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LAS ORGANIZATION

On May 25, 1974, more than 50 people met in the conference room of the Catahoula Bank in Jonesville, Louisiana for the purpose of organizing the Louisiana Archaeological Society. Although a statewide archaeological Society had been talked about for years there had never been any serious effort to formalize such an organization. Earlier this year, at the CENA meeting in Alexandria, a group of the conferees again talked--this time more seriously--about the prospects of organizing a state society. The Jonesville meeting was the fruition of these discussions.

The Jonesville meeting convened under articles of incorporation which had been previously written and officially registared by a Baton Rouge-based organization in 1961. The Baton Rouge group had been inactive since 1962, but it was decided to use its name, Louisiana Archaeological Society, and its incorporation articles to facilitate organizational processes at Jonesville.

The Newsletter of the Louisiana Archaeological Society is published quarterly by the Society from its editorial office at the University of Southwestern Louisiana, Department of Sociology-Anthropology, Lafayette, LA 70501. Unless otherwise indicated, opinions stated herein are those of the editor and do not necessarily reflect Society policy.

Officers were elected by the group and by-laws were adopted. Serving as the first state officers of the state-wide, Louisiana Archaeological Society, for 1974-1975 are Clarence Webb, president; Jon Gibson, vice-president; Marcus Mapp, recording secretary; Joe Frank, corresponding secretary; and Jack Bonnin, treasurer.

Persons attending this historic meeting included:

Bill Atkins	Ann Hillman
W. S. "Bill" Baker Jr.	Mitchell M. Hillman
Jack C. Bonnin	Paul L. Hodges
James E. Bruseth	Mr. and Mrs. David Jeane
Samuel C. Crawford	Paula P. Johnson
Hugh K. Curry	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lozano
Les Davis	Marcus Mapp
F. Manning Durham	Rowena Mason
Charles A. Durio	Harry S. Mathews Jr.
Joe Frank	Marion U. Mathews
Sherwood M. Gagliano	Burney B. McClurkan
Jon L. Gibson	Bernard McKenzie
Mary Beth Gibson	Charles E. McKenzie
James R. Goodson	Mrs. Chas McKenzie
Glen S. Greene	Robert W. Newman
Lorraine G. Greene	Jack F. Owens Jr.
H. F. "Pete" Gregory	Billie Jean Poland
William G. Haag	R. R. Reeves Jr.
Mrs. Marion Haigh	Philip G. Rivet
Jo Ann Inez Hanson	Dewey Robinson
Mr. and Mrs. Aubert D. Harris	Thomas M. Ryan
Mrs. Iola R. Hendricks	Mr. and Mrs. J. Logan Sewell

E. D. Shipman

Richard Weinstein

Brent W. Smith

Mrs. Lola Watson White

William Walden

Ms. Marie Ann White

Betty Watson

Deborah Woodiel

Dr. and Mrs. Clarence H. Webb

THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY: ITS AIMS AND PURPOSES

As constituted the LAS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the express purpose of uniting individuals who share a deep and abiding interest in the prehistory, protohistory, and aboriginal history of Louisiana. Its aims are to foster the scientific recovery, analysis, and interpretation of Louisiana's archaeological resources; to initiate and support preservation policies and nonoffensive displays of archaeological materials; to publish and disperse information on Louisiana archaeology; and to encourage a greater public awareness of and interest in the cultural heritage of Louisiana.

The Louisiana Archaeological Society is the singular state-wide organization devoted explicitly to these purposes. It shall in no way dictate to nor encumber in any manner, the functioning of existing local organizations which may affiliate with the LAS as incorporated chapters. Affiliation with the LAS requires that at least 10 members of a local society become and remain members of LAS and that they formally petition the LAS for chapter status. Because of its larger membership, the state society can offer advantages and benefits over and beyond the local society. A top-quality annual bulletin, newsletters and special publications, and an annual meeting with paper presentations are generally beyond the means of a local society with fewer members. The ultimate success of the LAS will, however, be dependent on local support and we must all work together to insure its smooth operation.

The LAS begins during a time of crisis. We have reached a period where man's modification of the landscape has reached alarming proportions. The simple existence of the archaeological resource is in jeopardy. We may be the last to actually say that we collected from or dug an undisturbed Indian site. An enormous responsibility resides with the LAS. Let's accept this responsibility and do the job which must be done.

LAS PUBLICATIONS

With the appointment of Jon Gibson as editor, the LAS is now ready to embark on its publication series. The by-laws provide for the regular publication of a newsletter (probably quarterly, appearing in January, April, July, and October) as well as an annual bulletin to be called Louisiana Archaeology. The newsletter will be devoted to reports on society business and activities, local chapter activities, current research, and announcements and short newsy items.

