR membership/subscriptions	210.00
AHRF Grant	36,170.00
Special Donations	250.00
Other Income (GST)	0.00
Close out of AAR account	3,817.25
Miscellaneous	0.00
	<u><b>41,917.75</b></u>

**EXPENSES**

Executive Meetings	595.03
Executive Travel	2,960.98
Office expenses	22.11
Prov. Co-ordinator	6,479.40
Speaker Program/Events	7,902.77
AHRF Grants	14,336.62
ASA Postage	415.38
AAR Postge	75.26
AAR Printing	2,345.99
University of Lethbridge scholarship	134.62
Conference Grant	2,000.00
CoAS Membership	56.57
Storage Locker	2,356.20
ASA Insurance	1,583.00
Award Expenses	38.07
Miscellaneous	104.29
Special Donations	5,050.00
Bank charges - cheques	197.41
	<u><b>46,653.70</b></u>

**Net Income (Deficit) -4,735.95**

<b>Bank balance as of December 31, 2017</b>	<b>34,139.46</b>	
Plus 2018 Income	<u><b>41,917.75</b></u>	<b>76,057.21</b>
Less 2018 Expenses		<u><b>46,653.70</b></u>
		<u><b>29,403.51</b></u>
<b>Bank Balance as of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>29,403.51</b>	
Less Outstanding	<u><b>0.00</b></u>	
<b>Year End Balance 2018</b>		<u><b>29,403.51</b></u>

The above statement represents, in my belief, the true financial transactions of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA), for the fiscal year of January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018.

**Joanne Braaten, Executive Treasurer** **DATE**  
 This is to certify that we, the undersigned have examined the books and records of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA), and that the statements reflect the true financial affairs of the said Society during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018, in accordance with the usual "Review" procedures.

**ASA DIRECTOR** **DATE**  


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**ASA DIRECTOR** **DATE**



**Financial Statement January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

**INCOME**

Book sales	95.00
Provincial dues	775.00
AAR membership/subscriptions	180.00
AHRF Grant	33,300.00
Special Donations	0.00
Other Income (GST)	880.66
Deposit from close out ASA account (CIBC)	11,614.76
Bank Fees Reversed	733.74
Interest	1.46
Lethbridge Scholarship	150.00
	<u><b>47,730.62</b></u>

**EXPENSES**

Executive Meetings	644.17
Strategic Planing Meeting	3,123.07
Executive Travel	2,771.70
Office expenses	139.17
Prov. Co-ordinator	5,538.13
Speaker Program/Events	3,937.65
AHRF Grants	10,240.00
ASA Postage	34.32
AAR Postge	197.14
AAR Printing	7,220.85
University of Lethbridge scholarship	0.00
Conference Grant	0.00
CoAS Membership	54.75
Storage Locker	2,356.20
ASA Insurance	1,576.00
Award Expenses	0.00
Mail Box Rental	62.10
Website	350.75
Special Donations	0.00
Honorarium	500.00
Bank charges - cheques	376.30
Close out ASA account (CIBC)	11,614.76
	<u><b>50,737.06</b></u>

**Net Income (Deficit) -3,006.44**

<b>Bank balance as of December 31, 2018</b>	<b>29,403.51</b>	
Plus 2019 Income	<u><b>47,730.62</b></u>	<b>77,134.13</b>
Less 2019 Expenses		<u><b>50,737.06</b></u>
		<u><b>26,397.07</b></u>
<b>Bank Balance as of December 31, 2019</b>	<b>26,397.07</b>	
Less Outstanding	<u><b>-1,498.23</b></u>	
		<u><b>24,898.84</b></u>

The above statement represents, in my belief, the true financial transactions of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA), for the fiscal year of January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019.

**Joanne Braaten, Executive Treasurer** **DATE**  
 This is to certify that we, the undersigned have examined the books and records of the Archaeological Society of Alberta (ASA), and that the statements reflect the true financial affairs of the said Society during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019, in accordance with the usual "Review" procedures.

**ASA DIRECTOR** **DATE**  


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**ASA DIRECTOR** **DATE**



**Tasks completed since beginning of March 16, 2019:**

1. Provincial Newsletter – Issues 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39 have been published. Issue 40 will be published at the end of March 2020.
2. ASA communications - General record-keeping, e-mails, assistance to centres and the public.
  - Have assisted the public and directed them to the appropriate Centre or executive member.
  - Worked with the Archaeological Survey of Alberta to answer the public's questions
  - Helped to identify artifacts that the public has submitted.
  - Helped to create talking notes for Red Deer Centre site tour.
  - Conduit for sharing information between centres.
3. I have visited two centres: Red Deer Centre and Lethbridge.
  - Plans for visiting centres have been halted due to financial constraints.
  - COVID 19 would have also halted this activity.
4. Attending Meeting
  - Annual General Meeting
5. Completed cataloguing artifacts in Education Kit #2
6. Researched how other groups were organizing their Education Kits. These groups were ASA Calgary Centre, Arctic Institute of North America, and Aboriginal Youth Engagement Program at the University of Calgary.

**Ongoing tasks:**

1. Complete numbering artifacts for Education Kit #2
2. Preparing handover of files and email to an executive member

**Tasks for the future:**

1. Provincial Coordinator tasks have been halted for the foreseeable future.

**Potential tasks to consider:**

1. Create worksheets for Education Kit #2
2. Complete grade/age appropriate archaeology power points
3. Updating speaker spreadsheet and searching for speakers
4. Newsletter frequencies
5. Prepare something special for Newsletter Issue #50

6. International Day of Archaeology 2020
7. Assistance for the AHRF reporting

Note: I thank the ASA Executive Committee and all the Centres for welcoming me. I have enjoyed my time as the Provincial Coordinator. I sincerely wish the Archaeological Society of Alberta all the best in their endeavours.



ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

***Alberta Archaeological Review (AAR) Year End Report 2020***

**Editors:** Shawn Bubel and Kevin McGeough

Over the past year, the *Alberta Archaeological Review* has been published twice. Both issues were double issues: No. 66 & 67 (Spring and Fall 2018) and No. 68 & 69 (Spring and Fall 2019). Issue 66 & 67 has been distributed. Unfortunately, Issue 68 & 69 was printed right before the COVID-19 outbreak. It had been hoped that it would be given to the different centres at the Executive Meeting but with its cancellation, that was impossible. The editors are currently working on another double issue (70 & 71 – Spring and Fall 2020). We currently have enough articles but we have limited access to the equipment we need to produce the issue. Once access to the University of Lethbridge is granted, we expect to finish that issue in short order. With its publication, the *AAR* will be caught up. At that stage, we will determine if it is feasible to return to printing two separate issues a year or if we will need to continue producing double issues.



# Bodo Archaeological Society

## Centre Report 2019-2020

Prepared by Courtney Lakevold, Naomi Darragh, Leila Grobel and Iris Larson

### Centre Executive 2019-2020

President: Naomi Darragh

Vice President: Leila Grobel

Secretary: Irene Ganser

Treasurer: Iris Larson

Directors: Roxanna Wotschell, Clarence Grobel, Myron Ganser, Kim Larson, Alanna Wakeford, Lois Johnson

This year the Executive has continued to promote the study of archaeology in Alberta and regionally. The Bodo Archaeological Society's fiscal year runs from September to August and the following report reflects numbers from the most recent fiscal year (Sept. 2018- Aug. 2019), plus a few additional activities in fall 2019. From May to August 2019 the Bodo Archaeological Centre and Site was open to the public and offered educational programming which is outlined in more detail below. Additionally, we participated in several local events to do outreach and awareness and had a speaker at our annual general meeting on October 23, 2019. Fundraising efforts and several grants and sponsorships supported our public programming and we provided mentorship to three student interns from Grant MacEwan University and hired two summer students (one an education major from Grant MacEwan and the other an archaeology/anthropology major from Mount Royal University). We also conducted an archaeological dig and research at the Bodo Archaeological Site for five days in July 2019. Members of the public participated in this dig and our findings and excavation was shown to visitors to our centre, shared in the local newspaper and the Archaeological Society of Alberta newsletter, and an article for the Alberta Archaeological Review is in the works.

### Speakers

We had a speaker for our annual general meeting on October 23, 2019:

-Christina Poletto, Indigenous Services Facilitator at Stantec, *From Fires to Fireweed: Cultural Burning in Alberta*

### Membership

As of September 1, 2019, the BAS has 21 paid members, comprised of students, professionals, and archaeology enthusiasts and we aim to continue to expand our membership in the 2019-2020 year.

### Social Media

The Bodo Archaeological Society uses several online platforms. We have a website ([www.bodoarchaeology.com](http://www.bodoarchaeology.com)) which we recently updated in December 2019. Our website provides information about the public programs that we offer, our hours of operation, location, contact information and other relevant news and information. We also use Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Facebook: The Bodo Archaeological Site and Center (<https://www.facebook.com/bodoarchaeology/>)

We currently have 449 Followers. We post on this page about 1 to 2 times per week, but more often from May to August when we are open. We use this page to promote events, spread news and engage with our customers and followers.



Instagram: @bodoarchaeology (<https://www.instagram.com/bodoarchaeology/>)

We currently have 636 followers on Instagram and 174 posts. We started our Instagram page in June 2017 and it has become one of our most used and engaging platforms. The frequency of our posts are similar to Facebook but we also do Instagram Stories to promote ourselves or other attractions in Alberta. This platform has been a great way to engage with other archaeologists, tourism organizations, and attractions in East Central Alberta.

Twitter: @bodoarchaeology

We have 49 followers on Twitter and this is the platform we use the least. We only post on Twitter a few times per month, sometimes more often and sometimes less, depending. We use Twitter to help spread news and engage with some followers that are not on Facebook and Instagram.

## Workshops, Events, and Tours

July 1 Open House – we held an open house on July 1, 2019 which has become a fairly regular event at the Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre through the years. During the open house we offered free admission. Activities included tours to the archaeological site, a plant hike, atlatl throwing competition, kids colouring contest, flintknapping demonstration, and a BBQ lunch. We had many local community members attend as well as visitors from as far as Edmonton. About 50 people attended the open house.

June 15, 2019 – The Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre was filmed for inclusion in a Highway 13 attractions video being produced by the tourism organization Go East of Edmonton.

Shorncliffe Lake Mini Market – July 22, 2019 – BAS set up an information table at Shorncliffe Lake's mini market. This included reaching out to community members and visitors, doing mock digs with kids, passing out information pamphlets and distributing activity books.

Altario Fall Fest – August 14, 2019 – BAS also set up an information table and activities at Altario's fall fest. This included doing mock digs, talking to people about archaeology at Bodo and passing out pamphlets and activity books.

Provost EEOC Community Awareness Night – September 9, 2019 – BAS set up an information table at Provost's community awareness night and talked to community members about archaeology and handed out activity books.

Travel Alberta Awards – Bodo Archaeological Site and Centre was one of three finalists for the Alberta Pride Alto (Alberta Tourism) Award. A representative of Bodo attended the awards gala on October 28, 2019 in Banff. We were very proud to be recognized as a unique and quality tourism attraction in the province.

## Educational Programming

School Programs – The Bodo Archaeological Society offers educational programming for school groups at our interpretive centre and at the Bodo Archaeological Site. We offer both ½ day and overnight programs. Activities include a lecture about what archaeology is and why it is important, an artifact identification station, a mock dig, a visit to the archaeological lab to see artifacts and learn about bison, and a visit to the archaeological site to see a real archaeological excavation and learn about past Indigenous cultures in the Bodo area and on the Great Plains. We had eight half day school tours in May and June with a total of 236 people, three overnight programs with a total of 71 people, and in September, there were 22 people from the Provost Daycare and 42 students from Youngstown School. School groups traveled from Provost, Altario, Castor, Hughenden, Clandonald, Heinsburg, Lloydminster, Coronation, and Edgerton.

Kids Camps – In July and August we offer educational day long kids summer camps for ages 5 to 15. These camps are very hands on experiential learning experiences and expose kids to the science of archaeology, what

it can tell us about past cultures, and they get to see and touch real archaeological artifacts and visit a real archaeological site. In 2019, thirty kids participated in this program.

Adult Dig Program - We ran our Adult Dig Camp from July 8-12, 2019. This program offers members of the public the opportunity to participate in an active archaeological excavation. Eight participants and three volunteers (former interns) took part in our adult dig program. The adult dig participants came from Edmonton, Wainwright, Red Deer, Killam and Brownfield. We excavated for five days and the excavation was done in partnership with Western Heritage out of St. Albert. There is always a lot to find at Bodo, and this year was no exception. There were 2,679 artifacts recovered over the five days of excavation. We found lots of bison bone, pottery (including some rim sherds), projectile points, stone tools, debitage and canid bone.

In-Classroom Visit – In September, the BAS Programs Manager and Archaeologist visited Prince Charles School in Edmonton and did presentations and activities with 100 elementary students over the course of a day. The in-class visit allowed students to still learn from a real archaeologist without having to travel to Bodo.

