

Council for Maryland Archeology - Presidents and Actions

The purpose of this chronology is to provide a brief summary of the Council's past activities. This chronology was developed by Stephen Israel from the Council's Meeting Minutes, Newsletters, Announcements, and Workshop Programs on file at the NPS, Museum Resource Center, Landover, Maryland (Official repository for the Council for Maryland Archeology Archive). The efforts of the Council's 16 Secretaries and their records are acknowledged in developing this chronology of the Council. Four Secretaries; Beth Acuff, Carol Ebright, Jeanne Ward and Kristin Montaperto have served multiple years in the Secretary capacity. A List of Acronyms and Terms are at the end of this document.

Exploratory Meetings were held in 1974 and 1975

Organizational Meetings were held in 1976.

Interim Board 1976 Organized, and defined the Purpose of the Council for Maryland Archeology (CfMA)

- Developed a Constitution and By-Laws.
- Tyler Bastian, State Archaeologist, Maryland Geological Survey (MGS) Division of Archeology, summarized current developments and archeological research in Maryland (See Council Newsletter, May 1976).

Charles McNett 1976 - First President (One Year Term)

Leland Gilson 1977

- Prepared brochure for the public and underwater legislation. Gilson discussed doing a survey of Seldon Island on the Virginia side of the Potomac River.
- MGS Division of Archeology prepared a list of archaeological sites in Maryland for NR consideration.
- Leland Gilson, Maryland Historical Trust (MHT), set up system for dissemination of archaeological information in Maryland. The MHT began working with the Maryland County Committee Chairs for sharing information.
- The Council for Maryland Archeology (CfMA) November 1977 Newsletter initiated the topic "Publicity of Maryland Archeology" at the Council's only meeting in 1978.
- The January 1978 CfMA meeting discussed the development of underwater guidelines, brochure for the public, regional surveys, and funding sources.
- Vice-President Mel Thurman asked Tyler Bastian, the Maryland State Archeologist, to summarize the archeology programs and the current archeology research in Maryland.
- The Maryland Geological Survey prepared legislation on cave protection and permits to investigate caves.
- While only one Council meeting was held in 1977 and 1978; Archaeologists in Maryland were active coordinating, making contacts and developing plans on reaching out to the Federal, State, Local agencies, private educational institutions, and the general public.

Stephen Israel 1979

- The Council Initiated discussions on archeological research goals and assisted in the development of a Maryland SHPO State Plan. Leland Gilson discussed the availability of Maryland State Survey Funds for the development models for undertaking regional archeology surveys in Maryland to generate predictive models.

- Council members were asked to research a topic on, i.e., prehistoric, historic and contact periods, watersheds, regions, and underwater archeology and submitted a paper (On file MHT).
- John Knurl, from the DOI, spoke to the Council on the need to develop Maryland's archeological research and preservation tools through developing a State Plan (July 1979).
- Federal and State agencies agreed to exchange all CRM reports with the NPS in Maryland.
- The Council initiates Newsletters: August 1979, October 1979, February 1980 and May 1980.
- A Historic Ceramic two day Workshop was held at Historic St. Mary's City on (Nov. 17 and 18, 1979).
- Wayne Clark reported on Steven Wilkes and Gail Thompson's Prehistoric Archeological Resources Two Year Survey in the Maryland Coastal Zone: A Management Overview findings.

Joe Dent 1980

- The Council discussed revising the archeological Site Survey Forms for Maryland (January 1980).
- Establishing a Burial Remains Policy for Maryland was discussed (July 1980).
- The Council discussions included the proposed archaeological resources management guidelines, site survey forms, reburial of skeletal remains, and underwater legislation.
- The Council drafted An Archeological Directory of Existing Artifact Display locations in Maryland.

Dennis Curry 1981

- A Prehistoric Ceramic Workshop was held at Historic St. Mary's City in (January 1981).
- The Council discussed and supported establishing State Archeological Guidelines prepared by Joe McNamara (Div of Archeology).
- The creation of an Annotated Bibliography on Maryland Archeology was proposed.
- The Council recommended looking at the proposed State Plan from the County perspective, as well.

Wayne Clark 1982

- The Council explored institutions interested in being Depositories for wider dissemination of CRM contract reports in Maryland.
- Planning Committee Presentations were made by Garry Stone and Jay Custer (February 1982).
- Institutions agreed to be Depositories. Thirteen Depositories including: (1) MGS, (2) MHT,(3) St Mary's City Commission, (4) Mid-Atlantic Region NPS, (5) National Capital Region NPS, (6) Library of Congress, (7) Delaware SHPO, (8) Virginia Department of Historic Resources, and (9) WV Geological and Economic Survey at Morgantown.
- The council discussed (1) desirability of a unified State archeology plan, (2) a current research forum, (3) archeological park and museum development, and (4) review of the initial MHT State Plan.
- Discussed FY 1982 Goals for MHT, MGS, and Historic St. Mary's City Commission.
- Discussed interactions between the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA), and ASM, Inc.

- The MCIA is looking for funds to publish.
- Archeological Site Survey Form and Guidelines Committees was formed.
- Bob Wall's Western Maryland Coal Basin Survey is nearing completion.
- Historic St. Mary's City Commission was planning the 350th celebration in 1984, since St. Mary's City founding.
- Scheduled Council Workshops: (1) Oyster Interpretation Workshop hosted by Historic St. Mary's City (September 18, 1982), (2) Current Research Forum hosted by MHT (December 1982), and (3) Approval of State Plan hosted by MHT (March 1983).
- 1982 was an active year with presentations by Garry Stone, Henry Miller, Mike Smolek, Don Shomette, Paul Inashima, Stephen Potter, Charles McNett, and William Gardner; Ten-Year Retrospective Seminar (Sept. 1982).
- The Council reviewed the State's Historical Resources Management Plan and Regional Survey for 1983.

