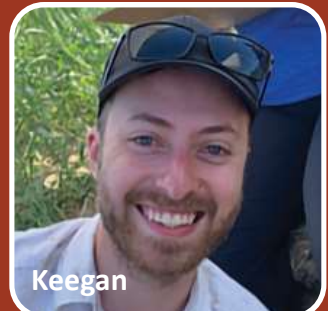




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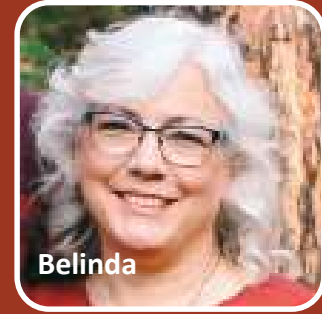
2021 Annual Report

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2021 - 2022

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2021-22 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Public Outreach Coordinator: Karin Steuber

Business Administrator: Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons

OUR MISSION

Saskatchewan Archaeology Society's Mission: Connecting
Saskatchewan's past to you.

OUR VISION

You have a deep understanding of archaeology, recognize
its value, and support the preservation of this heritage
resource.

OUR VALUES

We value and respect:

Conservation and Preservation

Archaeology helps tell the Saskatchewan story. We
are committed to scientific principles and traditional
knowledge, and we adhere to the Saskatchewan Heritage
Property Act.

Good Governance

We operate with integrity and are transparent in all our
actions. We respect one another and are amicable in our
relationships with all. We work professionally, selflessly,
ethically and democratically.

Indigenous Cultures

We respect Indigenous cultures and encourage First
Nations and Metis participation in our programming,
services and decision-making. We are mindful of the Duty
to Consult and Accommodate, and we consider oral and
other cultural traditions in our work.

A Unified Message

We strive to be clear in our messaging about our common purpose.

Clear Direction

Our goals and objectives are comprehensive and are examined periodically to ensure we are on track.

Engaged Audiences

We strive to educate and engage the public in the wonder of Saskatchewan archaeology.

Flexibility

We are open to new ideas and aim to keep our programming current and relevant to our stakeholders.

Diversity

We seek diversity and the inclusion of all cultures in our organization – on our Board and staff, in our membership and in the participants of our programs. A range of expertise and thinking helps us to do our job.

Accessibility

We strive to make information and resources related to archeology widely available to all interested parties.

Our People

The Board and staff work together cooperatively. We trust our staff and value their contributions to the organization. Our members help us to fulfil our mission and are critical to achieving the SAS vision.

President's Message

The year 2021 saw the discovery of multiple graves on the sites of residential schools throughout Canada. The SAS released a statement on reconciliation and will continue to pay attention to these discoveries and acknowledge the attempted genocide of Indigenous people in this country, along with the ongoing generational trauma that has resulted. The SAS is committed to working towards reconciliation and answering the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada's Calls to Action through our work in the province, through Board and staff development and education, sharing information and through any other means that we are able to utilize.

COVID-19 continued to change how businesses operated and how people interacted and the SAS was no exception. Staff continued to work from home and held meetings on site by appointment only, having paid close attention to the changing health guidelines and recommendations for best practices. Having successfully transitioned to virtual meetings the previous year, we were able to continue using available technology for Board meetings, our joint conference with APALA, our AGM and also provide a platform for our chapters to use for their monthly meetings.

We also had a few changes to our Board in 2021. During our AGM, Riel Cloutier stepped down as President, and Cara Pollio and I were elected as Second Vice-President and President, respectively. Additionally, we welcomed Gary Wowchuk who stepped in as a Member-at-Large after Dr. Evelyn Siegfried completed three consecutive terms on our Board in that position. In July, Brent Kevinsen resigned as Treasurer in order to pursue a career opportunity with the Heritage Conservation Branch and Karmen VanderZwan stepped in as interim Treasurer. I would like to sincerely thank Riel, Evelyn and Brent for their time and commitment to the Society and wish them well in future pursuits.

With some of the COVID-19 restrictions having been lifted, we were able to run a few of our programs that had been put on hiatus the year before with the help of summer staff, interns and volunteers. A few noteworthy items include the field school at Fort Carlton, which will continue in 2022, staff participation in Culture Days in the fall, at various locations around the city of Saskatoon, and our projectile point book getting well on its way to publication!