During our public programming, we gave out 441 *Exploring Archaeology in Alberta* activity books. These activity books are supplied to us by the Archaeological Society of Alberta – Lethbridge Centre. The kids always love receiving these books and they are a wonderful supplement to our public programs. Thank you, Lethbridge Centre, for this fantastic resource.

## Fundraising

The Bodo Archaeological Society is very active with fundraising. From September 2018 to August 2019 (our fiscal year) we raised \$7,453 through fundraising. Our fundraisers included:

Cash Calendar Fundraiser – each year since 2014 we have sold tickets for our annual cash calendar fundraiser. This is our biggest fundraiser and is run through a raffle license from Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC). We sell tickets for \$50 and then, over the course of a calendar year, we draw three winners each month. First place receives \$500, second place receives \$100 and third place receives \$50. We give out \$7,800 in prizes and the rest of the funds earned go toward our programming. We are currently in our 2020 cycle, in which we printed 300 tickets and they sold out. The funds raised from this raffle go a long way in supporting our public programming including staff wages and program supplies.

BBQ Fundraiser – Provost – On June 21, 2019, we held a BBQ fundraiser in the local community of Provost. It was held over lunch hour and we advertised the BBQ a couple of weeks ahead of time. A local company, DR Technologies, offered the use of their parking lot and donated some supplies. This fundraiser was successful, and funds earned went toward supporting our public programs.

Provost Farmer's Market – on July 12, 2019, the BAS did a lunch fundraiser at the local Provost Farmer's Market. Lunch was from 10 am to 2 pm and was prepared and sold by volunteers of the BAS. Funds raised went toward our public programs.

Macklin Bunnock Tournament – We also participated as a food vendor at the World Bunnock Championship Tournament in the neighbouring community of Macklin, SK. We sold burgers, chips, and pop to the many people attending the event. This is also a successful fundraiser for us every year. This fundraiser takes place the long weekend of August, so the funds helped with costs associated with fulfilling permit requirements related to the 2019 excavation (artifact cataloging, helping permit holder with reporting information and supplies for cataloging such as bags, boxes and tags).

Wine Survivor Raffle – November 2019 – for the month of November we sold raffle tickets for a wine survivor fundraiser. We received a raffle license from AGLC and sold tickets for \$20 plus a bottle of wine. We printed 150 tickets. Entrants were eliminated through draws and then the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place teams received wine as their prize. This was a relatively easy and successful fundraiser.

## Donations

The programs at Bodo are also supported by corporate and individual donations, as well as in kind support. Our sponsorships/donations included the M.D. of Provost, Gibson Energy, and Servus Credit Union. Sponsors for our tour van included Kim Larson Financial, A&W, Canalta, Bouma Meats, Greenhead, Provost Glass & Door, Fountain Tire, DR Technologies and Wolf Willow Bed and Breakfast. We received in-kind donations from DR Technologies, Kal Tire, Denmax, and Petro Pass.

## Grants

In our last fiscal year, we received several grants. We received a \$5,000 research grant from the Archaeological Society of Alberta. This grant supported the 2019 BAS Public Excavation Project (Public Dig-it Camps) and the expansion of and continued development of student and youth educational outreach.

We also received a grant from Young Canada Works in Heritage Organizations to support the employment of one of our summer students who acted as an archaeological interpreter and assistant. We hired two summer students last summer (May to August 2019) to assist with delivery of the public programs and to assist with archaeological lab work.

## Collaboration

The BAS continues to collaborate with Grant MacEwan University, Department of Anthropology, to offer a Summer Student Internship Program in Public Archaeology. The program has run every summer since 2014 and provides opportunities for two to three university students to work at the Bodo Archaeological Site & Centre as interns for university course credit. From May to August 2019 we had three students from Grant MacEwan participate in the internship. They gained experience delivering public archaeology programming to kids and adults, doing archaeological excavation, artifact cataloging and the day to day operation of an interpretive centre.

The BAS has also collaborated with the Communication Department at MacEwan University. Multimedia students created a digital marketing campaign and our current logo was designed by their students.

In 2019 we partnered with Western Heritage, an archaeological consulting company, to carry out archaeological excavation for our adult dig program. Dr. Krista Gilliland held an archaeological permit and spent the whole week of the dig out at the site with us to lead the excavation. Western Heritage also carried out drone mapping in the excavation area.

The BAS has been developing relationships and collaborating with Indigenous communities around the province. First Nations communities of Maskwacis, Alberta and Saddle Lake, Alberta are active on-going participants in projects at Bodo.

The BAS has a strong relationship with the Learning Network and together continue to assist in the promotion of this program to educators within the Alberta school system. Additionally, the wider Alberta educational community (administrators, teachers, and students) is supportive of our initiatives.

We also have partnerships with the Provost Museum and Rosenheim Historical Society, other local historic organizations and tourism attractions in the Provost/Bodo area.

## Volunteer Hours for September 2018 – August 2019

Below is a break-down of volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone who donated their time in support of our Centre this year.

## Executive Meetings September 2018-August 2019

Seven in-person executive meetings were held from Sep. 2018 to Aug. 2019 and three e-mail meetings/motions were made. Thirteen hours were committed to these meetings and attendance ranged from seven to eleven people.

Executive Meeting Attendance (all executive)	130
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President

Preparation of the agendas and grant applications	30
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Communication	25
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Secretary

Executive meeting minutes for ten meetings	15
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AGM – Minutes and Reports	2
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Communications	10
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Organizational tasks	20
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Treasurer

General Accounting	140
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Reporting	50
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Banking	25
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Speaker Series

Organizing the speaker series	5
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Total number of speaker series	1
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Preparation for meetings	2
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Events

July 1 Open House	8
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Educational Programming

\*Many of Bodo's educational programs are carried out by paid staff members, however, members of the BAS also contribute their time and support to these programs. In 2019, three former interns volunteered to help out with the five-day adult dig program.

Educational Programs	50
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Adult Dig Program	120
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Provincial Executive Meetings

March 16, 2019 (1 * 8)	8
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October 19, 2019 (2 * 8)	16
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Webpage and Social Media	50
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General maintenance and posting	25
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Maintenance of Interpretive Centre	25
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Fundraising Events	
Provost Community Awareness Night	4
Cash Calendar Fundraiser (Prepping & Selling)	300
Provost BBQ Fundraiser	30
Provost Farmer's Market Fundraiser	24
Macklin Bunnock BBQ Fundraiser	25
Wine Survivor Fundraiser (Prepping & Selling)	80
Centre Audits	
Annual Audit	5
Preparation for submitting to AGM and Alberta Registries	5
2019-2020 Grand Total	1,230

## Conclusion

The Bodo Archaeological Society had a busy and successful year, doing quality outreach and education for approximately 600 visitors from May to August 2019. The centre opened on May 13 and was open 7 days a week until August 17, 2019. Staff included Courtney Lakevold (Programs Manager/Archaeologist), Amanda Mathias (summer student, taking education and anthropology at Grant MacEwan), and Amy Deuchar (summer student, taking anthropology at Mount Royal University). We also had three Grant MacEwan interns, all majoring in anthropology/archaeology. Their time with us ranged from five to seven weeks and the goal of the internship was for them to learn Alberta/Great Plains archaeology and public archaeology, and get excavation experience, which they did. We also participated in community events that increased awareness of archaeology and the Bodo Archaeological Society.

Archaeological excavation took place at the site from July 8-12, 2019, in partnership with Krista Gilliland of Western Heritage. We recovered 2,679 artifacts including lots of bison bone, pottery (including some rim sherds), projectile points, stone tools, debitage and canid bone. These artifacts were catalogued by our summer students and interns and we were able to show our visitors real artifacts close-up. These artifacts were handed over to Western Heritage in fall 2019 and the reporting will be completed by them.

Funding challenges were met last year through grants, fundraisers, and revenue raised from our programming and sponsorships. Since the 2014 downturn in oil and gas, an industry that is prevalent in the Provost/Bodo area, funding from major sponsors has been more difficult to obtain. One of our main goals is to keep our programs affordable for everyone so we do rely on other sources of funding. Coronavirus will increase our funding challenges due to economic uncertainty and downturn in corporate sponsorship.

Moving forward, 2020 will look very different for us due to COVID-19. Due to schools being closed, and social distancing requirements, we have decided that the most responsible thing to do is not open in May 2020 as originally planned. This is disappointing but we do plan to continue delivering our educational programming in the future.

## Calgary Centre Report 2019-2020

prepared by Christina Poletto and Janet Blakey

### Calgary Centre Executive 2019-2020

<b>President:</b>	Janet Blakey
<b>Vice President:</b>	Brent Murphy
<b>Secretary:</b>	Christina Poletto
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Dawn Wambold
<b>Past President:</b>	Brian Vivian
<b>Directors:</b>	Frankie-Lou Nelligan Robert Bird Scott Graham Susan de Caen Anne English
<b>Student Director:</b>	Tia McCurdy
<b>Mount Royal University Liaison:</b>	Roman Harrison
<b>Lifetime Honorary Director:</b>	Sheila Johnston

This year the Executive has continued to promote the study of archaeology in Alberta and regionally. Monthly meetings have resulted in the organization of annual and new events for both our membership and the general public. Events include the monthly lecture series, field trips, workshops and public engagement. Our membership continues to grow, including returning and members. The following is a summary of the events of the 2019 - 2020 year.

### 1 Speaker Series

We would like to thank Brian Vivian for organizing the Calgary Centre Speaker Series 2019–20 which included the following presentations:

**Dr. John Driver (Simon Fraser University):** *Late Pleistocene people and environments at Tse’K’wa.*

**Jeremy Leyden (University of Calgary):** *Recent Archaeological Investigations into the Precontact Bison Hunting Complex Along Lower Jumpingpound Creek.*

**Bill Perry (Parks Canada):** *Archaeological Resource Management in a post wildfire environment: Waterton Lakes NP.*

**Genevieve LeMoine (The Peary-MacMillan Arctic Museum-Bowdoin College):** *On the Edge of the North Water: Cultural Contact at the Gateway to Greenland*

**Dr. Michael Parker-Pearson (Institute of Archaeology, University College London):** *Stonehenge: New Discoveries.*

**Dr. Chris Jass (Royal Alberta Museum):** *Beneath the Surface: Bison, Lakes, and Public-influenced Research in Alberta (RESCHEDULED FOR FUTURE DUE TO COVID-19).*

**Paul Bauman (Advisian):** *Extermination Camps, Escape Tunnels, and Geophysics – Archaeology of the Holocaust (RESCHEDULED FOR FUTURE DUE TO COVID-19).*

This year we had the opportunity to split our time between the University of Calgary and the Calgary Public Library (CPL) Central Library. We had a tremendous turn-out at the CPL and were able to host over 300 attendees for a talk—our new record!

## **2 Membership**

As of March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Calgary Centre has 130 paid members! Our membership is comprised of students, professionals, and archaeology enthusiasts and we aim to continue to expand our membership in the 2020-2021 year. Thanks to Dawn Wambold for all her help with Calgary Centre memberships

## **3 Newsletter**

Thanks are due Janet Blakey for the production of our well-crafted and informative newsletter, which includes monthly lectures, special events and award winners.

## **4 Social Media**

This year, we have seen an increase in engagement with our social media posts. On average, we see around 15 visits per day (475 on average a month since April 2019 to present) to our website. With the recent pandemic, website traffic has decreased a bit. Our Facebook has reached 436 likes (and 482 follows), and our frequent posts pertinent to archaeology and Calgary has allowed us to engage with members and promote the Calgary Centre's and ASA events. We have an active Twitter feed which seems to be more active as more posts are shared on the platform. Our Instagram page is active and currently limited to photos by the Calgary Centre (not sharing other groups photos) and see slightly less traffic as less members view us through this platform. Thanks to Scott Graham for maintaining our social medias and posting for our centre!

## **5 Awards and Scholarships**

### **5.1 Wes Johnston Award**

Bonnie Piercey was the recipient of the Wes Johnston Student Award in Archaeology, which is presented to the student with the highest GPA in the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology at the University of Calgary. The plaque associated with the award was presented at the ASA- Calgary Centre's November 2019 lecture.

### **5.2 Humphreys Memorial Scholarship**

Jamieson Zunti was the recipient of the Humphreys Memorial Scholarship in Archaeology, which is adjudicated through Mount Royal University. The plaque associated with this award was presented at the ASA- Calgary Centre's November 2019 lecture.

### **5.3 Cody Travel Award**

The Cody Travel Award was not presented this year.

### **5.4 Forbis Award**

The Forbis Award was not presented this year.