Tyler Bastian 1983

- An Update on State Plan and State Grant Program was presented by Wayne Clark (February 1983).
- CfMA Planning Committee discussed the Future of Maryland Archeology (February 83).
- CfMA goals and objectives discussed with the expansion of Maryland archeology: BCUA, MHT, JPPM, and Historic St. Mary's City presented by Tyler Bastian (February 83).
- CfMA Site Survey Committee evaluated the new site survey computer forms by Jay Custer (U of Del) and Peter Lade (Salisbury State) (February 1983).
- The first Coma quarterly meeting was held at the new MHT in Annapolis in (February 1983).
- Jack Snyder reported on his plans for a popular publication on archaeology in Maryland (February 1983).
- A joint Council meeting was held at the Fairfax County Archeological Facility in Annandale, VA, in May 14, 1983, as part of a Virginia Local Archaeology Forum. The speakers included Mike Johnson (Fairfax), Conrad Bladey (City of Laurel, and Wayne Clark (MHT).
- In October, Wayne Clark spoke on the Regional Preservation Centers in Maryland.
- A CRM Contract Archaeology Forum: How is it Working, was sponsored by June Evans (October 1983).
- In October, Wayne Clark spoke on the development plans for a Maryland Curation Facility at JPPM, a 512 acre farm recently deeded to the State of Maryland, St. Leonard, Calvert County, Maryland (October 1983).
- The desirability of an unified State Archeology Program (MGS and MHT) was discussed, instead of two State programs.
- An Otology workshop proposed for the Council.
- June Evans proposed scheduling 3 meetings a year: February, May, and September.
- Zero Federal funding proposed for national historic preservation programs was discussed (February 1984).

June Evans 1984

- The MHT's Western Maryland Regional Center closed at end of summer 1984 due to funding issues.
- Bob Wall accepted teaching position at Frostburg University.
- The Division of Archaeology began working with sport divers as a new under water archeology society is established in Maryland and new under water legislation in Maryland is written (February 1984).
- A Media presentation workshop was held at American University in (September 1984). The media workshop provided tips and recommendations on presenting archeology to the public.
- The Council discussed computerizing the Maryland archeological site survey form (September 1984).

Joe McNamara 1985

- A Computer workshop lead by Charles Monett (American U.) followed the business meeting (February 1985).
- Joe McNamara discussed the proposed enabling legislation for the MHT in the Maryland Legislature to strengthen archaeology programs in Maryland.
- Joe McNamara (Division of Archeology) revised the original 1981 Maryland Archeology Guidelines.
- Catherine Lesser, DC SHPO Archaeologist, reported on her program in DC (May 1985).
- Carmen Weber, Archeologist with the Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology (BCUA), discussed BCUA's new computer newsletter.
- Sue Henry, Archaeologist in Fairfax County, discussed Fairfax County's archaeology computer program.
- Council members discussed computerizing the Maryland site survey form (September 1985).

Maureen Kavanagh 1986

- Floral and Faunal Analysis Workshop was taught by David Clark (Catholic U), after the business meeting (February 1986).
- Camille Juliana reported on new field and lab Analytical Techniques including her work on blood residue analysis. Stephen Potter, McDaniel and Tyler Bastian reported on recent remote sensing investigations in Maryland. Jay Custer and McDaniel reported on their blood residue analysis of ceramic shreds.
- A new MGS Archeological Site Survey Form had been compiled and was at the printers (October 1986). In addition, the Division of Archeology was preparing a Manuel on Completing the Maryland Site Survey Form.
- Louise Akerson announced a computer symposium taught by Dominic Powesland would be held at the BCUA in Baltimore.
- A Geophysical Techniques in Archeology forum was presented by Dr. Jeffrey Wynn (USGS Reston, VA) at American University (October 1986). Wynn spoke on new geophysical techniques in archeology.

Stephen Potter 1987

- A post meeting 19th Century historic ceramics workshop was held at the new MGS Division of Archeology Office at 2300 St. Paul Street in Baltimore (February 1987). The Presenters were Silas Hurry, Tim Riordan and Bob Sonderman.

- A Burial Committee was established for developing guidelines for the study and disposition of archaeological and human remains discovered in Maryland. The Council policy placed a moratorium on archeological excavations of human remains and their associated interments. This policy did not apply to unanticipated burial finds. See the Council Interim Burial Policy. Paul Cissna was appointed the Committee Chair.
- A Curation Committee was established for developing guidelines for minimum curatorial standards for new archeological collections in Maryland.

Paul Inashima 1988

- The Council discussed revising the provisional policy on Human Remains, Associated Grave Goods, and Mortuary Structures. Numerous corollaries regarding the provisional burial policy continue to be discussed. A revised draft on a provisional Maryland burial policy was proposed.
- Conservator, Kate Singley spoke on Archeological conservation issues, specifically on the extraction, conservation and storage of artifacts from underwater settings in (October 1988).
- A post business meeting tour was made of the Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum (JPPM) existing and anticipated new facilities planned for JPPM at St. Leonard, Calvert County, MD was lead by Wayne Clark (MHT).
- New developments on the proposed merger of the Division of Archeology and the MHT archeology programs continued to be discussed. A Reorganization Committee was created and chaired by Doug Comer (NPS), to make recommendations on the proposed merger.

Charles Cheek 1989

- Discussions continued on the proposed reorganization of Maryland's two archeology departments and programs.
- A report on a proposed Maryland Burial Legislation was given by the Burial Committee.
- The CfMA Secretary-Treasurer reported the Council had 89 paid members in October 1989.
- The high membership was due to concerns over the proposed reorganization of the two State archeology offices in Maryland.
- The Council met at the new NPS (MARS) temporary repository facility for collections in Greenbelt, Maryland.
- A revision of the CfMA Constitution and Bylaws was proposed in April 1990.
- A joint meeting of the Maryland Archeology Reorganization Committee and the Council was held in May 1990. The joint meeting discussed implementation of legislation for the reorganization of Maryland Archeology at the MHT in Annapolis on May 14, 1990.