We were able to maintain our day-to-day operations with our ongoing Annual Global Funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust Fund for Sport, Culture and

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Recreation. We are grateful to SaskCulture for continuing to distribute this funding that supports the work we do. We were also able to hire a record-setting number of summer positions due to increased funding from the Cultural Human Resources Council of Canada, Canada Summer Jobs, Young Canada Works – Building Careers in Heritage and Young Canada Works – Summer Jobs. We also continued to have a few intern positions through the remainder of the year.

We would not be where we are without our people. Our wonderful staff, Dr. Tomasin Playford (Executive Director), Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons (Business Administrator) and Dr. Karin Steuber (Program Outreach Coordinator) have been phenomenal, continue to remain dedicated to our Society, and very successfully got us through another pandemic year! Thanks to our summer students for your hard work, energy and enthusiasm! Last, but not least, thank you to our members, donors and volunteers for your contributions – your support is truly a gift!

Yours in heritage,



Loni Williams

Executive Director's Message

Archaeology is all about context - it's one of the first things I learned - an artifact in situ tells us so much more than one by itself. I feel it is important to put this past year in context. The ongoing nature of the pandemic meant it was still with us. The second wave was ending but the variants were beginning and then there was the third wave in the spring, followed by the start of the fourth wave in the late summer. The pandemic wasn't the only thing. It is hard to fathom the following events all took place within a twelve-month period: attacks on the United States Capitol Building, blockage of the Suez Canal, Derek Chauvin's conviction in the death of George Floyd, the billionaire space race, summer and winter Olympics, the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan, a federal election, burning of Lytton, British Columbia followed by flooding across the southern part of that province, and the freeing of the two Michaels in China. Closer to home and perhaps closer to the heart was the reporting of unmarked graves on the sites of former residential schools. There was also the public discussion about commemoration of historical figures whose legacies are far more complicated than their celebrated narratives.

The good news was there was a global development and distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations. Public awareness and understanding of the residential school system is growing, and more and more people are making personal commitments to reconciliation. And it turns out, supposedly cheese isn't bad for you after all. While it continued to be a year of learning and adaptation, almost all SAS programs and services were again offered in 2021 in some way, shape, or form and the Society continued striving to *Connect Saskatchewan's Past to You*.

I want to thank the SAS Board of Directors for their continued commitment and individual effort they put into governing the organization. It wasn't always easy or fun. Having a second year full of virtual meetings makes it so much more challenging to make those personal connections with each other but also with the organization. Your spirit of volunteerism shines through and truly does make a difference.

I am constantly energized working beside two incredibly skilled, creative, thoughtful, and all-around amazing people: Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons and Dr. Karin Steuber. The SAS was very fortunate this year to employ a record number of summer students and interns for our youth employment program. Thank you to Alexis Bodnar, Faith Boser, Matthias Chiefcalf, Christie Fender, Megan Garrett, Gabriel Lamarche, Sarah Pocha-Tait, Alysia Reesor, Lauren Rooney, Brynn Walker, Jenna Wanner, and Nathaniel Wowchuk. Being part of this team working towards the greater good for archaeology in Saskatchewan is both rewarding and motivating.

As an eligible cultural organization, the SAS receives annual global funding from the Saskatchewan Lotteries Trust for Sport, Culture, and Recreation through the SaskCulture delivery agency. This support enables the Society to function as it does to raise awareness about Saskatchewan's rich and diverse archaeological heritage through the delivery of our many programs and services. Additional support in 2021 came from federal programs like Canada Summer Jobs and Young Canada Works Building Careers in Heritage and Summer Jobs for Students. We were also thankful to qualify for a second round of COVID support funding through Canadian Heritage and Saskatchewan Tourism. Two new funding initiatives from ICOMOS Canada (International Council of Monuments and Sites) and Cultural Human Resources Council helped employ interns and we again were able to match sponsorship dollars to qualify for artsVest funding. These funders, along with our donors and sponsors help the SAS maintain fiscal stability. It's the SAS members, though, that keep the organization strong. Thank you to everyone who contributes in this

way. I know that past two years have not been normal but I hope that together, we can continue the efforts to raise public awareness, provide educational opportunities to all, and encourage responsible stewardship of Saskatchewan's archaeological heritage - for today and for tomorrow.

Sincerely,



Tomasin Playford

Governance

The business part of running a nonprofit, charitable organization is the responsibility of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director (ED). Their work together should create an organization where the vision and mission are turned into action through strategy and clear direction. The strategic plan is a key document providing that strategy and direction. 2021 was the final year for the current strategic plan but the pandemic meant shifting directions from what was proposed (developing a marketing strategy) to what was more urgent and necessary. The impacts of COVID, coupled with the resignation of two committee chairs, prompted the Board of Directors to put operational based committees on hiatus until all committees can be reviewed strategically. The board continued to meet virtually throughout 2021 and the Annual General Meeting was also held virtually on April 24. Members were treated to a short video about the late Adrian Paton. Joseph Naytowhow then helped everyone learn some Cree through song and shared teachings through stories about respect.