## **6 Workshops, Events, and Tours**

### **6.1 Forks Volunteer Fieldwork**

This year, Calgary Centre members had the opportunity to continue partake in the Forks Archaeology Fieldwork with Margaret Kennedy and Barney Reeves. Avocational Archaeology volunteers in Reeves and Kennedy's ongoing field archaeological studies in the Lower Red Deer River upstream of Empress. Thirteen avocationalists from Empress, Medicine Hat, Pincher Creek, High River, Saskatoon and Swift Current participated in the program in May and September 2019. In addition to the work done at the site, Barney Reeves and Margaret Kennedy presented their findings at the 6th annual Empress and District Archaeology Day at the historic Empress Train Station organized by the Empress and District Historical Society. Morning talks were attended by over 50 people including members of the Archaeological Society of Alberta from Medicine Hat and Calgary. A field trip with some 38 people led by Reeves and Kennedy to the Minor site followed.

### **6.2 Canada Day**

For the second year, Calgary Centre hosted an information table at the Canada Day celebrations hosted by the City of Calgary at Prince's Island Park. The event is a very intensive day interacting with the public of all ages about archaeology. Unfortunately the 2019 celebrations were cut short by heavy rains in the afternoon, but not before we'd engaged with over 2200 members of the public.

### **6.3 Rockyview Summer Program**

Over the summer, Erik Johannsen hosted a public dig in the Rockyview area, the results of which yielded fantastic middle to late prehistoric artifacts. Approximately 6-10 people participated in the program. Plans are underway to continue this program in 2020 but are on hold given the current COVID-19 situation.

### **6.4 Historic Calgary Week**

In July 2019 Scott Graham hosted a walking tour of downtown Calgary as part of Historic Calgary Week (organized by Chinook County Historical Society). The event was fully subscribed and positive feedback was received.

### **6.5 Brooks/Medalta Tour**

In September 2019, ASA Calgary hosted their first overnight field trip. The trip was a great success, with Christina Robinson in attendance to also discuss the Brooks Aqueduct during the trip. The event received positive feedback from all attendees. ASA Calgary is looking into hosting more tours like this in the future. Thank you to Janet Blakey, Brent Murphy, and Dawn Wambold for all of their help with this event. A thank-you also to the Stotz family for hosting the group at their house during part of the event.

### **6.6 Annual Lithics Workshop February 2020**

The 2020 Annual Lithics Workshop was in a new venue this year—Heritage Park. This year we had almost 30 people in attendance. The first day was the standard introductory workshop that covered the basics of stone tool production, artifact identification, and stone tool use. The second day was focused on more advanced techniques and allowed the returning beginner students to practise their newly learned skills. and working on personal projects. We did have a couple of first time students with us on the Sunday. At this event, we also sold flintknapping starter kits, books, bandanas, chocolate points, t-shirts, and our new Rite-In-The-Rain notebooks!



This workshop was well received by those in attendance. We received written feedback and both comments expressed their positive experience with the workshop, how it was run/materials available, and the value of the workshop.

The Calgary Centre would like to thank Bill Spencer for his donation in support of the lithic workshop. A number of Calgary Centre members were involved in the planning and running of the events, including Brent Murphy, Jason Roe, Terry Quinn, Rick Rowell. Thank you to them for all their help!

## **7 Public Presentations and Events**

The Calgary Centre continues to engage the public through assorted presentations, field trips, and events, in addition to the lectures mentioned previously.

The Calgary Centre also hosted information tables Canada Day at Princes's Island (see section 6.2), The Calgary Historic Week – Heritage Festival at YMCA, the Chacmool Conference, and the Paleontological Symposium.

While the success of these events is due to the hard work and commitment of many members of the Calgary Centre, we would like to make special mention of Frankie-Lou Nelligan, Anne English, Erika Van Vught, Madisen Hvidberg, Bairge Webster, Janet Blakey, Brent Murphy, Brian Vivian, Dawn Wambold, Scott Graham, Erik Johannessen, Terry Quinn, Wyatt MacDonald, Cherise Belisle, Tia McCurdy, Bern Weinhold, Stephanie McClennon, Lorraine Stratkotter, Lusine Petrosyan, Alyssa, Larissa, Zoe, Anne English, Paige, Ian, plus so many more casino volunteers!

## **8 Educational Programming**

The Calgary Centre has continued to develop our Education Program for children. Our Education Kit was used at the Heritage Calgary week at the Central Public Library and was met with success and outreach for the education aspect of our centre. The education kit was used for various school presentations, including Elbow Valley School and Big Rock School. We continue to give presentations to children's groups upon requests, with several scheduled for the upcoming months.

We distributed over 1000 copies of the Calgary Centre's Activity Book (Colouring Calgary's Past) during public outreach programs, workshops, class presentations, directly to teachers and the Calgary Public Library.

## **9 Provincial Society Activities**

Within the Provincial Society, the Calgary Centre continues to play a role in the promotion and distribution of the Occasional Papers of the Archaeological Society of Alberta and we recognize Calgary members Barney Reeves, the Editor in Chief, and Joanne Braaten, the editor of the most recent volume, as well as Carol McCreary, the Treasurer, for their efforts.

Representatives from the Calgary Centre Executive team meet with the Provincial Executive at least three times a year for meetings. These meetings involve discussions and brainstorming from all representatives from the different Centres across the Province attending these meetings in regards to the success and long term goals of the Provincial Society and in turn the Calgary Centre.

## **10 Fund Raising**

This year fund raising focused on sales of our merchandise. We continue to sell our popular chocolate points, educational bandanas, featuring the projectile point sequence, Archaeological Society hats and multi-tools. The previous years new t-shirt design has continued to be a success!

The Calgary Centre invested in customized Rite-in-the-Rain notebooks this year which have been positively received by members!

Calgary Centre hosted a casino again this year in December at Cowboy's Casino, thanks to the support of members and volunteers. Thank you to Frankie-Lou Nelligan for coordinating all of that!

Funds raised contribute to the publication of the Annual Speakers Series Pamphlet and General Information Pamphlet, our workshops, and the general operating costs of the Calgary Centre.

## **11 Donations**

The Calgary Centre made a number of donations this year in support of community outreach, including approving up to \$4,000 for the Plenary Session at the Canadian Archaeological Association Meetings in Edmonton (May 2020-POSTPONED).

## **12 Grants**

The Calgary Centre donated funds to the University of Calgary for the 2019 field season in support of their Public Program (\$4,000).

The Calgary Centre provided funds to Barney Reeves and Margaret Kennedy for their "Archaeological Inventory at the Lower Red Deer River and Minor Medicine Wheel Ceremonial Centre Locales" project (also known as the Forks Project). \$7,000 was provided to them in support of their 2019 field activities.

The Calgary Centre provided \$1400 to Christina Robinson, a doctoral candidate at the University of Calgary in support of her research on the Brooks Aqueduct in 2019. Christina is doing innovative research in Industrial Archaeology in Alberta, and we were very pleased to provide support to her project.

## **13 Awards and Endowments**

In the 2019-2020 year, the Calgary Centre began to explore avenues to start creating an endowment fund for the centre. Discussions and research into the Calgary Heritage Foundation continue.

## **14 Collaboration and Thanks**

The Calgary Centre is pleased to have collaborated with various different organizations, including the Chinook Country Historical Society (fellow PHO), University of Calgary, Mount Royal University, Heritage Park, Rockyview County, the City of Calgary, the Palaeontological Society, Calgary Public Library, and many more.

We would like to thank the Brentwood Starbucks, Brentwood Safeway, and Lukes Central Library for their sponsorship for cookies and coffee for the Speaker Series.

Thank you to the University of Calgary, Department of Anthropology and Archaeology for their support of the Fall Speaker Series.

Thank you to the CPL Central Library for their support of the Winter Speaker Series.

This year, the Calgary Centre was lucky enough to have received a Serving Communities Internship Program (SCiP) Grant, and was able to hire Lusine Petrosyan to work on our archives project. A huge thank you to Lulu, and to Anne English, who worked on this project.

## 15 Volunteer Hours for April 2019 – March 2020

Below is a break-down of volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone who donated their time in support of our centre this year.

### 15.1 Executive Meetings – 2019 – 2020

April, May, August, September, October, November, January, February, March  
4 hours per meeting for 9 months with approximately 10 Executive/meeting

**Calgary Centre Executive Meetings 360 Hours**

### 15.2 Presidential Duties

Preparation of Agendas and Grant Applications	20 hours
Phone Calls, Emails	
ASA executive	75 hours
ASA membership	65 hours
Letters, Notes to/for members	20 hours
December Executive Social	4 hours
Transition of Secretarial Duties to Interim Secretary	2 hours
<b>Presidential Duties (Total)</b>	<b>186 Hours</b>

### 15.3 Secretarial Duties

Executive Meeting Minutes for 9 Meetings	27 hours
AGM – Minutes and Reports	16 hours
Calgary Centre Correspondence	40 hours
Organization duties – meeting rooms, storage locker	30 hours
Transition of Secretarial Duties to Interim Secretary	2 hours
<b>Secretarial Duties (Total)</b>	<b>115 Hours</b>

### 15.4 Treasurer Duties/ Membership Coordination

ASA Calgary Centre	
Executive expenses	
Event expenses	
Income from events	
Income from merchandise general sales	20 hours
General Accounting	
Updating books and prep. of financial statements	40 hours
ASA-Calgary Centre Memberships	
New Member packages	
Updating files	
Labels for newsletters	70 hours
Banking	10 hours
Casino Accounting	
Managing use of proceeds and casino reporting	20 hours
<b>Treasurer/Membership Coordinator Duties (Total)</b>	<b>160 Hours</b>

### 15.5 Mount Royal Liaison

Monthly Duties – 4 hours x 12 months	48 hours
Humphreys Award	10 hours
<b>Mount Royal Liaison Duties</b>	<b>58 Hours</b>

### 15.6 ASA Calgary Centre Newsletter

Preparation of Monthly Issues 9 hours per issue for 10 issues	90 hours
Distribution – 1.5 hours x 2 executives x 10 issues	30 hours
<b>Production/Distribution of Calgary Centre Newsletter</b>	<b>120 Hours</b>

### 15.7 ASA Calgary Centre Monthly Lectures/ Guest Speakers

April, September, October, November, January, February 4 hours per meeting x 6 meetings x 5 executive	120 hours
Preparation for Meetings- Treats, Door Prize, Write ups	30 hours
Airport Transportation, Socializing, Hosting, Advertising	14 hours
Initial Organization of Speaker Series	30 hours
<b>Monthly Lecture Series</b>	<b>194 Hours</b>

### 15.8 Information Programs/Public Tours/Lectures

Empress / Forks Archaeology Project	
Field Days (x13 volunteers, various hours)	350 hours
Field Work and Coordination (x2 coordinators)	260 hours
	<b>590 hours</b>
RockyView Project	
Event (x11 volunteers, various hours)	345 hours
Field Work and Coordination (x1)	158.5 hours
	<b>503.5 hours</b>
Canada Day Princess Island	
Preparation	10 hours
Event (x10 volunteers)	68 hours
	<b>78 hours</b>
Calgary Historic Week Library – Heritage Festival Central Library	
Preparation	8 hours
Event (x4 volunteers)	22 hours
	<b>30 hours</b>
Overnight Tour	
Preparation (x3 volunteer, various hrs)	40 hour
Event (x3 volunteer)	24 hours
	<b>64 hours</b>
Historic Calgary Week Table Planning Meeting	
Attendance (x2 Executives)	6 hours
	<b>6 hours</b>
Chacmool Conference Info Table	
Preparation	2 hours
Event (x2 volunteers)	15 hours
Event (x1 volunteer)	4 hours
	<b>21 hours</b>

Lithic Workshop 2020	
Preparation	46 hours
Event (x10 volunteers, various hours each)	125 hours
	<b>171 hours</b>

PaleoSymposium 2020 (rescheduled due to COVID-19)	
Preparation (x1 volunteer)	2 hours
	<b>2 hours</b>

**Public Information Programs/Tours/Lectures** **652 Hours**

### 15.9 Calgary Centre Educational Programming

ASA Calgary Centre assorted public programming	15 hours
ASA Calgary Centre Education Kit Housekeeping	10 hours
<b>Educational Programming</b>	<b>25 Hours</b>

### 15.10 ASA Calgary Centre Scholarship Awards

ASA Calgary Centre – Wes Johnston Student Award in Archaeology	
Plaque and Presentation evening	
ASA Calgary Centre Humphreys Student Award in Archaeology	
Plaque and Presentation evening	
<b>Organizing Scholarships or Awards</b>	<b>20 Hours</b>

### 15.11 ASA Provincial Executive Meetings

Executive Meetings	
Calgary (4 CC Attendees x 3 hours) April 2019	12 hours
Calgary (4 CC Attendees x 8 hours) October 2019	32 hours
Calgary (4 CC Attendees) March 2020 – meeting postponed	
<b>Attending Provincial Executive Meetings</b>	<b>44 Hours</b>

### 15.12 Calgary Centre Audits

Annual Audit – Calgary Centre	
Preparation for submitting to AGM and Alberta Registries	
Reporting 10 hours x 2 members	20 hours
Annual Audit ASA Occasional Papers Series –	
February 2020 1 hour x 2 members	2 hours
Annual Audit ASA Archaeological Review –	
February 2020 1 hour x 2 members	2 hours
<b>Annual Audits by ASA CC Executive Volunteers</b>	<b>24 Hours</b>

### 15.13 Webpage and Social Media

General Maintenance and Posting	44 hours
<b>Webpage</b>	<b>44 hours</b>

### 15.14 Casino

Paperwork/Scheduling	40 hours
Casino Volunteer Hours (x Numerous Volunteers)	270 hours
<b>Casino volunteer hours</b>	<b>310 Hours</b>

### 15.15 SCiP Position<sup>1</sup>

Organization/Prep (x5 Executives)	20 hours
Coordination (x1 executive)	20 hours
<b>SCiP hours</b>	<b>40 Hours</b>

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## 2019-2020 Grand Total

**2,727 Hours**

## 16 Conclusion

The Archaeological Society of Alberta- Calgary Centre continues to make meaningful engagement with the public through our lectures, workshops, tours and many other activities. The dedication of our membership has resulted in over 2,727 volunteer hours, engaging with over 4,253 members of the general public.