The Bulletin will be the official journal of the Society. It will attempt to set and maintain high standards of quality and appearance. The editor will consider articles, reports, comments, and book reviews for possible inclusion in the Bulletin. Manuscripts will generally be published in order of acceptance, but the editor may make adjustments to achieve better balance and to expedite publication. Manuscripts should be sent to:

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 Louisiana Archaeological Society
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 University of Southwestern La.
 Lafayette, LA 70501

INFORMATION FOR AUTHORS

To expedite the editorial processing of manuscripts submitted to Louisiana Archaeology, the following guidelines should be observed. Failure to comply with these standards will necessitate the immediate return of the manuscript and cause an unnecessary delay in evaluation.

General. Two copies of a paper should be submitted. Original must be typed one side only of white high quality, bond paper (not easy-erase). A clear carbon copy or xerox copy will suffice for the second copy. Papers should be double-spaced. One-inch margins should be allowed on all sides. Include an abstract of less than 150 words that specifically relates to your paper.

References and Bibliography. Footnotes are not permitted. Citations should be set in parentheses within body of text, e.g. (Author 1974: 10-12). Citations should be placed immediately after reference to the source and should not be collected at the end of a paragraph.

References are listed alphabetically by author and chronologically by year. Following are examples of bibliographic format:

- (article) Long, Austin and Bruce Rippeteau
 1974 Testing Contemporaneity and Averaging
 radiocarbon dates. American Antiquity
 39:205-215
- (Chapter) Binford, Lewis R.
 1972 Contemporary model building: paradigms
 and the current state of Palaeolithic
 research. In Models in Archaeology,
 edited by David L. Clarke, pp. 109-
 166. Methuen, London.
- (book) McGimsey, Charles R. III
 1972 Public Archeology. Seminar Press,
 New York.

When citing unpublished manuscripts or papers presented at meetings, always include date and place where copy of the manuscript is available or where paper was delivered. References to unpublished theses and dissertations must include department and university name and location. No underlining should be used in citations of unpublished materials.

For additional information check current issues of Louisiana Archaeology (or American Antiquity). It is the authors' responsibility to insure bibliographic accuracy and consistency.

Radiocarbon Ages. Give radiocarbon ages in the following forms:

11,950 \pm 180 radiocarbon years: 10,000 B.C. (Z-689), if not previously cited;

1,000 \pm 100 radiocarbon years: A.D. 950 (Jones 1970:14), if previously cited.

Illustrations. All line drawings and photographs are referred to as "Figures" and should be numbered consecutively. Figures should be of high quality and of a size suitable for reduction to effective page size of the bulletin (check current copies for proper dimensions). Space for captions should be allowed for within page size limitations.

Because of cost, photographs should be held to a minimum. Production of illustrations should follow the recommendations of Shiner and Shiner (Bulletin of the Texas Archaeological Society, Vol. 39, pp. 163-166). Black ink, line drawings are encouraged and should be made on high quality paper, tracing vellum, or mounting board. Lettering should be done with LeRoy Lettering equipment or with press-on lettering. Hand lettering should be avoided.

Captions should be concise but telegraphic, typed on a single page, and placed after the bibliography.

All manuscripts will be reviewed within one month after receipt and authors will be notified immediately as to disposition of paper. The editor may call on outside readers to assist in evaluation.

THE LOUISIANA ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY BY-LAWS

As amended and adopted at the reorganizational meeting held in Jonesville, Louisiana, May 25, 1974.

ARTICLE I- MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

Section 1. The six classes of membership in the Society shall pay the following dues: regular, \$10.00, associate, \$2.00, life, \$100.00; sustaining, \$300.00; honorary and fellow. An associate membership is available to a husband or wife, and children of any family, providing said family has at least one regular, life, fellow, or sustaining member. An honorary membership may be awarded by nomination of the executive committee and approval of the Society to an individual, who is not an archaeologist but who has made outstanding contributions to the society and its aims. A fellow membership may be awarded by nomination of the executive committee and approval of the society to an archaeologist who has made outstanding contributions to Louisiana archaeology.

Section 2. Institutions and other organizations may subscribe to the Society's publications upon annual payment of \$10.00. Such institutions and other organizations shall not be considered members of the Society.

Section 3. Regular and Associate members shall pay annual dues at the beginning of each fiscal year. Life and sustaining members pay once and thereafter retain active membership with all attendant rights and privileges for the remainder of their lives.

ARTICLE II- PUBLICATIONS

Section 1. The Society shall publish a newsletter at regular intervals, to be established by the Executive Committee and editor, and an annual bulletin which shall be called "Louisiana Archaeology".