Operations

Operations continued to be impacted by the pandemic. The office re-opened, but it was by appointment only. The number of in-person visits is still not where it was before COVID, but numbers are starting to creep back up and people are definitely finding us. The number of emails continues to expand, and this year there was a record number of inquiries. This is likely a result of people spending more time at home and coming across artifacts or collections as they sort through their basements or garages. Given how many similar questions we get, summer student Christie Fender developed a series of information sheets. These are useful fact sheets on topics

such as how to catalogue an artifact, what to do if you find a site, or how to identify stone tools, pottery, or bone tools.

A key operational success this year was the finalization of the SAS Occupational Health and Safety (OHS) program under the guidance of the OHS Compliance ad-hoc committee. Having OHS policies and procedures in place, along with a manual and the proper forms is crucial for the safety and wellbeing of all workers, not just staff but also volunteers. The pandemic highlighted the need to always have a safety-first approach.

Another operational success story this year was the finances. When COVID first hit in 2020, the financial outlook was pretty grim, and it was hard to know what 2021 might bring. Little did we know that COVID recovery funding, an investment into youth employment, and a generous bequest would leave us with a healthy surplus by the end of the year. The COVID recovery funding from Canadian Heritage and Saskatchewan Tourism helped offset the operational and programming costs not covered by our Annual Global Funding, while an influx of funding from youth employment programs meant we could hire a high number of students and recent graduates. This funding was crucial to being able to offer programs like the field school, continue reconciliation activities with sites and collections, and produce educational content for a variety of audiences. Employing youth has far-reaching benefits. Students and recent graduates bring a vitality and energy, with new ideas and an infectious enthusiasm for all things archaeology. They are also SAS ambassadors to their friends, family, and peers. The SAS-employed youth consistently contribute articles to the SAS Quarterly, and present at conferences such as APALA, the SAS Annual Gathering, and the Canadian Archaeological Association. Several students are now engaging in graduate work on SAS projects, which helps keep the SAS connected to the University of Saskatchewan. Those who worked with us often maintain a connection to the SAS, most often through membership, and it is impressive to see that about half of the board are past SAS summer students! This year we also received over \$34,000 from the estate of Edward Walker who identified the SAS as a beneficiary in his will. Although we had known about the bequest since late 2019, we did not know when the disbursement would happen. The Board of Directors have earmarked this gift to assist with reconciliation activities in 2022 and to publish the upcoming point book, also slated for 2022.

Programs and Services

Programs

Unlike 2020 when almost all programs were suspended, this year we were able to work with partners to bring back beloved events like the Annual Gathering and the field school. Because of the uncertainty of early 2021, we partnered with a Chapter, the AASA (Archaeology and Anthropology Student Association at the University of Saskatchewan) to jointly host the virtual APALA conference/SAS Gathering. There were 19 presentations and Dr. Tatiana Nomokonova's keynote, *Zooarchaeology of Nerpa*. This year's Keith Lewis Memorial Presentation Awards went to Natalya Jones for her undergraduate presentation on *The Symbiosis of Globalization and Infectious Disease* and to Reid Hala for his graduate presentation on *A Qualitative Study of Conceptual Metaphor in Michif*. As part of the Gathering, a panel of heritage community leaders joined the SAS Executive Director to discuss how their organizations were responding to the COVID pandemic. A heartfelt thank you to Ingrid Cazakoff (Heritage Saskatchewan), Wade Dargin (Heritage Conservation Branch, Ministry of Parks, Culture and Sport), Wendy Fitch (Museums Association of Saskatchewan), Dr. Tracene Harvey (Museum of Antiquities, University of Saskatchewan), Jennifer Rychlo (Saskatchewan Association of Professional Archaeologists), and Katie Willie (Wanuskewin Heritage Park and University of Saskatchewan graduate student) who shared their time, knowledge and insights.