Although some of our events and programming has been cut short in light of the current global pandemic, the Calgary Centre is actively trying to reach out to its members in digital and printed forms to continue to promote archaeology and heritage in Calgary. Our new partnership with the Central Calgary Public Library has been met with great success, and our third talk hosted in the new venue had record attendance—over 300 attendees, many of whom were attending the lecture for the first time. The Calgary Centre continues to look into new avenues and new venues to collaborate and engage with the public, reaching to members of the public who might not otherwise know about the Archaeological Society of Alberta.

Due to COVID-19 pandemic, our year of outreach and engagement was cut short. The Calgary Centre is exploring ways to connect with our membership and audience in modified ways to continue spreading information about Alberta’s heritage and archaeology. As such, we have not been able to hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) nor have we been able to have our financials be audited as part of our yearend reporting. We will continue to assess the situation and make arrangements for the auditing of the financials and AGM when we feel we can make an informed decision that best suits the Calgary Centre membership.

The Calgary Center plans to continue supporting many of our current programs and looks forward to the addition of several new initiatives, such as more overnight tours, collaborations with local businesses, and exciting new workshops, in the upcoming years.

The Calgary Centre Executive wishes to express our gratitude to our membership, and to thank everyone who has contributed in making the Archaeological Society of Alberta Calgary Centre the successful and energetic organization it is today. We are very proud of our members and of our ongoing initiatives and programming. We believe that with our continued outreach efforts, we have and will continue to promote archaeology to the residents of Alberta. And beyond.

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<sup>1</sup> These hours do not reflect time the recipient of SCiP spent working on the project.



# Archaeological Society of Alberta – Edmonton Centre

Centre Report 2019-2020

Prepared by Amandah van Merlin

Date Submitted: June 6, 2020

Centre Executive March 2019 to March 2020

President: Amandah van Merlin

Vice President: Kimberley Mosicki

Secretary: Kathy Gadd/Acting Emily Haines

Treasurer: Madeline Coleman

Directors: Jennifer Hallson, Angela Green, Evert Poor, Eric Tebby

## Introduction

The ASAEC has continued to engage with the public and our members and advance education in archaeology and related sciences in Alberta. Our board meets monthly to facilitate the organization of our annual lecture series along with workshops, stone and bone events and other public engagement events. Our events are attended by both our membership and interested members of the public. Attendance at the lecture series fluctuates between 20 and 50 people.

Our membership continues to grow, including returning and new members. The following is a summary of the events of the 2019-2020 year.

## Speaker Series

The 2019-2020 Centre speaker series is held at the Strathcona Branch of the Edmonton Public Library and was organized by Amandah van Merlin. The Edmonton Public Library provides refreshments and advertises the speakers series to their audience. The following presentations were included in the 2019-2020 series.

### September 2019

Katherine Bishop PhD Student at the University of Alberta Anthropology Department “Ancient Greek Civilizations and the Pivotal Role of Goats?”

### October 2019

Dr. Andre Costopoulos, Faculty Member and Administrator at the University of Alberta Anthropology Department “Choice and Adaptation in Rapidly Changing Northern Environments”

### November 2019

Dr. Pam Willoughby, Faculty Member and Administrator at the University of Alberta Anthropology Department “Emergence of Early Civilizations in East and Southern Africa”

### December 2019

Dr. Meg Berry, Alberta Environment and Parks “The Desert and the Dreaming.”

### January 2020

Eric Tebby, Master's Student, University of Alberta, Anthropology Department “Re-imagining the Canadian West: Discovering the Métis Narrative”

## February 2020

Dr. Sandra Garvie-Lok, Faculty Member and Administrator at the University of Alberta Anthropology Department “The Political is the Personal: An Examination of the interactions between the State and Everyday Life in Ancient Greece and China.”

## March 2020 Lecture and AGM

Dr. Natalie van Dusen, Faculty Member at the University of Alberta, Modern Languages and Cultural Studies. “Examining Cultural Trends through Texts in Medieval Scandinavia.”

## April 2020 (postponed to September 2020 due to Covid-19 gathering restrictions)

Dr. Kevin McGeough, Faculty Member of the University of Lethbridge “The Birth of Civilization in Egypt and Mesopotamia.”

## Membership

As of December 2019 the Centre has 71 paid members, comprised of students, professionals, and archaeology enthusiasts and we aim to continue to expand our membership in the 2019-2020 year. Thanks to Jennifer Hallson for all their help with the Centre memberships.

## Newsletter

Edmonton Centre sends out the Provincial Newsletter to our general mailing list and Facebook followers and sends out a monthly newsletter to our members via email that contains details on upcoming events and allows them to have early access to our workshops and this newsletter is later posted to Facebook to update our followers to the same events.

## Social Media

Edmonton Centre has social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. Our largest audience is on Facebook’s platform with 653 likes and 704 followers. Our events are hosted and advertised through Facebook, general questions and inquiries are answered through this platform, interesting articles are posted for our followers, and information from other heritage organizations in the Edmonton Area are also posted. We also make sure to share events and information from the other ASA Centers across the province as our members can participate in all ASA events across the province. We post and engage on Facebook at least every 2 days. We have fewer followers on Instagram (168) and Twitter (143) the newsletters are shared on Twitter and event advertising is posted to both Instagram and Twitter. We have 71 paid members, but our social media audience is 10-fold higher. This allows us to share events and interested members of the public can choose to support the society after seeing the events we host, and the support provided to heritage in the province.

## Workshops, Events, and Tours

### January 26, 2019 Metis Beading workshop

The introductory Metis Beading workshop was hosted by Krista Leddy, an Edmonton based Metis artisan. The event was hosted by MacEwan University’s Anthropology Department. 20 members attended the event. Edmonton Centre would like to thank Katie Biittner for helping to organize the Event with the University.

### February 21, 2019 RAM Field Trip – Human History Gallery

The board organized a trip to visit the Royal Alberta Museum to visit new building and see the updated human history gallery. As the museum is an exciting new heritage destination, the Edmonton Centre wanted to bring together 8 members together to share in this experience.



#### March 30, 2019 Annual Stone Tools Workshop

The Stone Tools Workshop was hosted by Dale Fisher, a grad student at the University of Alberta. The event was hosted by the University of Alberta's Anthropology Department. This was Dale Fisher's first-time teaching so enrollment was limited to 8 members. Edmonton Centre would like to thank Shirley Harpham and Dale Fisher for helping to organize the Event.

#### May 30, 2019 RAM Field Trip – Vikings! Travelling Exhibit

The board organized a trip to the Royal Alberta Museum, this time to take in the Vikings! Travelling Exhibit. Edmonton Centre brought together 13 members to share in this experience.

#### June 30, 2019 Stones and Bones event at the Strathcona Museum and Archives

This stone and bones event was a collaboration with Kris Fedyniak and Chris Jass of the Royal Alberta Museum and the Strathcona Museum and Archives. Dale Fisher and Erica Sutherland hosted a stone tool making demonstration during the day. Approximately 30 people attended the one day event. Thanks to the staff at the Strathcona Museum and Archives for hosting and advertising the event and to Evert Poor for coordinating between the ASAEC and Museum.

#### September 8, 2019 Points in the Park – BBQ and Lithic Making demonstration

This was an event for members and the public to socialize and come together after the summer field season. Dale Fisher hosted a stone tool making event. Approximately 25 people came out despite the rainy weather that weekend.

#### November 2, 2019 Stones and Bones Event at the Leduc Heritage Grain Elevator.

This stone and bones event was in collaboration with Chris Jass of the Royal Alberta Museum and the Leduc Grain Elevator. 48 people attended the one day event. Special thanks for Kerry Atkinson for helping to organize and to Kim Mosicki for presenting a What is Archaeology? Lecture to members of the public.

#### November 23, 2019 Outreach Event at Telus World of Science

This event is normally an annual event, but due to some scheduling it was moved from its normal mid-October date to late November. Edmonton Centre was given a table in the Lobby of Telus World of Science on a Saturday during the Marvels Avenger Exhibit. We had 15 members come out to volunteer to talk to visitors about archaeology, and engage in activities that included archaeological drawing and coloring. Approximately 100 people engaged with the activities and stopped by to ask questions.

#### Educational Programming

Edmonton Centre does not deliver formal educational programming.

#### Fundraising

Edmonton Centre sells books, t-shirts, and chocolate points at all our events.

#### Donations

Edmonton Centre did not receive any donations in the 2019-2020 year.

#### Grants

Edmonton Centre did not apply for or receive any grants.

#### Collaboration

As mentioned above, the Edmonton Centre hosts our Speaker Series at the Strathcona Branch of the Edmonton Public Library. The EPL provides the space for free, helps with some advertising of the series within their newsletter and social media, and provides some refreshments. We continue to build relationships with the

Anthropology Departments at the University of Alberta and McEwan University by hosting workshops in their spaces. This year, Edmonton Centre has focused on reaching out to local museums and science centers to host stone and bones events. This helps our membership to go out to the local museums, which they may not have attended before. It also brings our organization to the attention of locals who may not have heard of us or may not be able to come to us to see events within Edmonton.

#### Volunteer Hours for April 2019 – March 2020

Below is a break-down of volunteer hours. Thank you to everyone who donated their time in support of our Centre this year.

#### Executive Meetings 2019-2020

March 27, 2019

Six Executive Members @2 Hours 12 hours

April 24, 2019

Six Executive Members @2 hours 12 hours

May 22, 2019

Four Executive Members @1 hour 4 hours

July 10, 2019

Five Executive Members @ 2 hours 10 hours

August 21, 2019

Six Executive Members @2 hours 12 Hours

September 25, 2019

Six Executive Members @ 2 hours 12 Hours

October 22, 2019

Seven Executive Members @ 2 hours 14 Hours

November 26, 2019

Seven Executive Members @ 2 hours 14 hours

January 21, 2020

Six Executive Members @ 2 hours

Eight Executive Members @ 2 Hours 16 Hours

March 3, 2020

Five Executive Members @ 2 hours 10 hours

March 11, 2020 AGM

14 Members @ 1 hours 14 hours

#### **Executive Meeting Total**

**130 hours**

President

Preparation of the agendas and grant applications 18 hours

Communication 22 hours

Secretary

Executive meeting minutes for 11 meetings 18 Hours

AGM – Minutes and Reports 2 Hours

Communications 4 Hours

Organizational tasks 4 hours

Treasurer	
General Accounting	20 Hours
Reporting	5 Hours
Banking	5 Hours
Centre Newsletter	
Preparation of the newsletter	15 Hours
Disbursement of the newsletter	3 Hours
Speaker Series	
Organizing the speaker series	20 Hours
Total number of speaker series	8 @ 2 hours
Preparation for meetings	15 hours
Events	
<b>Metis Beading workshop 2019</b>	
Preparation	12 Hours
Event	12 hours
<b>Field Trip – Human History Gallery 2019</b>	
Preparation	5 hours
Event	12 hours
<b>Annual Stone Tools Workshop 2019</b>	
Preparation	12 hours
Event	16 hours
<b>RAM Field Trip – Vikings! Travelling Exhibit 2019</b>	
Preparation	3 hours
Event	12 hours
<b>Stones and Bones event at the Strathcona Museum and Archives</b>	
Preparation	15 hours
Event	60 Hours
<b>Points in the Park – BBQ and Lithic Making demonstration</b>	
Preparation	15 Hours
Event	30 Hours
<b>Stones and Bones Event at the Leduc Heritage Grain Elevator.</b>	
Preparation	20 Hours
Event	80 Hours
<b>November 23, 2019 Outreach Event at Telus World of Science</b>	
Preparation	20 Hours
Event	36 Hours
Education Programming	
Preparation	0 Hours
Event	0 Hours
Provincial Executive Meetings	
October 19, 2019 (number of attendees 2 number of hours 12)	24 Hours
May 3, 2020 (number of attendees 1 number of hours 3)	3 Hours
Committee Work	8 hours
Webpage and Social Media	20 Hours
General maintenance and posting	20 Hours

## Fundraising Events

Preparation	0 Hours
Event	0 Hours

## Centre Audits

Annual Audit by an accountant due to Covid-19 restrictions	Currently incomplete, audit will be completed
Preparation for submitting to AGM and Alberta Registries	10 Hours

## **2019-2020 Grand Total**

**773 Hours**

## Conclusion

As the Edmonton Centre President, I am quite proud of what we have been able to accomplish in the past year. We were able to bring out several volunteers to help supervise our events and both our members and members of the public were able to attend. The co-hosting of the speakers series with the Edmonton Public Library has been a bright spot and we will be continuing to work with the Library to host and advertise the speaker series. We have also built relationships with two local museums and have been able to tap into an interested audience and find the spaces and help to host events and bring our own audience to important heritage sites around Edmonton.