Hettie Ballweber 1990-1991 (First Two Year Term)

- The By-Laws revisions included: (1) Past Presidents to serve one-term on the Executive Board, (2) Council to meet three times a year, instead of quarterly, (3) Associate Membership abolished, and (4) membership now requires a degree.
- Hettie promoted greater awareness of Maryland Archeology.
- Calendar of CfMA meetings and events prepared June 1, 1990.

- A Current Maryland Archeology Forum was held at Harpers Ferry and followed by a free lunch prepared by Hattie. The Forum was followed by a post meeting tour of Harpers Ferry National Park archaeology facilities and ongoing excavation on Saturday September 22, 1990.
- The December 1990 business meeting was held at the National Museum of Natural History Environmental Research Center on the western shore of the Chesapeake Bay. Following the membership meeting there was a tour of the NMNH facilities, south of Annapolis.
- The Council prepared a letter to Maryland Public Television expressing the Council's opposition to airing television program "Treasure Search." November 1990.
- The CfMA hosted a joint council meeting inviting neighboring COVA and PAC State Archeology Councils on Saturday, March 9, 1991 at JPPM. Session 1 (State of State), Session 2 (Common Ground). Topics included Informal exchange of ideas with PAC and COVA on starting an Archaeology Week Programs (April 1992).
- In July 1992, the Council agreed to jointly sponsor an annual Maryland Archeology Week with ASM, Inc.

Louise Akerson 1991-1992

- A Public Archaeology Programs Forum in Maryland was held on September 14, 1991.
- Collections Committee proposes minimum standards (September 1991).
- A Teaching Archaeology Forum was held on January 18, 1992.
- The Council prepared a list of local history journals in Maryland (January 1992).
- Public Archaeology Programs Outside of Maryland were discussed on (April 25, 1992).
- The Council supports and joins sponsorship of Maryland Archeology Week with ASM beginning in April 1993.
- MAC Lab staff distributes labeling and collections care instructions (June 1992).
- CfMA's By-Laws were amended to allow individuals in Graduate Programs to be members (September 19, 1992).
- Human remains Analysis and Interpretation Forum was held after membership business meeting on (September 19, 1992). Recent burial legislation was passed in Maryland on the issue on how to identify Native Indians and interpreting burial remains (September 1992).
- The Council sent a Letter of Support on behalf of the Lead Coffin Project to Historic St. Mary's City Commission in (December 1992).

Don Creveling 1993-1994

- The Council and the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites jointly supported Maryland House Bill 411, on prohibiting trading in human remains and associated funerary objects.
- Julia King discussed the progress of the Council's efforts to incorporate as a non-profit organization. (See J. King's October 7 1992 Memorandum).
- New revised MHT Archeological Standards and Guidelines were distributed for review.
- An Archeological Collections Management Forum was held on February 12, 1993.

- Betty Seifert, Conservationist, at the Maryland MAC Lab, distributes collection care instructions (February 1993).
- A suggestion was made for the Council President to meet regularly with ASM Board to discuss common activities and interests (February 1993).
- The Council explored ways for Council to prepare a series of technical publications. The Publication Committee sought members input (September 1, 1993).
- Susan Langley, the new Maryland State Underwater Archeologist, presented her goals for a State Underwater Archeology Program in (September 1994).
- The Council explored establishing an archeology grant fund through private organizations, i.e., Preservation Maryland, September 1994.
- The needs and benefits for regional archeology centers were discussed (September 1994).
- JPPM was designated as an appropriate place for curating unaffiliated skeletal remains (September 1994).

Barbara Little 1995-1996

- Julie King recommended not pursuing Not-for-Profit Status because of the paper work involved, June 1995.
- A new CfMA Membership Brochure was printed in 1995.
- Susan Langley presented a program on the Barney Flotilla Project in the Patuxent River, December 1995.
- Barbara Little discussed how to improve Council's cost benefit ratio (August 1995).
- Changed membership meetings back to 4 per year (March, June, September and December) from three meetings per year.
- B. Little asked the Membership, what topics are they interested in? Topics proposed by Barbara Little included workshops on writing popular archaeology literature, designing lesson plans for successful learning, forum on current archeology topics, review of NAGPRA process, media relations workshop, and future speakers.

Silas Hurry 1997-1998

- CfMA members were encouraged to sponsor Maryland Archeology Month (MAM) (December 1996) beginning in 1997.
- Education Committee worked on MAM poster for the Maryland State House display, and the MAM awards ceremony, junior membership, and an education kit (December 1996).
- The Maryland Advisory Committee reported on changes made on the MHT non-capital grant program.
- A Legislative Affairs Committee was organized to support the Maryland Heritage Alliance political actions. The Council urged each Council member to meet with his or her District Representatives in time for State budget deliberations in mid-January of each year. CfMA members received a handout containing their elected officials with emphasis to write letters; as letters carry weight.
- The Council's Burial Committee worked with the Maryland Cemetery Task Force on issues involving funeral law.
- The Maryland Coalition to Protect Burial sites was not always supportive of scientific study. Nonetheless, the Council wanted archeology to be part of the process.