The COVID recovery funding and youth employment grants facilitated ongoing efforts towards reconciling sites and collections. This included continued work with Dr. Leo Omani of Wahpeton Dakota Nation and Dr. David Halstead, School of Natural Resources and Built Environment-Research Chair at Saskatchewan Polytechnique on the Wahpeton Medicine Wheel re-location project to search for a medicine wheel said to be south of the reserve. Dr. Halstead and his team integrated community knowledge and physical features such as elevation and tree coverage to identify areas of potential interest. Potential site areas were investigated, and a feasting and vision lodge were identified by Dr. Omani as areas for further assessment. We also gave a presentation on archaeology education to the Dakota Nation School Education Committee. There were also a number of virtual and in person outreach activities at classrooms, museums, culture camps, and other events. Students and interns also continued identifying and cataloguing avocational collections housed at the SAS and completed an inventory of the historic comparative collection donated by Dr. Margaret Kennedy in 2020.



Top: COVID Panel Presentation.

Centre: Karin Steuber working with Wahpeton Dakota Nation.

Above: The cover image for our ArchaeoKit Manuals.

Opposite page, top: A page from the upcoming book.

Opposite page, bottom: Excavations at Fort Carlton.

This year we were able to continue the tradition of hosting a Culture Days event. It was held on International Archaeology Day and was an in-person version of our Bridging Time: Exploring Saskatoon's Hidden Heritage project. Site interpretations were hosted at four locales in the city to share stories from the Gowen, Hartley, Broadway Avenue and Bill Richards sites; the Norby and Grace Adams Metawewinihk sites; Clinkskill and the SS City of Medicine Hat sites; and Factoria.

There was a lot of progress made on the projectile point book this year. An ad hoc committee of Audrey Dreaver, Gabriel Lamarche, Maria Mampe, Brian Scribe, and Evelyn Siegfried worked with staff and the SAS publications intern Faith Boser, with contributions from Frank McDougall and the Heritage Conservation Branch, to complete about 85% of the document. A fundraising campaign raised over \$4,000 towards the project and a portion of the Walker estate will also help with publishing.

The book will be a traditional style projectile point identification guide focused on Saskatchewan, with colour photos, artifact line drawings, and distribution maps. It will be different from other guides though, by including four chapters, each written by an Indigenous author, on subjects such as the artistry of points, Indigenous land use, flintknapping knowledge systems, and artifact collection and curation. We anticipate printing in late spring and have already started a promotional campaign.



A highlight program of 2021 was the return of the SAS fieldschool. Cancelled in 2020 due to COVID, this year we began our partnership with SaskParks to undertake public excavations at Fort Carlton Provincial Park. As part of this project, we hired intern Alexis Bodnar to complete a preliminary review of historical literature and previous archaeological investigations at the site. Early in 2021, the SAS was approached by the University of Saskatchewan about potentially partnering with them to host their field school there too, and after confirmations from SaskParks and Beardy's & Okemasis' Cree Nation - both field schools were a go. A pipe ceremony was conducted at the Fort prior to work, and we were told this was the first time such an event took

place since the signing of Treaty 6 in 1876. Thirteen University of Saskatchewan students and 21 members of the public participated. The entire project employed seven youth, and two are potentially going to be studying the site as part of their Master's work.



Services

Most services continued to be delivered this year in spite of COVID. This included the online and physical Den of Antiquity store, member and chapter funding, distribution of the Quarterly, loaning out educational resources like library books and the ArchaeoKit and ArchaeoCaravan activities, and answering all sorts of inquiries from our members and the public. Digital communications continued to reach new and wider audiences through

Student and Intern Employees



Faith Boser
Publication Intern



Alexis Bodnar
Public Archaeology
Project Intern



Matthias Chiefcalf
Virtual Storytelling
Intern



Christie Fender
Collections Assistant



Megan Garrett
Bridging Time
Contract Employee



Gabriel Lamarche
Archaeology Intern



Sarah Pocha-Tait
Public Archaeology
Project Assistant



Alyshia Reesor
Public Archaeology
Project Intern



Lauren Rooney
Public Archaeology
Project Assistant



Brynn Walker
Collections Intern



Jenna Wanner
Collections Intern



Nathaniel Wowchuk
Collections Assistant

social media, the website, and the monthly E-voice electronic newsletter. Conservation committee members worked with SAS members Peter Burns and Phil Parr to submit an application for Lower Hudson House to be designated as a Provincial Heritage Property. Two other SAS members were recognized with prestigious awards in 2021. A huge congratulations to Dr. David Meyer who was awarded the Canadian Archaeological Association Smith-Wintemberg Award for outstanding contributions to the advancement of the discipline of archaeology and our knowledge of the archaeological past of Canada. Frank McDougall was honoured with the Saskatchewan Volunteer Medal for his significant contributions to the areas of archaeology, geology, and paleontology in Saskatchewan. The selfless sharing of their expertise and time of these two exemplifies our volunteers and we are grateful.