The upcoming year was already going to be challenging with the cuts to societies, and with the government cuts, an increase in the demand for other available sources of funding have increases in demand from other volunteer organizations. The loss of the provincial coordinator as a central place to deal with inquiries and efficiently sending those inquiries to the relevant centers will be missed. Coupled with the cuts, the Covid Pandemic also a huge challenge with the safety restrictions requiring a pivot to online programming moving forward. Most of our events are face to face public interactions and moving to online centered programming without deeply dipping into our finances is going to be a challenge.

We are currently in discussions with the museums we have worked with and the Library regarding the provision of our programming. Edmonton Center has elected to do our speakers series online until at least December of 2020, with the understanding that it is very likely that we may be hosting the series online. We are also discussing what types of programming we can provide online and will be moving forward on some of these initiatives. We hope to have turned some of these challenges into opportunities in 2020 to provide both our members and members of the public with opportunities for education and engagement in the midst of a pandemic.



## Archaeological Society of Alberta – Lethbridge Centre

### Centre Report 2019 – 2020

Prepared by: Rachel Lindemann

Date Submitted: Feb. 2020

### Centre Executive Jan 2019 – Jan 2020

President: Rachel Lindemann

Directors: Shawn Bubel

Vice President: Meg Berry

Shaylene Wall

Treasurers: Dianne Rossetti (General Accounts)  
Alanna Shockley (Casino Accounts)

Alyssa Hamza

Secretaries: Sydney Atkinson & James Carnahan

John Easton

Past President: Duncan Lloyd

Rob Wondrasek

Wendy Aitkens

### 1.0 SPEAKER SERIES

The 2019 – 2020 Centre speaker series included the following presentation:

- Alyssa Hamza, A. Hamza Archaeology Ltd., *Our provincial Capital: A review of select sites*, January 15, 2019
- Meg Berry, Aaron Domes, Citlalmina David, Mackenzie Laliberte, Laura Sonnenberg, Ria Nicholson, Diane Rossetti, Alberta Parks & the University of Lethbridge, *Looking Back and Forward at Writing-on-Stone/Aisinai'pi*, February 5, 2019.
- Gabriel Yanicki, Canadian Museum of History, *At the Southern Funnel: Ice-free corridor research at Wally's Beach*, March 12, 2019.
- Host the Archaeological Society of Alberta Conference and AGM, April 12 – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Fall Meet & Greet, September 11, 2019
- Ria Nicholson, University of Lethbridge student, *Where the Arrogant Trespass Began: Experimental Archaeology at Carrig*, Ireland, October 1, 2019
- Alanna Shockley, Atlatl Archaeology Ltd., *Excavations at Horvat Tevet: Archaeological finds at an Iron Age Israelite Agrarian Collection Site*, November 5, 2019.
- Tara Collett, University of Lethbridge, *Forensic Archaeology and the Ethics of the Past*, December 9, 2019

## 2.0 MEMBERSHIP

Membership: 73 memberships, of which 18 are family or couple memberships. The number of individuals within the Society is closer to 93.

Active members are defined as those who have paid their membership dues, and attend monthly lectures or activities when possible. Approximately 45 members may be considered active. Some members live a significant distance away but continue to support the Society each year through their memberships.

**Table 1: Monthly Lecture Series Attendance 2018**

Month	Attendance	Month	Attendance
January	33	September	28
February	45	October	38
March	38	November	28
April	N/A	December	65

## 2.1 Newsletter & Social Media

Newsletters are sent out mid-month during our lecture series, and then only sporadically over the summer months to notify members of upcoming fieldtrips or field activities. Newsletters generally provide information regarding the upcoming speaker, as well as other events in the area that might be of interest. We also try to include updates and pictures of our outreach activities.

At the last AGM we created an informal committee to help manage some of our social media platforms and to produce the newsletter each month. They've been doing great at trying to publish more posts and working with speakers to get the newsletter out as quickly as possible each month.

Our Facebook page, created in January 2015, is continues to increase, as does the number of people following us. The page has been liked by people from 32 different countries, although predominantly Canada and the United States. The majority of the people engaging with the page are located in Lethbridge, Calgary, and Edmonton, with Medicine Hat becoming more engaged as well. The majority of our followers are aged 25 – 44 (32% of our followers).

We started an Instagram page for the Lethbridge Centre which has been doing well and has a growing number of followers. Our audience is primarily located in Calgary, Lethbridge, Edmonton, and Saskatoon, and it ranges from in age from 13 to +65 years with the most frequent demographic being from 25 to 44.

Our Twitter has not been super active but we have been making a concerted effort to tweet more frequently since the new year, so hopefully we will see an increase in 2020.

**Table 2: Social Media Accounts 2015 - 2019**

	Facebook		Twitter				Instagram
	Likes	Followers	Followers	Tweets	Retweets	Likes	Followers
2015	119		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2016	200		39	66	76	73	
2017	299	302	70	40	42	104	
2018	437	448	78	21	15	25	
2019	537	578	86	8	7	15	230

### **3.0 OUTREACH, EVENTS, TOURS AND COLLABORATION**

We have continued, as a Centre, to place a high level of importance on our public outreach and education activities. Participating in multiple summer kids' camps was new for us this year, and quite fun! We tried out some new activities such as orienteering and mapping making, which had mixed success but everyone seemed to have fun.

#### **3.1 Annual Conference and AGM**

Our biggest activity this past year was hosting the Annual Conference and AGM in April. We had a total of 103 registrants, our Friday walking tour of the historic downtown area had 33 participants, and the tour of the historic Galt 8 Mine had 35 participants. We also hosted a workshop, led by Tara Collett, on radiocarbon dating which was attended by 27 participants. The silent auction raised \$430. We offered awards to the student presenters: first place went to Madisen Hvidberg, and second place to Christina Robinson.

#### **3.2 School Outreach & Summer Camps**

This past year we carried out 7 school visits, in Lethbridge and Taber. We did presentation and hands-on artifact exploration with Grades 2 – 7 during these visits. We also participated in Day on the Creek in Pincher Creek, which is put on for all the area schools. We had a total of 258 students.

Something new for us this past summer was participating in various summer camps for kids. These were in Pincher Creek, Carmangay, and at Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Park; these were individual afternoon sessions. We also helped host the week long Destination Exploration Archaeology Camp put on by the University of Lethbridge. We contributed one to two daily activities for the kids. Side note, giving 10 year olds compasses and maps is a great way to watch them wander in a field for hours. Other activities included pinch pots, context & clues boxes, oral histories, and atlatl throwing.

Our outreach volunteers continue to participate in other annual local events such as Word on the Street put on by the Lethbridge Public Library to encourage literacy and local authors, Mad Scientist's Day in Pincher Creek put on annually by the Public Library, and Career Transitions' E.P.I.C. event for local high school students to participate in activities related to archaeology.

#### **3.3 Lille Hike with UofL Arky Club**

We partnered with the University of Lethbridge Archaeology Club and offered a hike to the abandoned coal mine town of Lille, in the Crowsnest Pass. It was a challenging and chilly day but a great group to go exploring with! We also did outreach with a Pathfinders/Girl Guides group in the Crowsnest Pass.

#### **3.4 DIPI-1 Continued**

In September, we continued our project at DIPI-1, the goal this time was to continue with the testing program with the aim of defining the southern boundary of the site, as well as maintaining a baseline to assess the rate of erosion in the area. Twenty-five ASA members undertook surface inspection, shovel testing, and the excavation of two test units in order to establish a firm south boundary, to record erosion at the most disturbed areas of the site, and to assess the horizontal distribution of artifacts.

A total of 33 shovel tests were done, 26 of which were positive for cultural materials. These shovel tests helped us determine the site continues on a lower landform and that the site projects further south than previously thought. One test unit was excavated to a depth of 70 cm and yielded a small amount of cultural material between 10 and 30 cm below surface. The second test unit was excavated to a depth of 95 cm and yielded dense cultural material throughout, with artifacts being recovered up to 90 cm below surface.

A total of 707 artifacts were collected, including lithics, faunal remains, and fire broken rock. Thirty-one of these artifacts were tools, seven of which were projectile points. Point types recovered in 2019 include Plains Side-Notched, Avonlea, and Pelican Lake.

Our outreach volunteers have logged 1,497 hours, and have reached a total of 1,517 visitors/students/participants. We are always well-received by the public at the events we participate in, and normally get very positive feedback from the families about the activities and information provided.

### **3.5 Writing-on-Stone Collaboration**

This summer we continued our partnership with Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, and the University of Lethbridge in sponsoring the two students that participate in the rock art monitoring independent study program. This benefits the park by helping them monitor the vast number of sites they have, as well as providing the students with some excellent hands-on experience and skills.

We also participated in a small shovel testing program led by Meg Berry over two days. The hope was to identify the source site of the bison bones eroding into the Milk River. The survey had limited success, and it is hypothesized that the majority of the site they may have originated from has already eroded into the river.

## **4.0 FUNDRAISING**

May 23 and 24, 2019 we worked a casino at the Lethbridge Casino, this is one of our primary fundraisers; however, we only have the opportunity to work one every three years. Thirteen volunteers worked the four shifts over the two days – a huge thank you to the volunteers, as these can be long shifts! This year's casino earnings totalled \$32,155.

## **5.0 INITIATIVES**

Operation Artifact 2.0 also continues for another year. We are currently wrapping up the recording of the Jim McMurchy Alberta Collection, the Peterson Collection. Both collections have resulted in the designation of several new sites, which is a great contribution to our understanding of the past in southern Alberta.

We are also tentatively beginning to work with the Metis Local 1880 Pincher Creek group, they are interested in having some of the historic homesteads recorded and this would provide our members with some great, hands-on learning of recording historic structures.



**Table 3: 2019 ASA Lethbridge Centre Activities**

Date	Event	Location	Description	KM	Volunteer #	Volunteer Names	Volunteer Hours	Visitors
11-Feb-19	School Outreach (1)	St. Patrick's School, Taber	Archaeology Presentation, Grades 2/3	106	2	Shawn Bubel, Citlalmina David	10	25
13-Feb-19	Career Transitions E.P.I.C.	Exhibition Grounds, Lethbridge	Joint event with Atlatl Archaeology, promoting archaeology as career option & encouraging ASA membership for volunteer experience	25	4	Rob Wondrasek, Dale Norman, Tatyanna Ewald, Rachel Lindemann	53	120
28-Feb-19	School Outreach (3)	D.A. Ferguson, Taber	Archaeology Presentation, Gr 7 classes	110	2	R Lindemann, T Ewald	20	80
12-Apr-19	ASA AGM & Conference	University of Lethbridge	workshop with T Collett, local fieldtrip to Galt 8 minesite, walking tour of downtown with B Crowson	40	24	T Ewald, J McMurchy, W Aitkens, S Atkinson, J Carnahan, S Wall, A Shockley, S Rosseti, S Bubel, M Berry, K Black Plume, R Wondrasek, E Perry, J Easton, M Miller, S Harmacy, H Dalton, D Frank, M Laliberte, C Hollingsworth, D Andreschefski, K Matechuk, R Black, R Lindemann	527.5	120
16-Apr-18	School Outreach (1)	St. Teresa School, Lethbridge	Presentation and hands-on artifact time	15	4	Tatyanna Ewald, Rob Wondrasek, Sheldon Harmacy, Mariah Miller	16	50
29-May-19	School Outreach	Day on the Creek, Pincher Creek	Excavation Blocks and Atlatl/hoop game	415	6	T Ewald, R Wondrasek, J McMurchy, S Harmacy, M Miller, J Carnahan	64	103
04-Jun-19	Outreach	Crowsnest Pass Pathfinders	Archaeology Presentation, Bones workshop, atlatl workshop	400	4	T Ewald, R Wondrasek, S Harmacy, J Carnahan	24	17
17-Jun-19	Career Fair	Crowsnest Consolidated High School	Archaeology Presentation, promoting archaeology as a career option	286	2	Tatyanna Ewald, Dale Norman	18	84
06-Aug-19	UofL Destination Exploration Archaeology Camp	University of Lethbridge	Archaeology presentation/activity - mapping & orienteering (1)	12	4	R Lindemann, T Ewald, R Wondrasek, D Norman, A Shockley	22	14
07-Aug-19		University of Lethbridge	Archaeology activity - pinch pots, oral histories (2)	12	5		38	14
08-Aug-19		University of Lethbridge	Archaeology activity - context & clues, hieroglyphics & braille (2)	12	3		26	14
09-Aug-19	Kids Camp	Pincher Creek Library	Clues & Context - dig boxes, atlatl throwing	210	5	M. Miller, S. Harmacy, R. Wondrasek, R. Lindemann, T. Ewald	20	36
13&14-Aug-19	Shovel Testing	Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park	Assisted with shovel testing for site relocation	490	4	R. Lindemann, R. Wondrasek, T. Ewald, S. Harmacy	56	N/A
14-Aug-19	Kid's Camp	Devil's Coulee Dinosaur Park	Replica Points & experimental archaeology	140	2	J McMurchy, J Easton	8	20
22-Aug-19	Kid's Camp	Carmangay Library	Dig boxes, atlatls, pinch pots	250	4	T Ewald, M Miller, R Lindemann, S Harmacy	24	17