- The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) was focusing on State recognition despite the three groups claiming descendants.
- Due to the different costs for Fed 106 Process and State and County Programs, the Council discussed looking at tax incentives for developers to do archeology. It was noted, this will only work if a Developer is making money. Development of a Layman's Guide on Archeology was discussed for Developers (December 1997).
- The Education Committee worked on Vision 2000. A program for 8 years plan.
- The first Council meeting held at the new Mac Lab at JPPM was in (March 1997).
- An Effort to revive the Executive Board Committee was initiated. The Council discussed the commitment to meet regularly between membership meetings (March 1997).
- The Council wrote letters to Louise Akerson at BCUA, congratulating her on her retirement and appreciation for her many years of contributions to Maryland Archeology at BCUA in Baltimore (March 1997).
- The first Maryland Archeology Month (MAM) 1997 Poster prepared by JPPM assisted by Dennis Kund, Dennis Curry and Barbara Stewart. MAM 1997 poster was sent to SAA to enter into Poster Competition.
- A total of \$1,375 was raised for MAM in 1997, with matching grant from MHT. The Council thanked the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) for sponsoring and printing Calendar of Events.
- The Joint Council and ASM, Inc. Education Committee chaired by Bill McIntyre (ASM Rep).
- An Education Kit was prepared by Tara Tetault. The importance of the Education Committee was emphasized by Silas Hurry. The education Information was sent to public, private and parochial schools. The Education Committee looked for assistance from ASM, Museums, and the professional community (March 1997).
- There were 9 bills before the MD Legislature on matters of the funeral industry in (February 1997).
- Don Wilson (ASM Rep) presented a proposal for developing a Maryland Certification Program for training avocationists as archeological technicians (March 1997). Dedicated professional involvement is needed for the program to succeed.
- The Maryland Heritage Alliance supported new Rural Legacy Program for protecting Maryland's heritage resources. The MHT is the lead agency in Maryland (1997).
- The Council urged the Maryland Heritage Alliance to include protecting archeological sites.
- Council President, Silas Hurry encouraged members to (1) participate in CfMA committees, as well as, (2) to serve, and (3) support the Committees.
- Barbara Little advocated CfMA members do more in popular publications.
- The Political Action Committee organized Council members by region and zip code and Legislative Districts to facilitate letter writing. Beginning in 1998, the Council started meeting in February to better inform the Legislators in Annapolis and to write letters and be available to meet with the Legislators, as the Governor, Legislators, and County Officials need to be courted all year long.

- The Council needed to keep its ears and voices up at these meetings to keep preservation strong.
- Paul Inashima initiated a Mentor ASM Program to assist ASM members in writing archeology reports.
- The BCUA was reported to be in financial trouble. CfMA members urged to write letters of support to Baltimore's Mayor Kurt Schmoke (March 1997).
- Maryland's Native American groups were currently focused on recognition, not repatriation.
- The Joint Education Committee with ASM and Museums interacted with only one school during MAM. The archeology community desperately needed to build constituencies with young people (June 1997).
- CfMA membership is encouraged to publish in existing archaeology journals.
- Funding for the new MAC Lab positions are cut and MHT grant funds are cut from \$1,000,000 to \$750,000.
- The Maryland Heritage Area Program was approved for one million dollars to support Local Governments in participating in the Maryland Certification Heritage Area Program, involving museums, smart growth, and rural legacy.
- Lee Foster from the Aberdeen Proving Ground discussed the new Boy Scout Merit Badge Program with the CfMA in (June 1997).
- Both the Native Americans and Archeologists voiced concern over the looting of sites.
- The results of the first meeting of State Employees (GAPS Meeting) was shared with the Council. Archeologists from each of the State agencies were represented. The Employees met to discuss education, public outreach, publication, and the MHT Grant Program. Observations from the meeting were: little institutional support for site analysis and report writing, (2) GAPS employees found to be unfamiliar with Archeology Community, and (3) in-state Archeology PhD Programs were desired (June 1997).
- An after meeting tour of the new Historic Londontown facilities was held on (June 1997).
- The Executive Board Committee issues included (1) institutional membership, (2) dues increase in 1998, and (3) increase participation in State politics (September 1997).
- The MHT Grant for MAM 1998 was \$3,000. ASM contributed \$1,000, CfMA and CRM firms contributed another \$1,000. Professionals were encouraged contribute additional funds (September 1997). SHA printed the Calendar of Events.
- MAM 1997 attendance to the archeology events by the general public was generally poor.
- The Joint Education Committee met with Marice Taylor-Thomco (MD's Social Studies Specialist). Thomco is enthusiastic about Archeology. Education Committee focused on (1) Boy Scout Merit Badge, (2) Education Kit, (3) MAM Awards, and the (4) MAM Poster Contest (September 1997).
- The Burial Committee presented a verbal report. CfMA to meet with the Maryland Native Americans to foster and discuss mutual concerns (September 1997).
- CfMA and ASM (Don Wilson, Robert Newbury, and Jim Gibb) worked together to develop a Certification and Training Program to allow Advocationists in Maryland to become certified Archeological Technicians.

- The Publications Committee looked at producing a regional archeology publication with a volume geared toward a popular audience.
- Public funding of Archeological Survey for development projects began in Calvert County (September 1997).
- An after meeting GIS Workshop was organized by Maureen Kavanagh as an Introduction to Maryland's GIS System in (September 1997).
- Another after meeting program "Think Globally Act Locally" a political action workshop was organized by Julia King. Julia King from the MAC Lab, presented a talk on national preservation politics and archeology and Bernard Callan, Maryland Heritage Alliance talked on the importance of effective political activeness at the State level (December 1997).
- The Executive Board Committee communicated by telephone. MAM 1998 Poster featured Historic St. Mary's City archeology. The Council sent out a mailing to solicit donations to supplement State grants and ASM. Side Bars were used in the Calendar of Events to provide additional description (December 1997).
- The Council's Abstracts for 1996 are ready to be printed. A suggestion was made to send the Abstract submissions on disk. Concern continued on the varying quality of the submitted Abstracts (December 1997)
- Education Committee attended the Maryland Social Studies Education Conference. Educator, Marcia Taylor-Thoma an advocate of archeology in education was at the conference in (December 1997).
- Lee Foster APG and MHT compile list of Mentors for Boy Scout Merit Badge.
- Education Kit was tested on 8th Graders.
- The Education Committee's MAM 1998 Poster Contest, aimed at 5th to 8th graders. The 1998 theme "The Past is Never Far Away". CfMA and ASM split the purchase of a Savings Bond for 1st and 2nd prizes.
- The Council Burial Committee met with the Maryland Native American Indian Community. Native Americans wanted to be informed on up incoming excavations and have input on how sites are excavated (December 1997). Silas reported Native Americans were surprised to learn Archeologists do not regularly excavate cemeteries. Mutual concern for the site preservation was discussed. Silas proposed the formation of a Native American Liaison Committee (NALC) in (December 1997).
- The Collection Committee drafted a State Collections fee policy (December 1997).
- The Certification Committee has compiled a draft program syllabus.
- The Publication Committee headed by Barbara Little, proposed a Synthetic Work on Maryland Archeology, jointly with ASM with the CfMA providing guidance in (December 1997).
- CfMA By-Laws changes were proposed for 1998.
- There are no signs of controversial issues or major cuts (December 1997), as the Maryland Legislation season came up. Maryland Heritage Community identified February 27, 1998 as date for the Annual Legislative Breakfast to meet with Maryland State Representatives. Governor Glendening's budget was \$1,174,000 for preservation. The Preservation community believed the grant and museum assistance funds deserved to be increased.