Support

DONOR LIST

General - \$1,289.75

Anonymous	Harold Gabrielson
Oliver Johnson	Alice Kehoe
Robert Nesbitt	Larry Richardson
Doug Smith	James Worrell

Research and Programs - \$235

Muriel Carlson	Lorne Konkell
Douglas Pegg	Wendy Unfreed

Zenon Pohorecky Memorial Bursary - \$600

David Meyer	Robert Nesbitt
Douglas Pegg	Troy Zimmer

Book Production - \$4,205

Anonymous	Doug Chisholm
Riel and Kim Cloutier	John Easton
Brent and Pat Graham	Tasha Hodgson and Dan Szot
Tam and Denise Huynh	Oliver Johnson
Mima Kapches	Alice Kehoe
Wayne Lerch	Kelly and Tammie McLellan
Richard Pickering	Tomasin Playford and Heath Graham
Ann Riehl	Belinda Riehl-Fitzsimmons
Joan Soggie	Karin Steuber and Tim Panas
Glenn Stuart	Jill Taylor-Hollings
John Thompson	Leilani Williams
James Wood	

Distinguished
SAS Members:
David Meyer,
top and Frank
McDougall,
right.



SPONSORSHIP

Canada North Environmental Services – book production - \$500
Globe Printers - book production - \$700 (in kind)

GRANTING AGENCIES

Summer Programming (Fort Carlton):

Young Canada Works – Canadian Museums Association
Young Canada Works – National Trust
Canada Summer Jobs
artsVest

Reconciling Sites and Collections:

Young Canada Works – Canadian Museums Association
Canada Summer Jobs
Canadian Human Resources Council

Book Production:

Young Canada Works – Canadian Museums Association
Canada Summer Jobs

Other:

Canadian Heritage - COVID Recovery Funding
Saskatchewan Tourism - COVID Recovery Funding
CanSask Re-Open Grant - software training support

VOLUNTEERS

Type	Hours (approximate)
Board member	340
New publication	10
Office (repairs / maintenance, general volunteering, artifact ID)	22
Fort Carlton project	63
TOTAL	435

Clint Blyth	Alexis Bodnar
Faith Boser	Jevon Bueckert
Doug Chisholm	Riel Cloutier
Keegan Danylyshen	Audrey Dreaver
Christie Fender	Will Fennig-Doll
Joe Fitzgerald	Casey Fitzsimmons
Kevin Fitzsimmons	Verna Gallen
Heath Graham	Eliann Guinan
Brandon Halyk	Hugh Henry
Brent Kevinsen	Gabe Lamarche
Maria Mampe	Frank McDougall
Kayla Oltman	Erika Palchewich
Tim Panas	Alissa Philipenko
Larry Philipenko	Sarah Pocha-Tait
Cara Pollio	Alyshia Reesor
John Reesor	Jennifer Rychlo
Evelyn Siegfried	Patrick Steuber
Martin Steuber	Kris Sullivan
John Thompson	Jack Trusty
Karmen VanderZwan	Loni Williams
Gary Wowchuk	

Committee Reports

Per board motion at the March 2021 board meeting, the operational committees of Archaeological Conservation, Programs, and Publications were placed on hiatus.

Bylaws

No meetings took place this year.

Finance and Granting

- Chair – Brent Kevinsen / Karmen VanderZwan
- Cara Pollio
- John Thompson

There were three member funding applications, and all were successful. David Munro received \$170 for Friends of St. Victor Petroglyphs Outdoor Educational Centre; Md Aminul Islam received \$1,000 for Nree (Bengali Language archaeology newsletter), and \$1,000 to Tim Panas for a survey at Fort Walsh (Tim had to decline the grant due to unforeseen circumstances). Natalya Jones received the Zenon Pohorecky Memorial Bursary (\$1,000). Other correspondence via email or Zoom took place between the committee and SAS staff throughout the year and before the March, June, September, and December board meetings to discuss budgetary updates and the financial board report.

Brent Kevinsen stepped down as Treasurer and chair of the Finance and Granting Committee in July. In August, Karmen VanderZwan was made the interim Treasurer and chair by a vote of the board. She will remain in this position until the next AGM and election. At the end of January 2021, staff were made aware that HVB Chartered Professional Accountants, whom our auditor worked for, had merged with Virtus Group, effective January 1, 2021. Poor communication, increased costs, and changes in our auditor services led to a discussion about finding a new auditor for the 2021 audit. At the 2021 Annual Meeting, the membership supported a motion of confidence for the board to determine a new auditor. Several auditors were invited to submit proposals and we received two. The applicants were presented to the board at the December meeting and the board voted to have McClelland Debusschere CPA as the auditor. Karmen extends her appreciation to outgoing chair Brent Kevinsen for his dedication to the organization, and would also like to thank her fellow committee members John Thompson and Cara Pollio who assisted with the member funding adjudication.