Date	Event	Location	Description	KM	Volunteer #	Volunteer Names	Volunteer Hours	Visitors
24-Aug-19	DIPI-1 Survey	DIPI-1, Porcupine Hills	Surface inspection and shovel testing at DIPI-1	600	25	T Ewald, M Miller, R Lindemann, S Harmacy, R Wondrasek, D Norman, J Easton, P Gibbon, B Weinhold, D Walters, T Quinn, R Rowell, T Frank, D Rossetti, D Frank, J McMurchy, R Crowe, D Frank, W Aitkens, J DeBoice, K Pearson, W Pearson, C Pearson, C Pearson, S Pearson, C McMurchy, J Sturgeon, C Getzlaf, B Eltron	250	25
07-Sep-19			Shovel testing and test units	1,050	16		144	20
08-Sep-19			Shovel testing and test units	840	10	T Ewald, R Wondrasek, R Lindemann T Quinn, D Rossetti, D Frank, C Getzlaf, B Eltron, B Weinhold, D Frank	90	15
12-Sep-19			Finish up last test unit	420	4	T Ewald, R Lindemann, R Wondrasek, M Miller	40	4
14-Sep-19	Lille Hike	Lille, Crowsnest Pass	Hike to abandoned mine entrances and townsite of Lille - joint with UofL Arky Club members	548	4	S Bubel, R Lindemann, H Dalton	20	14
21-Sep-19	Word on the Street	Lethbridge Public Library	Outreach at Word on the Street	5	7	T Ewald, R Lindemann, R Wondrasek, M Miller, D Rossetti, J McMurchy, A Shockley, J Carnahan	40	640
25-Oct-19	Pincher Creek Halloween Event	Pincher Creek Library	Drop-in outreach for all ages		3	R Lindemann, M Miller, T Ewald	30	35
05-Nov-19	School Outreach (2)	Father Leonard Van Tighem School	Grade 4 class - overview and rocks and minerals	8	5	R Lindemann, M Miller, R Wondrasek, W Aitkens, J McMurchy	12.5	50
2019	Recording Private Collections		Work on McMurchy & Peterson Collections	0	5	T. Ewald, S. Harmacy, M. Miller, K. Peterson, R. Lindemann	475	N/A
				<b>5,994</b>	<b>154</b>		<b>2028</b>	<b>1517</b>

## 5.1 Volunteer Hours for Jan 2019 – Jan 2020

Below is a break-down of volunteer hours put in by our executive members, as well as the various hours devoted to outreach activities, fieldtrips, and special events. Thank you to everyone who donated their time in support of our Centre this year, as we reached a total of 4,271 volunteer hours!

**Table 4: Total Volunteer Hours**

<b>Executive &amp; Members</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Hours</b>
Rachel Lindemann	President (leading & organizing monthly & executive meetings, communications, newsletter review, develop outreach activities, coordinate outreach & education, etc.)	350
Sydney Atkinson & James Carnahan	Secretary (monthly meeting minutes & executive meeting minutes)	20
Alanna Shockley & Diane Rossetti	Treasurers (deposits, cheques, reimbursements, monthly statements for meetings)	200
Kelsey Peterson	Newsletter Coordinator (email speakers for information, draft newsletter for review)	12
Rachel Lindemann, Rob Wondrasek, Jim McMurphy, Kevin McGeough, Shawn Bubel	Provincial Executive Meetings: Feb. 2 & 3, 2019 (Strategic Planning Weekend) March 16, 2019	152
Sheldon Harmacy & Mariah Miller	Social Media Creating outreach activities	65
D Frank, J Carnahan, S Atkinson, M Laliberte, W Aikens, C Stewart, L Aikens, J Weirzba, T Quinn, S Bubel, D Rossetti, J McMurphy, R Crowe	Casino Volunteers	160
Jim McMurphy	Auditor Newsletter & Review Mail-outs	225
John Easton	Auditor, Director Field Trip Coordinator	312
Wendy Aikens	Director Membership Coordinator	207
Shawn Bubel	Director Prov. Society President	500
Tatyanna Ewald (member)	Scanning old Centre documents	40
	Assorted Outreach Activities See Table 3	2,028
		<b>4,271</b>

## 6.0 CONCLUSION

It has been another great year for outreach and providing members with chances to get out and involved in outreach, fieldtrips, and projects. The AGM was a lot of work but saw a lot of people step up to volunteer and help pull it together. A continuing challenge is diversifying the group of volunteers who are actively participating in events and outreach so we don't burn anyone out. Also membership increase and retention is something we need to work on continually, especially finding ways to encourage young families to come out and engage.

# Red Deer Centre

President's Report 6/2/2020

The 2018/19 season started strong for the Red Deer Center with a strong speaker series starting on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November and running until April of 2019.

Our major challenge of the season started with the spring election and the consequential unavailability of speakers, first due to the effects of the Elections Act and subsequently under a change of government and potential budget constraints made it impossible to plan some of our events.

For example, our intention to host a Stones and Bones event in the spring of 2019, had to be set aside as we could not secure experts to identify objects brought in by members of the public.

Our primary means of communication is by direct email to our members; however we make use of our networks and social media to promote our events to the public. We always highlight that our events are public and free to attend for non-members.

As we host most events at Red Deer College, we tend to attract a number of students for various events. This is leveraged by the fact that Larry Steinbrenner instructs at the college and is able to promote the events to his students. This is often a co-benefit to students and our center, as it provides an opportunity to students to attend informative events and it helps us achieve our educational goals.

An exception to our use of Red Deer college facilities, was the December 5th event. This was a partnership event with the Red Deer Museum, which at that time was hosting *Hiding in Plain Sight: Discovering the Metis Nation in the Archival Records of Library and Archives Canada*

## **Red Deer Speaker Series**

The 2018/19 Red Deer Speaker series ran from to April of and included the following events;

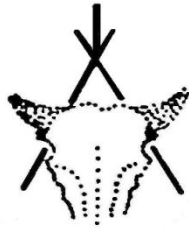
- 4-Apr *Explaining Inequality in the Casas Grandes Region, Chihuahua* by Jerimy Cunningham, associate professor of Anthropology, University of Lethbridge
- 13-Mar *Maya Monumental Boom' Rapid Development Hybrid Architecture* with Dr. Meaghan Peuramaki-Brown
- 6-Feb *Hummingbird Creek Site near Ram Falls Alberta* – by Timothy Allen
- 9-Jan *Guanacaste Archeological Project* by Carrie Dennett and Larry Steinbrenner (Red Deer College)
- 5-Dec *Beads, Brigades and Bison: Exploring the Patterns of Metis Ove* by Dr. Kisha Supernant, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Alberta
- 14-Nov *Bison Ecology, Ancient Environments and Human Occupation of the Promontory Caves, Utah*. Dr. Christina Barron-Ortiz, Royal Alberta Museum

## **Facebook Presence**

As mentioned previously our Facebook presence is a major tool we use to contact the general public. Content on the page (Archeological Society of Alberta-Red Deer Center) includes current archeological news stories, promotion of upcoming Archeological events and volunteer opportunities and links to official publications like Advancing Archeology: the Occasional Paper Series.

Our current goals moving forward include continuing to host and develop new events and to adapt to the impacts of Covid 19. Our 2019/20 season started well but, now is facing the same challenges everyone else is facing.

To adapt to this we are investigating the use of alternative methods to get our message out, including the use of platforms like Zoom, for meetings and presentations.



## SOUTH EASTERN ALBERTA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### Centre Report 2019-2020

Prepared by R. B. Shepard

Date Submitted, Revised and Approved -February 22, 2020

Centre Executive February 22, 2019-February 22, 2020

President: R.B. Shepard

Vice President: Cathy Linowski

Secretary/Treasurer: Randy Stotz

Past President: Rob Gardner

Directors: Janice Andreas

Greg Heebner

John Jossa

Jillian Koch

Brenda Mercer

### Introduction

The South Eastern Alberta Archaeology Society, a division of the Archaeological Society of Alberta, has been actively advancing understanding, knowledge and interest in archaeology during the fiscal year 2019/2020. Our monthly meetings, which include a lecture and discussion, have attracted both our members and the general public. We have also held field trips and social events which have been well attended.

Our membership has remained stable. Our fiscal position is also stable. The following is a summary of our activities and results during 2019/2020:

### Speaker Series

The 2019-2020 Centre speaker series was organized by Cathy Linowski and Janice Andreas and included the following presentations:

Colleen Hughes, Archaeologist, University of Calgary, "What's in a Name: An Investigation into Inuit Landscapes", January 16, 2019;

Bill Perry, Waterton National Park, "Archaeology after the Fire: Artifacts Revealed After the Kenow Wildfire", February 22, 2019;

Christina Robinson, University of Calgary, "Archaeology at the Brooks Aqueduct", March 20, 2019;

Patrick Carmichael, Mount Royal University, "The Mystery of the Three Monkeys: Archaeology in The High Andes", April 17, 2019;

Keziah Lesko-Grosslein, Parks and Recreation Dept., City of Medicine Hat, "An Update on the Saamis Archaeological Site", September 18, 2019;

Rachel Lindemann, Lethbridge Society, Atatl Arch., "The Horvat Tevet Site: Classic Archaeology, October 16, 2019;

Glenn Stuart, University of Saskatchewan, "Wanuskewin Heritage Park: Recent Archaeobotanical Research Using DNA Testing", November 20, 2019;

Mike Onieu, Director Medalta Historical Site, Medicine Hat, "Medalta in the Twenties", January 15, 2020.

### Membership

As of December 31, 2019, the Centre has sixty-six (66) paid members, comprised of twenty-two (22) individuals and twenty-two families, which each count as two members, for a total of forty-four ( $22 \times 2 = 44$ ). One of our objectives for the coming year is to increase our membership. Many thanks are extended to those Board members who have helped with the Centre memberships.

### Newsletter

We do not currently publish a newsletter.

### Social Media

We established a Facebook Account recently and, while it has attracted some attention, it is too early to gauge its impact. Thanks goes to Greg Heebner for taking the lead on this initiative. Most members obtain their information about our meetings via e-mail and thanks go to the Secretary/Treasurer and his able assistant for keeping us up-to-date.

### Awards and Scholarships

The SEAS does not currently offer any awards and scholarships, although the issue has been raised and discussed with the membership. Brenda Mercer and the President have been researching our options and opportunities and this will continue. A discussion and decision is expected in the New Year.

### Workshops, Events, and Tours

A tour to the local Sholten Hill and Ross Glen Sites was arranged in March, 2019 and led by Janice Andreas. During her presentation to our group, Christina Robinson of the University of Calgary invited us to join her during the coming summer for a tour of the Brooks Aqueduct industrial archaeology site. Several members and guests took advantage of the invitation and an excursion was organized to visit both the Aqueduct and a "medicine wheel" near Bow Island.

### Educational Programming

A lecture on Archaeological in Alberta was delivered by Janice Andreas to a class at Medicine Hat College. Our local museum, located at the Esplanade Arts and Heritage Center, hosted a travelling exhibit this past year on the Franklin Expedition. They wanted to do a workshop for school children on archaeological methods. Several of our members were involved in showing and explaining how to map a dig site.

### Fundraising

One of our members, Janice Andreas, designed T-Shirts featuring several of the "medicine wheels" from our area which our members have helped map over the years. Tags explaining each feature are printed and attached to each shirt as well as promoting archaeology in the province. A brochure has been developed and pre-orders are taken. After the shirts are ordered we sell them at our meetings and other events. We also give each of our visiting speakers a shirt and they have become popular items in the provincial archaeological community. Monies raised are used to cover additional costs for the Speakers Program, over and above what the provincial grant covers, as well as office supplies.

## Donations

Three members of the Board of Directors have hosted meetings in their homes, saving a minimum of \$200.00 per year. Two social events were also held at members' homes, resulting in further cost savings. Some office supplies were also donated by members.