- Council handed out "A Find Your Legislator" information sheet for using on the web with grassroots lobbying tips (December 1997).
- The Education Committee, Chair, Bill McIntyre Poster Contest had 24 student finalists in 1998.
- Bill McIntyre gave a book as an award to the finalists' schools (September 1998).
- A survey of the MAM events found the most popular MAM 1998 activities were family and kid and public participatory excavations events (September 1998).
- The Education Committee was in need of a new Coordinator for MAM 1999, for the Student Poster Contest, as Bill McIntyre stepped down (September 1998).
- The Collections Committee distributed new guidelines for Council review with a new emphasis on collections, fees, and conservation (September 1998).
- Certification Committee. Don Wilson has moved to North Carolina. The Certification Committee has not met.
- John McCarthy, Editor, of The African-American Archeology Newsletter requested CfMA to become the fiscal agent and home for the Newsletter. John could use the CfMA's Federal Tax ID Number. The CfMA would not be contributing funds to the Newsletter. The motion was accepted in (September 1998).
- Louise Akerson was appointed Council Representative to the Historic Preservation and Museum Task Force to examine the Preservation Maryland Grant Program in (September 1998).
- Carol Ebright was appointed the CfMA Representative at ASM Board Meetings.
- John McCarthy and Stephen Israel agreed to explore a Council list serve on the web.
- The Council wrote a letter of appreciation to Montgomery County Parks and Recreation and Planning Commission for purchasing land that saved two archeological sites from destruction (September 1998).
- Motion was made to separate Secretary/Treasurer Officer into two separate CfMA Officers (September 1998).

Richard Ervin 1999-2000

- The Council discussed the Corps of Engineers Baltimore District's new permitting policy on issuing permits, outside the immediate area of the wetland or stream crossing, without addressing the archeological and historical resources. The Council's goal was to raise awareness and help resolve the impasse (June 1999).
- The Council supported the proposed Maryland Cemetery Legislation for protecting cemeteries from vandalism (1999). The Burial Committee distributed Questionnaire on the Treatment of Human Remains (Fall 1999).
- The Council agreed to co-sponsors the Maryland Certificate and Training for Archeological Technicians Program (CAT Program) with the MHT and ASM. Jim Gibb prepared a draft CAT program syllabus in (October 1999).
- Louise Akerson, a member of Governor's Advisory Committee, was appointed to Governor Glendening's new Task Force on the Preservation and Enhancement of Maryland's Heritage Resources. The Task Force's topics included public involvement, education, emergency funding, and tax incentives for preservation (October 1999).
- Dr. Mark Leone appealed to the Council for support in establishing an Archeology PhD Program at College Park (September 1999).

- Dr. Leone also asked the Council to support University of Maryland Annapolis Archaeology Program and the Annapolis Historic Preservation Commission on behalf of the U of MD's Annapolis Archaeology Program.
- Rick Ervin reported the Maryland Heritage Alliance (MHA) spearheaded by Preservation Maryland had reached out to CfMA. Rick Ervin encouraged members to join the MHA (September 1999).
- Louise Akerson on the Council's Education Committee; assembled an Archeology Resource Booklet. Louise also supervised the annual 1999 ASM/CfMA Poster Contest in (June 1999).
- The Native American Liaison Committee (NALC) set up a pro-active meeting format instead of relying on re-active agendas with MCIA members.
- The Council dues were increased from \$10 to \$20 to support Maryland Archeology Month (Fall 1999).
- The CfMA's By-Laws were amended and voted on in December 1999. The Secretary/Treasurer function was divided into two positions (Effective in 2001).
- The development of a Council web site was discussed.
- Wayne Clark, reported that John Seidel and he were working on an archeology Maryland Department of Education IMPART partnership program. This program involved grassroots and reaching out to the public through archaeology.
- Delaware Archaeologists established a Forum on Delaware Archaeology in (January 2000).
- A Glossary of Terms and Archaeology Jargon was prepared by Carol Ebright and Kirsti Uunila for distribution to the membership and the general public in (January 2000).
- The lack of obtaining MHT Legal Deed of Gift Forms, from the people who turn in collections, has become a curation crisis to be resolved in Maryland.
- The National Preservation Institute (Lisa Young) and Mount Vernon Archaeology co-sponsored a seminar in Field Conservation, for the Council's members in (April 2000).
- The Council's NALC Committee's major issues were defined as the role of definitions, summarizing the Abstract data, preparing a joint brochure on protecting archeological sites, sponsoring a NAGPRA workshop, and encouraging a joint CfMA meeting at La Plata or at the NMAI Headquarters in (June 2000).
- A post business meeting tour was arranged of the NPS MRC facilities in Landover, Maryland (September 2000).
- The Education Committee prepared an Archeology Volunteer Opportunities List for Council to distribute.
- The Maryland Certification and Training Program draft plan (CAT Program) is distributed for comment. The work in progress CAT Program has one Program Coordinator and six Committee Members: 2 from CfMA, 2 from MHT, and 2 from ASM (December 2000).
- A reception was held at the College Park Aviation Museum, where Louis Akerson of the Governor Glendening's Task Force introduced the Task Force's report to the public (December 12, 2000).