Management

- Chair – Riel Cloutier / Loni Williams
- Brent Kevinsen / Karmen VanderZwan
- Maria Mampe
- Cara Pollio

The committee continues to act as the link between the Board and our Executive Director between board meetings and communicated through email between quarterly meetings. Throughout the year, budgetary items

were continually monitored and reassessed to consider incoming funding for intern and student positions as well as projects and programs.

The Executive Director's annual performance review was completed in the spring and, while discussions about workplace safety during COVID times was certainly paramount throughout the year, we also began planning for our next strategic plan. On bringing this to the Board, it was decided that a review of all of the SAS committees, programs and services should be part of this plan. Other goals of this planning include looking at the Society structure and finding a balance between serving our members and the public. The Committee is currently in the process of engaging a facilitator to guide us in this and we will be reaching out to our members in the near future for some input.

The Committee agreed that the SAS should observe September 30th as a statutory holiday for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation. We have also been keeping an eye out for board and staff development and education opportunities that meet the TRC's Calls to Action.

Nominations

- Tam Huynh
- Riel Cloutier

For the 2021 election, there were seven positions up for election. This included President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President, Treasurer and three (3) Member-at-Large positions. The call for candidates was published in the November 2020 edition of the Saskatchewan Archaeology Quarterly and distributed through the E-voice. The following candidates had put their names forward for each position:

President - Loni Williams

1st Vice-President - Maria Mampe

2nd Vice-President - Cara Pollio

Treasurer - Brent Kevinsen

Member-at Large: Doug Chisholm, Gabriel Lamarche, and Gary Wowchuk

Candidate biographies were published in the February 2021 edition of the Saskatchewan Archaeology Quarterly and all positions were acclaimed at the Annual General Meeting on April 24 2021. Riel Cloutier, who served as President (2019-2021) moved into the Past President role and became chair of the Nominating Committee for 2022.

Chapter Reports

All Points Saskatchewan Archaeological Society (APSAS)

In January, APSAS and the Regina Archaeological Society began a year-long program of joint monthly Zoom presentations to their members and others. Twenty-seven people logged on to hear Hugh Henry talk about "The NWMP March West through Saskatchewan." Also this month, a meeting of the APSAS Board and Committees took place to plan events and activities for 2021. Subsequent meetings were held on Zoom in May, June, and September. APSAS's regular program of monthly activities and Zoom presentations provided additional opportunities for members to interact and be informed.

In February, APSAS received permission from film maker John Houston to air his new documentary film entitled "Atautsikut / Leaving None Behind," which was viewed and discussed by at least 23 participants.

On March 16 APSAS and the RAS co-hosted a presentation on "Finding History in a Changing Landscape" by Richard Pickering, with 26 people in attendance. At the end of March, APSAS held its AGM on Zoom to elect a new board, hear reports from its committees and officers, approve the annual financial statements, and discuss directions for the coming year.

In April we created a page on Facebook to facilitate communications with members and others. On April 20, Dr. Tina Greenfield, lecturer on Near Eastern archaeology at the University of Saskatchewan, gave a Zoom presentation to APSAS/RAS members on "The Aftermath of Islamic State: Assessing the Damage of Archaeological Sites in Iraq and Syria."

On May 19, environmental educator Melanie Elliott gave a Zoom presentation to 30 people on "Churchill, Manitoba: An Amazing Place" as a prelude to the possible organization of a train excursion to Churchill for APSAS and RAS members.

In June a Zoom presentation on Greenland was provided to 31 people by Dr. Karla Williamson from the Department of Educational Foundations, University of Saskatchewan. We also created a group page on Facebook for APSAS Members and Friends as a way of encouraging discussion by providing a forum for sharing information, experiences and photos. We organized a two-day excursion by car in which twelve members participated in the exploration of archaeological, historical, Indigenous and Métis sites around the Battlefords, Poundmaker, Bresaylor and Radisson.

On July 21 and 22, ten members spent two full days on an APSAS car excursion that took in a variety of archaeological, historical and cultural sites and provided the opportunity to interact with number of special speakers on a route from Watrous to Humboldt via Wynyard, Wadena and Watson.