## Grants

The SEAAS applied for, and was granted, \$2,000.00 from the ASA in support of our Speakers Program.

## Collaboration

The SEAAS collaborated with the local Esplanade Arts and Heritage Center by arranging for Caroline Hughes to give a presentation on Inuit landscapes during the visit of a travelling exhibit on the Franklin Expedition. We also hosted members of the Calgary Society, and their guests, at a reception during their southern Alberta tour to the Bindloss, Medalta and Saamis sites. Members of the SEAAS were invited to join members of the Historical Society of Medicine Hat at their annual Christmas Party and Dinner.

## Volunteer Hours for April 2019 – March 2020

Giving time is the essence of volunteerism and the SEAAS has been extremely fortunate in having dedicated members who gave more than eight hundred (800) hours from their days to support our activities. Many thanks are owed to everyone who contributed. The following is an analysis of the hours contributed:

### President

Preparation of the agendas and grant applications	40 hours
Communication	65 hours
Total	105 hours

### Secretary

Executive meeting, attendance and minutes for 9 meetings	50 hours
AGM – Minutes and Reports	20 hours
Communications	48 hours
Organizational tasks	32 hours

### Treasurer

General Accounting	22 hours
Reporting	8 hours
Banking	8 hours

### Centre Newsletter

Preparation of the newsletter	N/A
Disbursement of the newsletter	N/A

### Advertising and Promotion

Facebook page	76 hours
Advertising	29 hours

### Speaker Series

Organizing the speaker series	24 hours
Preparation and hospitality	48 hours

### Events

The following were undertaken by Janice Andreas on behalf of the Society:

March 6 – Archaeology Lecture at MHC and Preparation	20 hours
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May 15 – Tour of Sholten Hill and Ross Glen Sites and Prep.	23 hours
May – Volunteering in Empress area	76 hours
June 22 – Tour of Murphy Medicine Wheel	13 hours
Sept – Volunteering in Empress area	70 hours
Research on Saamis Site	24 hours

The following events were undertaken by Randy and Lorraine Stotz on behalf of the Society:

June “End –of -year” Social	10 hours
Reception for Calgary representatives	11 hours

Education Programming

Preparation	5 hours
Franklin Workshop	9 hours

Provincial Executive Meetings	7 hours
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Fundraising Events

Preparation	24 hours
T-Shirt Sales	20 hours

Centre Audits

Annual Audit	14 hours
Preparation for submitting to AGM and Alberta Registries	21 hours

2019-2020 Grand Total	817 hours
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Conclusion

The SEAAS is in a stable position currently due to the solid foundation on which it was built. We owe an on-going debt of gratitude to those who founded and built the organization to what it is today. We continue on the firm path which they laid down.

We faced challenges this year. We have dealt with illness, injury, as well as new opportunities which have taken people from our ranks, or reduced their level of involvement. New members have joined us as well and have already started contributing.

We also face challenges in the future. Funding is already an issue and can only loom larger as we move forward. While our membership is stable, we need to continue our discussion on how to attract new people who share our interest and passion for understanding and preserving the past. New technologies provide the means to reach larger audiences, but also serve as competition for peoples’ attention. All of these elements are also tests of our abilities to find new ways and new means to stimulate, educate and satisfy our community’s lasting interest in what was here before us.

Sincerely,

R. B. Shepard  
 President,  
 SEAAS

## VISION, MISSION, AND VALUES STATEMENTS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA

The name of the Society is “The Archaeological Society of Alberta”.

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried out in the Province of Alberta.

The beneficiary group is defined as all members of the public.

**Vision Statement:** The Archaeological Society of Alberta enhances the public’s understanding of Alberta’s archaeological resources and instils an appreciation of our collective past. The Archaeological Society of Alberta advocates for the safeguarding of our non-renewable cultural heritage.

**Mission Statement:** The objectives of the Archaeological Society of Alberta are to:

Advance education in archaeology and related disciplines in Alberta by:

- a. Disseminating archaeological information to all interested persons. This may be in the form of public talks, events, school visits, publications, and social media;
- b. Investing in ASA centres across the province that educate and engage the public;
- c. Providing training, advice, and assistance in the proper methods of locating, excavating, classifying, recording, and studying archaeological sites and the artifacts recovered;
- d. Facilitating networking to share information and best practices in archaeology;
- e. Engaging with academics, cultural resources management (CRM) professionals, and the First Nations, Metis, and Inuit (FNMI);
- f. Providing scholarships to outstanding students studying archaeology.

Assist the Archaeological Survey, Alberta Culture and Tourism and its successors in:

- a. Protecting and preserving archaeological sites designated as historical resources under the Alberta Heritage Act, 1973 (subsequently renamed Alberta Historical Resources Act) and any amendments thereto;
- b. Encouraging the reporting of archaeological sites;
- c. Discouraging the collection of archaeological remains by individuals or groups without permitted authorization.

**Values Statement:** The Archaeological Society of Alberta values education, collaboration, accessibility, diversity, and the preservation of our cultural resources. The Archaeological Society of Alberta is committed to creating ways to educate and share knowledge about our past that are inclusive and accessible to all Albertans.

## **BYLAWS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF ALBERTA.**

### **Article 1. Interpretation**

“The Society” refers to the Archaeological Society of Alberta;  
“The Centre” refers to a geographical subdivision for the purposes of the Societies Act;  
“Society Executive” refers to the administrative body of the Society;  
“Centre Executive” refers to the administrative body of any Centre; and  
“Annual General Meeting” refers to the Annual General Meeting of the Archaeological Society of Alberta.

The operations of the Society are to be chiefly carried out in the Province of Alberta.  
The beneficiary group is defined as all members of the public.

### **Article II. Code of Conduct – Archaeological Ethics**

Members of the Society will abide by the Society’s vision, mission, and values.

Beyond these principles, members of the Society will commit to:

1. Abide by Alberta Historical Resources Act or similar legislation in other jurisdictions.
2. Will not engage in the buying and selling of archaeological artifacts where prohibited.

### **Article III. Code of Conduct – Discrimination and Harassment**

The Society and its members are committed to facilitating meetings, events, and conferences in which all participants feel welcome and respected. This means that all participants agree that they will work to cultivate an environment that is free from discrimination and harassment and that issues of personal safety will be taken seriously. In particular, Society members will strive to prevent any of the following from taking place:

1. Discrimination based on sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, race, ethnicity, age, and religion.
2. Harassment, including:
  - a. sexual harassment,
  - b. harassment that creates a hostile environment,
  - c. harassment that knowingly demeans a group of persons, and
  - d. harassment that limits others’ participation in the Society.
3. Assault, including sexual assault.

Members who feel that they have been subjected to such behaviors or who feel that they have witnessed such treatment of others should immediately contact any executive member (at the centre or provincial level) and/or event organizer. Executive members and event organizers are empowered to have participants removed from events who are behaving in a manner that contradicts this or other Society codes of conduct if it is deemed necessary. Revocation of membership and banning from future participation are also possible consequences of discriminatory or harassing behavior.

#### **Article IV. Code of Conduct – Society Executive and Centre Executive Members**

The Society is committed to teamwork and effective decision-making. Towards this end Society Executive and Centre Executive members will:

1. Endeavour to represent the broader interests of members and stakeholders;
2. Seek to balance their contribution as both an advisor and learner;
3. Be honest with others and true to themselves;
4. Refrain from trying to influence other Executive members outside of executive meetings that might have the effect of creating factions and limiting free and open discussion;
5. Be willing to be a dissenting voice, endeavor to build on the ideas of others, offer alternative points of view as options to be considered, and invite others to do the same;
6. On important issues, be balanced in one's effort to understand other executive members and to make oneself understood;
7. Once a decision is made, support the decision even if one's own view is a minority one;
8. Not disclose or discuss differences of opinion within the executive group with those who are not on the Society/Centre Executive.

The Society/Centre Executive should communicate externally with "one voice".

1. Respect the confidentiality of information on sensitive issues, especially in personnel matters;
2. Be an advocate for the organization and its mission wherever and whenever the opportunity arises in their own personal and professional networks;
3. Disclose one's involvement with other organizations, businesses, or individuals where such a relationship might be viewed as a conflict of interest (see Article VI. Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest).

**Article V. Code of Conduct – Conflict of Interest**

The Society/Centre Executive is comprised of a variety of types of stakeholders in Alberta archaeology including: professional archaeologists, academic archaeologists (and academics from cognate disciplines), government employees, avocational archaeologists, and general members of the public. As such, it must be recognized that some conflicts of interest are expected due to the diverse interests of the individuals involved.

Members of the Society/Centre Executive are expected to operate according to high ethical standards. This includes recognizing that conflicts of interest exist, have the potential to inhibit the wisdom of particular decisions, and possibly damage the Society's reputation.

Financial or fiduciary conflicts of interest exist where a person:

1. Has, or is perceived to have, a personal, family or business interests that might benefit from a decision in which he/she the involved in making, or is able to influence those making it.
2. Is involved with a competing or sister organization that may result in a divided loyalty in the context of making a decision.

Voting for or against, or arguing for or against, a particular outcome may influence a decision. Limiting the options being considered may also influence it. The Society recognize that not all conflicts of interest are rooted in financial benefit. Examples of possible conflict of interest situations with respect to our Society include:

1. A Society/Centre Executive member has a personal or business relationship with the Society as a supplier of goods or services.
2. A Society/Centre Executive member has a personal or financial relationship outside of the workplace with a client or supplier who he/she deals with directly as a representative of the Society.
3. The Society is employing someone who is directly related to a Society/Centre Executive member.
4. A major funder or donor has a position on the Society/Centre Executive even if it is a non-voting one.

Conflicts of interest are unavoidable and should not prevent an individual from serving on the Society/Centre Executive unless the extent of the interest is so significant that the potential for undue influence is present in a large number of situations.

**Procedure for handing a conflict of interest:**

In the situation where a conflict of interest exists the individual must disclose any personal, family, or business interests or other community involvements, that may, in the eyes of another person, influence their judgment. Society/Centre Executives shall disclose their conflicts of interest to the executive as a whole. This disclosure, including disclosure of professional affiliations, shall be formally disclosed prior to any Society/Centre Executive meeting.

## **Article VI. Membership**

Any person sharing the objectives of the Society may by payment of the prescribed annual membership fee to a Centre or to the Society, become a member of the Society.

**Active member:** Any person who is a member in good standing of any duly constituted Centre is considered to be a member of the Society. Active members may participate in all activities of that Centre and of the Society and shall have voting power in both that Centre and the Society.

**Member-at-Large:** Any person residing inside or outside the Province of Alberta who is a member in good standing of the Society but not of any particular Centre. Members-at-Large shall have voting power only in the Society.

**Honorary Life Member:** Any person who, by reason of active promotion of archaeology or related sciences, may be awarded a life membership at an Annual General Meeting of the Society. No more than one (1) such award shall be granted in any one (1) year. An Honorary Life Member shall have all the privileges of an Active Member.

**Corporate Membership:** Any group, organization or company that supports the aims and objectives of the Society may become a member of the Society. Corporate Members do not have voting rights in the Society.

**Publication Members:** Any person or organization that only wishes to receive the Alberta Archaeological Review. Publication Members do not have voting rights in the Society.

### **Termination of Membership:**

#### ***Active Members:***

A person will no longer be considered as a member of the Society if payment of the annual dues is not paid.

The Society may suspend or discontinue membership in the Society of anyone that does not abide by the fundamental goals and objectives and conform to the codes of conduct (for example: pot-hunting, destroying an archaeological site, or harassment). The Society shall advise the member of the reasons that their membership is being terminated in writing.

#### ***Members of the Society Executive:***

A member of the Society executive may resign by providing a letter of resignation to the Centre Executive she/he is representing with a copy to the Provincial Executive Secretary.

A member of a Centre may not serve on the Society executive if he/she is not a member of good standing of that Centre.

The Society Executive may remove an officer or director of their executive by a vote of the remaining executive members and notifying that person in writing of the reasons for removing him/her from the position. Reasons for requesting an officer or director to resign or removing the officer or director would include breaking a Code of Conduct, incompetence, non-performance of duties, failure to attend meetings without good reason, and/or misrepresenting the Provincial Society.

## **Article VII. Formation of Centres**

A Centre may be formed by not less than ten (10) members from a geographical area within the Province of Alberta by submitting a written application to the Society Executive. Upon approval by the Society Executive, the Centre will then be responsible for the formation of a Centre Executive and execution of bylaws as required under The Societies Act of Alberta. After receipt of this information by the Society Executive, and approval by the Registrar of Companies, the new Centre shall be deemed to be authorized.

Each Centre shall retain its own corporate entity and be responsible for administration of local matters under its own Executive, including maintaining financial records, setting and collecting annual dues for membership in the Centre and remitting the per capita assessment for Society membership to the Society's Executive Treasurer.

### **Termination or Suspension of a Centre's Membership in the Society:**

A Centre's membership in the Society may be suspended or terminated by a majority vote of the Society Executive should that Centre not abide or support the objectives and aims of the Society.

