



OAS President checking off initial goals

Although not complete, several goals on his agenda are accomplished, President Ray McAllister told the OAS Board at the Spring Meeting.

Gathering June 5 at the McAllister home in Oklahoma City, the Board also heard reports of strong traffic on the OAS Facebook link, the upcoming OAS Fall Dig, and a continued decline in membership.

McAllister was elected in April 2019 for a two-year term as President. If there are no other candidates, he said, he will volunteer to serve again.

McAllister counted several accomplishments during his term. They are introduction of an OAS Study Grant of \$1,000 a year; service at the Sam Noble Museum where OAS volunteers helped sort and analyze Oklahoma WPA project artifacts; OAS members meeting at the Wichita Cultural Center in Kansas; and members enjoying the innovative Spiro Virtual Reality module at the 2020 OAS meeting in Tulsa.

Among other objectives still pending is finding a writer/editor for the annual OAS Bulletin. The Board was pleased when Dean Afrendas, Norman, volunteered to serve as interim Bulletin Editor.

Treasurer Bob Sweet's financial report was approved as presented.

Membership chair Pam Leader's report showed a total of 139 compared to 153 in 2020. OAS added 5 members. However, life membership dropped to 29 due to returned mail with no forwarding address for Kenneth Bloom, Arnold

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A Caddo point, shown with a penny for comparison in size, is among lithics found at the Andrews site near Muldrow.

Andrews site on fall agenda

Those with an itch for dirty work this fall are welcome to join an October dig sponsored by the Oklahoma Anthropological Society.

Volunteers will gather at the Andrews Site September 30 through October 3. Previous research has produced artifacts dating back at least 500 years.

OAS President Ray McAllister will step in as interim Dig Coordinator. Directing research will be Dr. Scott Hammerstedt of the Oklahoma Archeological Survey.

OAS research at the site started in 2017. The dig borders a perennial creek and is a neighbor of Oklahoma's best known archeological site, Spiro Mounds.

As for a specific timeline, that remains for research to reveal, said Mel Phillips, a former OAS president and the site's original founder.

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Internet access has ample topics in archeology

By Sharon McAllister

One positive aspect of the Covid pandemic is an increased access to an ever-widening array of specialty interest content. It is anywhere you have Internet access.

As Facebook Page Administrator for the Society, I keep an eye out for items of interest to our members and post regularly on the Society's Facebook page.

Hot summer Oklahoma nights offer good times to stay home. Here are some suggestions to poke into on those hot summer nights. They are based on the sorts of things I post about on the society's Facebook page. I encourage you to check them out. <https://gilcrease.org/programs/facebook-live-events/>.

Cherokee Beadwork:

Martha Berry Danielle Culp, the Gilcrease Museum's education and program specialist, and Martha Berry discuss Berry's work, her inspirations and more.

Access an even wider backlog of content on YouTube's Gilcrease Museum channel. A few examples include a Plains Indian Symposium and a West Mexico Symposium.

What is NAGPRA? An

overview of NAGPRA and a discussion of the importance and impact this law has had on museums and tribes. <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/nagpra/index.htm>

If you are planning a

Southwest road trip this summer with stops at archeological sites along the Colorado Plateau, you can tap into Discover Archaeology webinar series to expand your knowledge of the region. Check out the Webinars playlist on the Crow

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In communications, President McAllister said Facebook continues to show strong OAS traffic.

The next OAS Dig will welcome volunteers Sept. 30 to Oct. 3 for a final look at the Andrews Site.

Located along Little Skin Bayou near Muldrow, it shows traces of Native American activity dating back as much as 500 years. An archeology club from the University of Central Oklahoma (UCO) plans to attend the dig, McAllister said.

During Muldrow's Pioneer Days, OAS Past President Mel Phillips will continue his free community talks on how to deal with dig features and artifacts.

Among suggestions from Board Members were more activities; getting back to basics with surveys, reports and digs; find new places to dig, and a visit to historic Fort Towson in southeast Oklahoma.

The next Board Meeting and election was set for Saturday, Sept. 11.

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President's Letter

Ray McAllister

Hello Society members. I hope all are well and ready for summer.

After a dormant year, like many groups affected by the Covid-19 pandemic, the Society is again ready to take to the field this fall.

Our task is to complete the excavation started in 2017 at the Andrews site near Muldrow. The scheduled dig dates are Sept. 30 through Oct. 3, 2021.

I hope all Society members will mark their calendars and participate in the Fall excavation. For years the OAS digs have attracted new members who learn by doing. That's part of what make the digs so interesting.

The Society is still looking for officers and board members. Vice-President, Secretary, and

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Canyon Archaeological Center's YouTube channel.

Oklahoma State University Library's oral history project includes a monthly podcast, **Amplified Oklahoma**. You'll find a range of topics including episode #36, Normalcy in the Dust Bowl, episode #51, Home under the Big Top (circus life/Hugo, Oklahoma), and so much more.

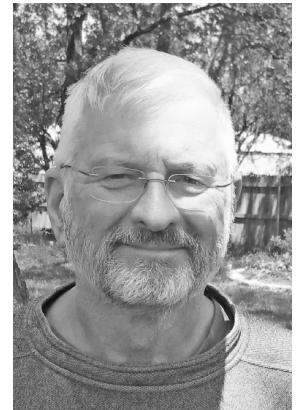
Paige Ford, Ph.D. candidate in OU's Department of Anthropology, has been moderating a **Tribal Histories Series** as part of her work at OKPAN. This series is presented live via Zoom biweekly at 1 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons.

Recordings will be posted on the Oklahoma Public Archaeology Network YouTube channel if/when permission to post a recorded session is granted.

Sign up for OKPAN'S email list at <https://www.ou.edu/okpan/contact> to receive notifications about their activities.

Finally, if you missed the **Spiro Brown Bag Lecture series** produced by the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, head over to <https://spiomounds.com/lectures/> to watch the 11 presentations which accompanied the museum's recent Spiro exhibition.

If you have not already done so, please Like our Facebook page: <https://facebook.com/oklahomaanthropologicalsociety>



Dig Committee chairman positions are open.

To thrive, we need new members to step up and help with the business of the Society. Please consider helping the Society fulfill its role to promote Oklahoma Archeology.

Society membership has been lagging over the last several years. To remedy this decline, the Society will endeavor to provide more programs and activities over the next two years, starting with the fall meeting and dig.

Please participate and support the efforts of the Society. That's all for now. See you at the Fall Dig.