At the end of August a three-day APSAS car tour of southwest Saskatchewan allowed members the option of participating in the whole tour or any part of it. A total of 14 people joined in as the group visited archaeological sites, museums and points of interest in or around Claybank, Avonlea, Bengough, Willowbunch, the Badlands, St. Victor, Assiniboia, Mossbank, Wood Mountain, Gravelbourg, Mankota, Ponteix and Mortlach. Dr. David Meyer, Professor Emeritus at the University of Saskatchewan, provided information and insight at various points along the route.

In September, a Zoom discussion with film maker John Houston on "Reconciling Two Great Cultures" involved 27 participants.

On October 13, Michael Lewis, an MA graduate from the nautical archaeology program at Texas A&M, gave a Zoom presentation to 38 people on lesser-known shipwrecks and how they have expanded our historical knowledge of ship construction and trade.

In November, forty-three participants engaged in a Zoom presentation by Professor Erika Dyck on her recent book, "Managing Madness: Weyburn Mental Hospital and Transformation of Psychiatric Care in Canada."

On December 8, thirty-eight participants were treated to the story-telling of Floyd Flavel, theatre director and Cree cultural leader from Poundmaker First Nation, as he illustrated and explained "History from a Cree Perspective," focussing on battles that took place at Cut Knife Hill.

The SAS chapter grant covered administrative costs and honoraria for presenters. At least 300 attendees were counted at 10 presentations (many held jointly with the Regina Archaeological Society).

Archaeology and Anthropology Students Association (AASA)

AASA met once a month from September to December. We discussed and planned events such as meet the department and Halloween (hosted with ARCHIA at Thirsty Scholar), where we used our chapter funding. We also began planning the APALA (Anthropology, Physical

Anthropology, Linguistics, and Archaeology) Conference which is to be hosted in March 2022. No other events were held due to COVID restrictions.

Pipestone Archaeological Society (PAS)

The Pipestone Chapter was inactive in 2021 due to the pandemic.

Prince Albert Historical Society (PAHS)

Due to COVID restrictions, no regular membership meetings were held during the year. Note that all four museums were open to the public from the May long weekend till August 30 with interpreters. The main museum is open weekdays from 9 to 4 and some statutory holidays, like November 11 and Family Day from 1 to 4. The other museums are open by appointment.

A hybrid Annual Meeting (in person/Zoom) was held on March 18.

Members were kept informed through a membership newsletter put out every two months.

A member Christmas Tea was held on the afternoon of December 8 with 20 in attendance.

We received a grant from National Indian Brotherhood Trust Fund for complete research and development of the Indigenous history space and to hire an Indigenous researcher. From 2021 to 2024, we will collaborate with First Nations University/University of Regina to promote Indigenous artifacts in the collection and provide scientific study of the artifacts. Our monthly programming for 2021-22 is targeting at risk and immigrant families, funded by the Community Grant Program.

Facebook and Instagram videos of interesting Prince Albert history and buildings has resulted in increased engagement with the public on social media.

An invitation to teachers for a Teacher Night at the museum was issued to show how the museum can align with their curriculum.

Our SAS chapter funding was used to partially defray the costs to purchase an exterior sign which benefits all visitors to the museum.

Regina Archaeological Society (RAS)

Until March of 2021 the RAS and APSAS co-hosted presentations. To maintain our unique identities we decided to partner for presentations starting in September. Each chapter would be responsible to get their equal number of speakers, set up the zoom link, make the advertisements for their speaker, host the presentation and pay the honorarium to the speaker. This would allow us to bring in more diverse speakers, share the work load and the cost. We have had some glitches to work out but for the most part this has worked out well. We have been able to increase our attendance considerable and to bring in new members to our respective chapters. We also sent out invitations to the other chapters.

From January to April, we co-hosted presentations with the All Points Saskatchewan Archaeological Society.

On February 16, we held our AGM via Zoom. We elected three new members to the executive.

The RAS did not offer presentations during the summer. Our trip to southeastern Saskatchewan had to be postponed for another year due to COVID.

On August 13, our executive and committee members met via Zoom to discuss possible venue and offering hybrid meetings /presentations when we could again resume in person meetings. We also discussed and agreed to partnered presentations with APSAS starting in the fall (see presenters in the All Points Saskatchewan Archaeological Society report).

On October 21, the Executive and Committee members met via Zoom to discuss the RAS/APSAS partnership, the need for developing new committees to distribute the workload, financial considerations and potential summer activities. Because of COVID restrictions it was felt that decisions were being made by a few and that more executive input was needed in decision making.