The Centre will be notified in writing of the Society Executive's decision to suspend or terminate their membership in the Society. That Centre will have sixty (60) days from the date of the letter to appeal the decision in writing.

For the duration of the suspension or termination, that Centre will be required to forward to the Society the balance of any unused proceeds of grants or other funds received specifically from the Society.

A Centre that has been suspended or terminated will not be eligible for representation on the Society Executive until such time as that Centre has been reinstated.

Members of the suspended or terminated Centre can retain their membership in the Society by becoming a Member-At-Large or by joining another Centre and paying the required dues.

A Centre's membership may be suspended or terminated for the following reasons:

1. Not filing the appropriate documents, as required by Alberta Registries annually and allowing the registration to lapse.

2. Failure to provide required or requested documents, reports, etc. as required for the Society Executive to file the necessary report with the Alberta Historical Resources Foundation and/or other reporting requirements.
3. Membership falls below the required number of ten (10) active members to become a Centre and/or the appropriate annual dues are not paid to the Society prior to the Archaeological Society of Alberta's year end (December 31).
4. Misuse of approved grants or other funding provided to the Centre by the Society Executive.
5. Any other action or misrepresentation by a Centre that the Society Executive deems inappropriate or detrimental to the Society.

### **Article VIII. Administration**

1. The governing body of the Archaeological Society of Alberta shall be called the Society Executive, which will consist of officers elected by the membership at each Annual General Meeting of the Society and Directors/ Representatives to be appointed by each Centre.
2. Composition of the Society Executive shall be:

#### ***Elected:***

- a. President
- b. President-Elect
- c. Executive Secretary (Duties may be combined with those of the Executive Treasurer)
- d. Executive Treasurer (Duties may be combined with those of the Executive Secretary)

#### ***Ex-Officio Members of the Executive with Voting Privileges:***

- a. The Immediate Past President of the Society Executive shall ex-officio be a member of the Society Executive.
- b. The Editor of the Alberta Archaeological Review or his/her representative, the official publication of the Society, shall ex-officio be a member of the Society Executive.
- c. The President of each Centre or his/her representative shall ex-officio be a member of the Society Executive.
- d. The Senior Advisor of the Society Executive shall ex-officio be a member of the Society Executive.



***Directors Appointed by the Centre Executive:***

Each Centre shall be entitled to appoint one representative or his/her alternative to serve as a Director of the Society. The alternative will have full voting privileges. If the Society Executive deems larger representation advisable, they may authorize the Centres to appoint an additional representative on a basis of one (1) representative for each fifty (50) members or major portion thereof that are in good standing. The maximum number of representatives from each Centre shall not exceed two (2). The Executive of each Centre shall appoint the representatives from that Centre prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Society.

***Appointed at the Annual General Meeting:***

- a. Auditor(s)
  - b. The Editor(s) of the *Alberta Archaeological Review*
3. Duties of the Society Officers

The duties of the Society Executive shall be as follows:

a. **President**

The President shall be the Chair of the Executive, shall chair all business meetings of the Society Executive, and shall have signing authority on correspondence and contracts pertaining to the Society. The President is empowered to appoint committees and committee chairs that are deemed necessary in the attainment of the Society's objectives. The President shall seek the advice of the Society Executive where appropriate.

When so requested by the Membership, the President shall direct the attention of the Society Executive, or an appointed committee, to specific topics of concern to the Society Executive and shall ensure that a written report concerning the matter at hand is presented to the Society Executive prior to or at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

b. **President-Elect**

The President-Elect shall succeed and assume the role of the President after the current President's term of office has been completed. The President-Elect will act on behalf of the President in his/her absence. The President-Elect may chair committees and act on behalf of the Society Executive if so requested by the President. The President-Elect will report to the President and the Society Executive on any activities undertaken on behalf of the Society.

c. **Executive Secretary (may be combined with position of Treasurer)**

This position shall be elected by the membership. The Executive Secretary shall attend to all administrative matters, shall maintain the Society's postal address, and be one (1) of the signing authorities of the Society's Bank Account.

d. **Executive Treasurer (may be combined with position of Secretary)**

This position shall be elected by the membership. The Executive Treasurer shall attend to all financial matters and oversee and be one (1) of the signing authorities of the Society's Bank Account.

Prepare annual budget to be presented for approval at the last executive meeting of the Society prior to the Annual General Meeting.

e. **Senior Advisor**

The Senior Advisor shall be appointed by the Society Executive for five-year, renewable terms. The Senior Advisor shall serve as an advisor to the Society Executive on matters pertaining to the Society. The person serving in this position is expected to be knowledgeable about the Society's history and operations.

4. Terms of Office for the Society Executive

- a. All members of the Society Executive shall remain in office from date of election or appointment until the next Annual General Meeting of the Society, with the exception of the Senior Advisor who serves three-year terms.
- b. If vacancies should occur, they may be filled pending the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.
  - i. Officers may be replaced by interim appointment from or by the Society Executive.
  - ii. Directors may be replaced by interim appointment from or by the Centre affected.
- c. All members of the Society Executive are eligible for re-election.

5. Powers of the Society Executive

- a. The Society Executive shall have the authority to conduct the regular business of the Society.
- b. The Society Executive shall direct the preparation, approval and custody of the minutes of proceedings of the meetings of the Society and of the Society Executive.
- c. The Society Executive shall make the records and books of the Society available for inspection by the members at the Annual General Meeting. Upon request, the records and books shall also be made available at any meetings of the Society Executive.
- d. Finance
  - i. The Society Executive shall have the power to assess each Centre a per capita membership fee for budget purposes. This assessment shall apply equally to all active members in good standing of each Centre and to

Members-at-Large. The fee for Corporate Members shall be assessed at the same time.

- ii. Changes in the per capita assessment may only take effect not less than three months following such approval.
- iii. The Society Executive shall also assess the annual subscription rate for the Alberta Archaeological Review.
- iv. The Society Executive may solicit and receive grants from any source.
- v. The Society Executive may receive donations on behalf of Centres for university scholarships and issue charitable receipts for same.

#### 6. Indemnity of the Society Executive

Every director, officer or member of the Society Executive or any other person who has undertaken or is about to undertake any liability on behalf of the Society Executive, or a person who acts or acted at the Society's request as a director or officer or another company of which the Society is or was a shareholder or creditor and their heirs, executors, and administrators, and estate and effects, respectively shall from time to time and at all times, be indemnified and save harmless out of the funds of the Society from and against:

- a. All costs, charges, and expenses whatsoever which the director, officer or other person sustains or incurs in or about any action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against him or her or in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever made, done or permitted in or about the execution of the duties of his or her office or in respect of any such liability; and
- b. All other costs, charges and expenses which he or she sustains or incurs in or about or in relation to the affairs thereof, except the costs, charges, or expenses occasioned by his or her own willful neglect or default.

#### 7. Remuneration

No Officer or Director of the Society Executive shall receive remuneration from the Society for the performance of his/her elected duties.

#### 8. Election of Officers

##### a. **President**

The President-Elect, elected at the previous Annual General Meeting, shall assume the position of President. Should the President-Elect be unable to fulfill the President's position, the Centre that will be hosting the upcoming Annual General Meeting may name a new person as their nominee or nominate the current President to serve a second term. Members at the Annual General Meeting presently taking place will then duly elect the person so named.

##### b. **President-Elect**

The President-Elect will be a member of the Centre hosting the Annual General

Meeting two (2) years from the date of election. It is expected that the President-Elect will assume the position of President at the subsequent Annual General Meeting.

- c. **Executive Secretary** (maybe combined with position of Executive Treasurer)
- d. **Executive Treasurer** (maybe combined with position of Executive Secretary)

## Article IX. Meetings

1. An Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in accordance with The Societies Act of Alberta, at a date, time, and place as determined by the hosting Centre. Notice of the Annual General Meeting must be given by the Executive Secretary in writing to each Centre no less than sixty (60) days in advance and then each Centre must give notice to Active Members, Members-at-Large, and Honorary Lifetime Members in writing and not less than twenty-one (21) days in advance.

The Annual General Meeting shall be held for the purpose of:

- a. Submission of reports for approval. These shall include:
  - i. Presidents' Report – Society Executive and Centre' Executive
  - ii. Financial Reports – Provincial Society and Publication Account
  - iii. Alberta Archaeological Review Editor's Report
  - iv. Archaeological Society of Alberta Publication Account Report

And may also include

- v. Provincial Coordinator's Report
  - vi. Special Committee Reports
  - vii. Other reports deemed necessary
- b. Election of Officers and installation of incoming Society Officers.
  - c. Any other matters that may properly come before the meeting.

Within fourteen (14) days following the Annual General Meeting, the Society's Executive Secretary will submit to the Registrar of Companies, the financial statement of the Society and other documents as requested or required. (The Societies Act of Alberta)

2. A Special General Meeting of the Society may be convened by the Society, by advance notice of one month to all Active Members, Members-at-Large, and Honorary Members, to consider and vote upon extraordinary resolutions that require decision before the next Annual General Meeting of the Society.

3. A quorum for the conduct of business at any Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society shall be not less than twenty (20) members of the Active Members, Members-at-Large and Honorary Lifetime Members, of whom at least three shall be members of the Society Executive, and at least one shall be an Officer of the Society Executive. All Active Members, Members-at-Large and Honorary Life Members in good standing are entitled to attend and vote at the Annual or Special General Meetings of the Society, or may be represented by proxy at such meetings.
4. The Society Executive
  - a. There shall be at least two regular executive meetings per year at a time and place designated by the President. Other executive meetings may be called as deemed necessary.
  - b. Special meetings may be called by the President, or by five voting members of the Society Executive.
  - c. A quorum for the conduct of business at any regular or special meeting shall be fifty percent (50%) of the total membership of the Society Executive, of whom at least one shall be an Officer, and which shall include representation from two thirds (2/3) of the Centres in good standing.
  - d. Voting:
    - i. Each member of the Society Executive, or his/her representative present at the meeting, shall be entitled to one (1) vote.
    - ii. All matters of regular business shall be determined by majority vote of the members present at any Society Executive meeting.

#### **Article X. Accounts and Audit**

1. The Society's Executive Treasurer shall keep detailed records of all revenue and expenditures of the Society, and shall present to the Annual General Meeting for the approval of members:
  - a. A financial statement of revenues and expenditures for the previous year and a balance sheet containing particulars of the assets and liabilities of the Society.
2. The books, accounts and records of the Society shall be audited at least once each year by two (2) members of the Society or by a duly qualified accountant appointed for that purpose at the Annual General Meeting. A complete and proper statement of the standing of the books for the previous year shall be submitted at the Annual General Meeting.

The books, accounts and records of the Society may be inspected by any member in good standing of the Society at the Annual General Meeting or at any time upon giving reasonable notice and arranging a time satisfactory to the officer or officers

having charge of the same. Each member of the Society Executive shall at all times have access to such books and records.

#### **Article XI. Borrowing Power**

1. For the purpose of carrying out objectives, the Society may borrow or raise, or secure the payment of money in such manner as it thinks fit, and in particular by the issue of debentures.
2. The Power of the Society under subsection (A) shall be exercised only under the authority of the bylaws of the Society, and in no case shall debentures be issued without the sanction of an extraordinary resolution approved at the Annual or Special General Meeting of the Society.

#### **Article XII. Seal**

The Society may have a seal, which shall be retained by the Society's Executive Secretary and affixed to all documents requiring execution under the Society by any two officers or by such other parties as maybe authorized from time to time by the Society Executive.

#### **Article XIII. Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution of the Society, any collections of artifacts, libraries, etc. shall be disposed of in accordance with The Alberta Heritage Act, 1973 (now the Alberta Historical Resources Act) or its successors.

#### **Article XIV. Amendments to the Bylaws**

Future changes to the bylaws can only be made by a "special resolution" passed by a majority of not less than seventy-five percent of the members entitled to vote as are present in person at the Annual General Meeting of which one month's written notice specifying the resolution as a special resolution has been duly given.

Suggested amendments to the bylaws must be made in writing to the Society's Executive Secretary at least four (4) months in advance of the Annual General Meeting. Proposed amendments to the bylaws, once approved by the Society Executive, must be presented to the general membership by mail, electronic mail, or other means at least thirty (30) days prior to the Annual General Meeting specifying the intention to propose the resolution as a special resolution and be voted on by the general membership at the Annual General Meeting. Once approved by the membership, the amended Bylaws will be available online or by request to the Society Executive Secretary.

**Article XV. Awards**

The Society may from time to time make awards recognizing meritorious service including, but not limited to, a Distinguished Service Award. Refer to Operations Manual for the terms of reference, including the nomination or application procedures, and adjudication process as stipulated.

**Article XVI – Grants**

The Society Executive is authorized to provide grants to members and Centres upon completion of the appropriate request. Refer to Operations Manual for the terms of reference, including the application procedures and adjudication process as stipulated.