- The 2001 Maryland Archeology Month (MAM) theme was: "Education is the Key". Heather Boslog headed the student poster and essay contest in spring 2001.
- MHT, ASM and CfMA hired a Coordinator for MAM for April 2001.
- A MAM link was discussed for posting on the ASM web site (April 2001).
- The NALC Committee encouraged Council members to write letters to NPS to promote interpretive signage at Piscataway Park, in Prince George's County.
- An unanticipated burial discovery in 1999 occurred following the drafting of an In-House Protocol Procedure developed by Richard Hughes (MHT). The proposed Maryland's burial protocol approach stipulated who may attend, who may visit, document recordation procedures, the type of study to be done, and the final disposition of the human remains.
- In spite of several ongoing difficulties; the NALC Committee encouraged another meeting with the MCIA's Archeology Liaison Committee (December 2000).
- The Publication Committee formerly headed by Barbara Little is now inactive, as no member was willing to serve or spear head the Committee (December 2000).
- Julie Ernstein re-activated the Political Action Committee to take a pro-active approach in lobbying for annual appropriations during the Maryland Legislative Session (December 2000).
- Silas Hurry updated the Council's Membership List with information on each member's districts and representatives .
- The Council President urged the Council to have additional representatives attending the Maryland Heritage Alliance meetings.
- The Council requested the MHT to update its Archeology Consultant List.
- Historic St. Mary's City established a web site <http://www.smc.edu.hsmc>.
- The Council held a post business meeting NAGPRA Workshop that was followed by a tour of NPS MRC facilities in Landover, Maryland (September 2000).

Julie Ernstein 2001-2002

- The Council's Political Action Committee was renamed the Legislative Watch Committee (Fall 2001).
- Julie Ernstein initiated a very active role joining Preservation Maryland's "Maryland Heritage Alliance" for addressing preservation and archeological funding issues. Julie Ernstein's interest in establishing a broader approach to archeological preservation in Maryland was met with limited success.
- The Council supported a MCIA's resolution calling on Maryland public schools to cease using demeaning names for schools in sport teams.
- The Council's By-Laws were updated in (March 2001).
- The Council supported a new MHT's initiative regarding a K-12 Education Outreach Program in teaching cultural and archeology history.

- The CfMA printed a new membership brochure. The current Council paid membership was 58 (2001).
- A post business meeting workshop was held on Nominating Archaeology Sites to the National Register and National Historic Landmarks Program and was held at Woods Hall. The workshop presentation was by Erica Martin Seibert, (NPS) (September 2001).
- The Council sponsored an Archaeology Session at the 2002 Preservation Maryland Annual Preservation and Revitalizations Conference, on May 3, 2002 in Baltimore. The conference theme was: Grass Roots Level at the Community Base.
- The Maryland Certification and Training Program (CAT Program) held its first workshop in (February 2002).
- The Maryland Heritage Alliance Newsletter lists Maryland General Assembly members and issues, as well as the Local Government Programs in Maryland that support many preservation programs which could be threatened by proposed State cuts. Council members were urged to write to their representatives (February 2002).
- A post business meeting tour was arranged of the new College Park Aviation Museum in (March 2002).
- A post business meeting tour was arranged of the Fort Frederick in Washington County in (June 2002).
- A post meeting tour was arranged of the R. Christopher Goodwin and Associates facilities in (September 2002).
- The Council President wrote a letter to Prince Georges County Planning Board requesting a delay in approving the Tent Landing Project, until the archeology resources were identified (September 2002).
- John McCarthy, President-Elect, resigned. Chris Polglase was elected to fill the remaining term of John McCarthy. John McCarthy had moved out of Maryland.

Chris Polglase 2003-2004

- The Education Committee designed and assembled an exhibit *"Maryland Archeology Gives Voice to the Past and Present"* and was exhibited in the Capital and Legislative Buildings in Annapolis in (March 2004).
- The Draft Burial Protocol still in process in 2003-2004.
- The Second CfMA sponsored archeology session at the Annual Preservation and Revitalization Conference in May 2003, in Easton. Theme: Archaeology and Communities.
- A post business meeting forum was held on the State of the Collections at the NPS MRC (September 2003)
- The CfMA adopted the ethics statement of ROPA (December 2003).
- The NALC Committee printed brochures with Native Americans on issues of recognition, join Native American, and Archaeology Public Programs.
- The Council Collection Committee and JPPM adopted new American Museum Association (AMA) policy requirement for certification. Betty Seifert and Charlie Hall were on the MHT Collections Policy Committee.
- The CfMA, in the spring 2004 had 47 paid members and a goal of 60. An attempt to email non-members bounced back due to attachments in 2004.
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- The CfMA supported Maryland Higher Education's IMPART Plan spearheaded by John Seidel for \$100,000 for 2005.

- Silas Hurry revived the Council's Yahoo Group.com list serve in 2004.
- Silas Hurry created a preliminary web site for the Council to review in the (Spring 2004).
- The Council Web Site is up and running thanks to Silas Hurry (Fall 2004).