On December 29, the executive meet via Zoom for an emergency meeting. We discussed and appointed an interim secretary. Our elected secretary had a crisis and could not continue in the position. We also discussed and approved adding another person (living in the same city) as a signing authority for writing cheques. Those with present signing authority are in different cities making it very difficult to sign cheques. We also discussed and approved that the president and treasurer be temporarily allowed, until the next AGM, to co-sign cheques up to \$150.00 to themselves in consultation with the Vice-President so long as they have receipts for the purchase.

Saskatchewan Association of Professional Archaeologists (SAPA)

This year, SAPA held two meetings: the AGM on April 22 and a general membership meeting on November 25 via Zoom. Both meetings were well attended, with members including professionals from Saskatchewan, as well as Alberta. During the AGM, a general election was held for all executive positions. Cara Baldwin was elected to the position of Treasurer as Brent Kevinsen had stepped down. Jennifer Rychlo, Eliann Guinan, and Kendel Lennard continued in their roles as President, Vice-President, and Secretary, respectively.

No SAPA gatherings were held this year due to the ongoing pandemic; however, much progress was made behind the scenes. The SAPA-HCB (Heritage Conservation Branch) Committee continued to work to close the communication gap between professionals and the Branch and are planning to hold their first SAPA-HCB Professional Workshop in February via Microsoft Teams. The Constitution & Bylaws Committee has also been working to update the organization's constitution and bylaws as these have not been reworked in over a decade.

The SAS chapter grant is used towards the SAPA Research Grant. There were no applicants for the Grant for 2021. A total of 21 members attended the April AGM and 18 members attended the November meeting, however, all members benefited from the chapter grant.

Saskatoon Archaeological Society (SASC)

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the Saskatoon Chapter has continued hosting their monthly meetings via Zoom. Here is a list containing information regarding our meetings during 2021:

January - "The Archaeology of Dogs: From Alberta to the Siberian Arctic" by Dr. Robert Losey, University of Alberta.

February - "Burial Rituals of Mesolithic Hunter-Gatherers in the Muge Valley (Portugal)" by Maiah Tratch, master's student at the University of Manitoba.

March - This was our Jessie Caldwell lecture where Dr. David Meyer continued on with the tradition of giving a short presentation on Jessie Caldwell. This was followed by the presentation, "An American Recovery - The Return of an American MIA Pilot from South-East Asia" by Jennifer Harty (US Air Force)

April - the meeting of the Saskatoon Archaeological Society's AGM. This year, all of the executive members and directs chose to let their names stand for noninations. There were no other nominations and so all positions

remained the same: President - Alissa Philipenko; Vice-President - Angela Burant; Secretary - Maria Mampe; Treasurer - Loni Williams; Directors - Nadia Smith, Debi Farrow, Tim Panas, and Devon Hackett; Newsletter - Devon Hackett; Chapter Rep - Karmen VanderZwan. The AGM was followed by the presentation, "An Overview of Wolf Willow" by U of S Graduate students Bailey Pelletier and Katie Willie.

The Saskatoon chapter did not hold any meetings from May to September.

October - "Getting New Ideas on Northern Plains Archaeology from Old Beaches: Bison Usage of Sand Dunes and What That Tells Us About Where People Spent Their Winter Holidays" by Dr. Tim Panas.

November - "Keeping the Circle Alive: An Analysis of Coming of Age for Boys and Men of the shishalh Nation" by Joshua Murphy, a PhD student at Simon Fraser University.

December - "An overview of the 2021 Field Season at Fort Carlton (FfNp-1)" by Alyshia Reesor and Sarah Pocha-Tait, who were both summer students at the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society.

In 2021, Debi Farrow, who was a long-time Saskatoon chapter member, past president, and director, passed away. We will be hosting a lecture in her honour in the first half of 2022. Karin Steuber has agreed to fill in as an interim director until the next elections. Karmen VanderZwan (chapter rep) stepped in as the interim treasurer for the Saskatchewan Archaeological Society in August. As she will be letting her name stand for treasurer position in the 2022 elections, she has stepped down as the chapter rep. Nadia Smith was appointed as the new chapter rep and will be taking over in January 2022.

As we continued to hold virtual meetings this past year, our chapter grant was used for honorariums for our speakers. This year our events reached approximately 150 people.

South West Saskatchewan Archaeological Society (SWSAS)

The chapter wound down their operations at year-end, after 37 years as a chapter.