Stephen Israel 2005-2006

- A presentation on Draft Burial Protocol was made in (February 2005). The Draft Protocol was still in process.
- A presentation on the MHT Technical Update No. 1, first issued in 1999 was made by Julie King and Betty Seifert.
- A box fee increase was proposed in (February 2005).
- A post business meeting round table discussion was held on the future roles and directions for the Council in (February 2005).
- The Collections Committee held a Round table discussion on the merits of attempting to draft a deaccessioning protocol for archeological collections in Maryland in (June 2005).
- The Council began using its web site, through St. Mary's College, to announce membership meetings, agendas, and action alerts.
- Preservation Maryland renames the Maryland the Maryland Heritage Alliance; the Heritage Council in November 2005. The Maryland Heritage Council spearheaded Legislative action alerts on behalf of the State's preservation funding needs.
- The Legislative Watch Committee asked the Council to support Governor Ehrlich's 2006 preservation and archeology funding initiatives (February 2006), which called for increasing funding for the MHT, IMPART and Historic St. Mary's City.
- The Council met at the National Museum of Natural History for holding its business meetings (February 2006).
- A post business meeting presentation was given by Dennis Stanford on the PaleoIndian presence in the Chesapeake. The presentation was followed by a tour of the NMNH mummy room by David Hunt.
- The CfMA's web address was simplified from www.smcm.edu/academics/soan/cfma to www.smcm.edu/cfma, by Silas Hurry in (February 2006).
- Members decided the Election Ballots and Dues Reminders shall still be sent to the membership by US Mail.
- Julie King reported on the MAC Lab's Archeological Record Digitization Project. Jefpat had a contract with the MD Hall of Records. Once the initial 29 collections records were scanned, the records went on line (June 2006).
- Julie King asked the Council for financial support for the upcoming 2007 SHA conference in Williamsburg. The Council voted on contributing \$200 to the conference's Saturday public outreach session (June 2006).
- Julie King notified the Council that she is leaving the MAC Lab for a teaching position at St. Mary's College. The Council to become active in advocating that the new Director at the MAC Lab, to be filled with an individual with collections management background. The Council motioned for its Officers to write letters pointing out the important relationship between the Council and MAC Lab and the important roles the Maryland MAC Lab played in Maryland archeology (June 2006).

- Bob Sonderman voiced his concern over D.C.'s Archeologists Nancy Kassner retirement.
- The Council's Deaccessioning Committee presented its draft recommendations and led a post business meeting discussion on deaccessioning. Bob Sonderman of the Field and Lab Strategies Committee presented the Committee's initial recommendations pertaining to the large number of non-National Register Sites that Archeologists encountered in Maryland (June 2006).
- Sara Rivers-Cofield of the Deaccessioning Committee distributed a draft letter for comment before sending the letter to Dr. Frank McManamon, NPS with the Council's recommendations on the revising of the new Federal Curation Legislation (September 2006).
- The Election of President-Elect, Secretary and Treasurer took place in (December 2006).
- An update on the MHT Heritage Tourism Program and future plans was given by Richard Hughes (December 2006).
- The Council sponsored an after meeting, end of year presentations on the noteworthy 2005-2006 Phase III investigations in Maryland at the University of Maryland at College Park in (December 2006). The format included 9 Presenters, 10 minutes each with a panel discussion and questions at the end.
- Following these presentations Dr. Mark Leone lead a tour of his archeological lab.

Laurie Burgess 2007 – 2008

- During Laurie Burgess's Presidency, the Council met and held workshops at the Smithsonian Institution, Museum of Natural History, Department of Anthropology facilities.
- The Council began sending a representative to the MHT/MCIA Place of Repose Discussion Group as well as participating in discussions for State recognition of the Maryland Indians.
- The Council held a number of workshops at the Museum of Natural History; including, tours of the Department of Anthropology facilities, including Doug Owsley's Written In Bone Exhibit, and Dennis Stanford's Solutrean Hypothesis, theory and possible settlement patterns in the New World.
- Jennifer Stabler updated the Council on Prince George's County, Department of Planning, 2004 Archaeology Review Process and its current effort to update the County's Archaeology Review Program.
- The Council became a Consulting Party in discussions involving the U.S. Naval Dairy Farm Project in Gambrills, Maryland, as well as with the US Route 219 Expansion Project in Garrett County, Maryland.
- The Council continued advocating and supporting funding the Maryland Department of Education IMPART Program.
- The Gray Literature Committee continued to review the Archaeology Literature at the MHT for scanning the reports with useful archeology data. Coordination began with Ed Chaney of Jefpat to avoid duplication of scanning efforts.
- The Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology held its 2008 Annual Meeting at St. Mary's College in October 2008.
- The Council sponsored its second End of the Year Presentations on significant archaeological projects in Maryland, in December 2008 at the NPS Museum Resource Center facility in Landover, Maryland.

Tom Bodor 2011 - 2012

- During Tom Bodor's presidency The MHT/MCIA Place of Repose discussions group continued to meet.
- Jennifer Stabler updated the Council on the Prince George's County's Department of Planning adapting Revised Archaeology Guidelines.
- The West River Adena Collection from Anne Arundel County status began to be discussed. The West River Adena Collection was willed to ASM, Inc. a decade earlier.
- The Council's 13 exhibit display panels, assembled in 2004 by the Education Committee, were once again used for archaeology public outreach at the Preservation Maryland Annual Conferences.
- The design of a new Council Membership Brochure was discussed.
- Tom Bodor proposed the establishment of a Compliance Committee to discuss best practices in Maryland archeology.
- The Gray Literature Committee was expanded to include PhD dissertations and MA Theses relevant to Middle Atlantic Archaeology.
- The Council sponsored its third End of the Year Presentations on significant archaeological projects in Maryland, in December 2010, following the business meeting, at the St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City.

Paul Kreisa 2011 – 2012

- The Council participated in a Preserve Maryland dialogue (the MHT Five Year Planning Process) in February 2011. The Council conducted a round table discussion to incorporate an archaeological viewpoint into the draft plan. Cory Kegerise led the MHT effort at this meeting.
- The Compliance Committee spear headed by Lyle Torp organized a Best Practices Symposium at the University of Maryland at College Park on October 7, 2011, to explore improving the practices of Archaeology in Maryland. The five one hour sessions included: (1) Focus on the Fundamentals of Maryland Archeology, (2) Doing More with Less from field methodologies, laboratory methods, analytical techniques, dissemination of data and public outreach, (3) The Never Ending Question of Archeological Significance, (4) Making Use of New Technologies and (5) Playing Nice and how to better work together. The turnout was very positive and encouraging.
- Beginning in 2011, the Council Committees were requested to submit their quarterly reports to the Council Secretary in advance of all membership meetings for electronic distribution prior to the meetings.
- The Council provided comments on US Army COE wetland permit's cultural resources rule making.
- After Business Meeting Programs included (1) a Presentation on MHT GIS, Archeology Data Base and Archeology Synthesis Projects on September 16, 2011, (2) Dr. Ruth Troccoli presented a Washington, DC Archaeology Symposium in December 2011, (3) a NPS Potomac Valley Archeology Symposium organized and spear headed by Dr. Stephen Potter was on March 9, 2012, (4) a roundtable discussion on Standards and Guidelines for future guidance in Maryland Archeology was held on June 9, 2012, and (5) presentations by Dr. Julia King on Zekiah Swamp's early historic settlements and Dr. Jim Gibb on Port Tobacco's large scale recent erosion.
- The Best Practice's Committee initiated review of the 1994 MHT's Standards and Guidelines. Council members were urged to contribute their ideas for revising and updating the best practices of archeology standards in Maryland. A working draft is due to the Executive Board in January 2013.

- NALC Committee members continued attending the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) meetings in support of State recognition and for finding resolutions on the proper place of repose issues.
- Education Committee activities
- Concern about the effects of fracking for natural gas retrieval on archeological sites was discussed.
- The Social Media Committee was re-activated and began redesigning the Council's web site and face book page outreach.
- The link to the Google Groups web site is: <http://groups.google.com/group/cfma-md?hl=en>. This group's email is : cfma-md@googlegroups.com
- <http://www.cfma-md.org/> is the new Council web page.
- Several inactive Council Committees were retired. These include the (1) Gray Literature and Dissertation Committee with the introduction of Pro Quest, the report and dissertations are now on line, (2) the Abstract Committee, (3) Conference Liaison and Planning Committee, and the (4) Burial Committee.
- Productive discussions were held in December 2012 on building new relationships, involving new incentives on increasing the Council's visibility; including on inviting students to Council meetings and programs.
- A revision to the Council's By-Laws has been distributed to the Executive Board to review, prior to bringing the revisions to the full Council.
- The Council sponsored its fourth End of the Year Presentations on significant archaeological projects in Maryland, following the business meeting in December 2012 at the College Park Aviation Museum.

Lyle Torp 2013-2014

- Building upon October 7, 2011 Symposium on improving the practice of archeology in Maryland, the Best Practice Committee, headed by Jennifer Stabler, drafted 11 White Papers topics in 2012, by the six person committee, for membership review in February 2013. The White Paper topics included shovel testing intervals, spatial accuracy in reporting sites, geomorphological studies, plow zone archaeology, deep testing and remote sensing. These White Papers are currently being consolidated into a single document
- In 2014, Matt Cochran volunteered to oversee the second set of White Papers. Potential topics include: Phase II evaluation, public outreach, metal detection, section 106 guidelines, remote sensing guidelines, collecting, and catalog guidelines.
- The Council's Executive Board adopts conference calls to carry out Executive Board business. The Council By-Laws were reviewed and updated by Paul Kreisa. The revised By-Laws were posted on the Council web site. The Executive Board requested all the Council Committees to compile mission statements along with their quarterly committee reports.
- The Council December 2013 meeting was held at the Maryland Historical Society. The after Business Meeting was a stimulating Public Archaeology Forum on Baltimore archeology. The panel included:

David Gadsby, Teresa Moyer, Lauren Schiszik, Eli Pousson, Louis Ackerson, and Elizabeth Comer. In another after business meeting program, the Council members toured the Bladensburg Waterfront Park and Museum.

- In 2013, Kate and Emily reviewed and recommended improvements to the Council website. The Council embraces social media to expand the Council’s context as a bulletin board. A facebook page was created. The Facebook page visits continues to grow and Council members are encouraged to contribute archaeology announcements. A volunteer section was added to the redesigned Council web site in 2013.
- The CfMA Lifetime Achievement Award to Stephen Israel was presented at the March 2015 ASM Winter Workshop Symposium. The Stephen Israel Award is the award given to support student papers, named in honor of Stephen Israel.
- The Council continued its discussions on recruiting graduate students and familiarizing students in the Council events, programs and objectives. In 2014, the Education Committee and the Executive Board initiated an education fund program to support student research and attending conferences with student stipends, specifically the annual MAAC in March.
- The Council discussed the benefits to mentoring programs for recruiting graduate students to become familiar with the Council. Similarly, the Council continues searching how to work with the two Piscataway recognized tribes through the Council’s Native American Liaison Committee (NALA).
- The Council continued its long standing commitment to supporting Maryland Archeology Month in April.
- The Fifth End of Year Presentations Program, scheduled for December 2014, was suspended following a month after the 2014 ESAF Conference in Solomons, Maryland.

List of Acronyms

Acronyms	Term
AMA	American Museum Association
ASM	Archeological Society of Maryland
BCUA	Baltimore Center for Urban Archaeology
CAT	Maryland Archeological Certification and Training Program
CfMA	Council for Maryland Archeology
COVA	Council for Virginia Archaeology
DC SHPO	District of Columbia State Historic Preservation Office
GAPS	Maryland’s Middle-Skill Gap Past and Future
IMPART	Maryland Dept of Education IMPART Partnership Program
Jefpat	Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
JPPM	Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum
MAM	Maryland Archeology Month
MCIA	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs
MGS	Maryland Geological Survey
MHA	Maryland Heritage Alliance
MHC	Maryland Heritage Council
MHT	Maryland Historical Trust
MRC	Museum Resource Center

MSHA	Maryland State Highway Administration
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act
NALC	Native American Liaison Committee
NMAI	National Museum of the American Indian
NMNH	National Museum of Natural History
NPS	National Park Service
NMNH	National Museum of Natural History
PAC	Pennsylvania Archaeology Council
ROPA	Register of Professional Archaeologists
SHA	Society for Historical Archaeology
US ARMY COE	US Army Corps of Engineers
USGS	United States Geological Survey