Section 2. Except for associates, all classes of membership and subscribing institutions shall receive all publications of the Society. (Associate members may receive Society publications by payment of the difference between their reduced dues and active member dues.) *delete*

ARTICLE III- OFFICERS, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, EDITOR, AND DUTIES

Section 1. The officers of this non-profit corporation shall consist of a president, a vice-president, who shall also be the president-elect, a corresponding secretary, a recording secretary, and a treasurer.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected by the Society at the annual meeting or by mail ballot.

Section 3. Terms of office for various positions shall be as follows: president, one year; vice-president, or president-elect, one year to immediately advance to presidency upon completion of one year in office, or sooner in case of vacancy; corresponding and recording secretaries, two years; and treasurer, one year.

Section 4. The president shall be the presiding officer of the Society and Chairman of the Executive Committee. He shall appoint members of the Society to special committees as necessary. With the approval of the Executive Committee, he is authorized to sign contracts and agreements in the name of the Society. He shall be responsible for calling elections and with the

executive committee shall nominate the slate of officers to be voted on by the Society. He shall exercise all other duties and responsibilities commonly associated with the office and as are provided by the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 5. The Vice-President, or President-Elect, shall act as advisor on the Society's business, shall serve in place of the president in the latter's absence, shall serve on the Executive Committee, and shall assist in establishing local chapters.

Section 6. The corresponding secretary shall maintain the Central Office of the Society, shall disperse notices of dues and time and place of annual meetings, shall ^{receive and} register all applications for membership in the Society, and shall issue to the membership a yearly report on membership status.

Section 7. The recording secretary shall compile minutes of the annual meeting and Executive Committee meetings, shall mail and receive ballots during elections, and shall tabulate returns, and notify successful candidates, president, and editor of results.

Section 8. The treasurer shall receive and administer the finances of the Society subject to the regulation of the Executive Committee. He shall keep adequate records, shall make annual report to membership, and shall make these records available upon request of the Executive Committee. He shall ~~process all applications for membership in the Society~~ ^{maintain the membership list}, shall maintain a current mailing list for publications, and shall administer the sale and care of bulletin and newsletter surpluses. He shall be authorized to give bond. The treasurer shall sign all checks which shall be countersigned by the president or president-elect.

Section 9. The Executive Committee shall consist of all officers of the Society, one representative from each duly incorporated local chapter, and one representative from each of Native Indian tribes of Louisiana who shall be members of the Society.

Section 10. The Executive Committee shall encourage and assist in the formation of local chapters of the Society; it shall authorize or reject applications of groups to become local chapters and shall have powers of termination in accordance with conditions specified in Article V of the By-Laws; it shall set the time and place of the annual meeting; it shall nominate candidates for office; it shall approve the budget; it shall hear and rule on cases concerning dismissal of members whose conduct is in noncompliance with the Society's code of ethics (Article VII, By-Laws); it shall make interim appointments in the event of vacancies in elective offices, other than that of president; and it shall carry out such other duties and responsibilities as are outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 11. The editor shall be appointed by ^{the} executive committee. Notification of appointment shall be given to ^{the} membership within 30 days. The editor shall have charge of all publications of the Society. He shall receive and solicit manuscripts, notes and news, current research reports, and business reports, and shall dispense this information in the form of an annual bulletin and newsletters. He shall be authorized to enter into agreements with publishing outlets, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee. He may appoint editorial assistants to serve under his direction for the duration of his term in office. An editor should have demonstrated an ability to perform such duties by prior publication and/or acquired editorial experience.

He shall be authorized to effect exchanges of equivalent publications with editors of other societies. The exchanged materials shall become the property of the Society.

ARTICLE IV- ELECTIONS

Section 1. The Executive Committee shall serve as the nominating committee.

Section 2. The nominating committee, after consultation with local chapters and ascertaining the willingness of persons to serve, shall submit a slate of nominees to the Society to be voted on at the annual meeting or by mail ballot, whichever means to be decided by the Executive Committee. In the event of mail balloting, members shall address ballots to recording secretary and place them in mail not more than thirty days from the date they were mailed out by the secretary.

Section 3. The candidate for office who receives the highest number of votes shall be declared elected to that office. In the event of ties, the office-holder will be determined by a coin-flip.

Section 4. Regularly elected officers shall assume their duties on January 1 following their election and shall serve for one year unless otherwise specified herein.

ARTICLE V- LOCAL CHAPTERS

Section 1. Ten or more members of the Society may organize for the purpose of furthering the interests and objects of the Society on a local level and may petition the Executive Committee for the authorization to become a Chapter of the Society.

~~Section 2. Existing organizations with allied interests and objects coincident with the aims of the Society may apply to the Executive Committee for the authorization to become a Chapter, providing that over one half of the members of said organization shall become and remain members of the Louisiana Archaeological Society.~~

Section 3. The purposes of the Chapters and the actions of their members shall be consistent with those of the society as set forth in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Section 4. A charter shall be issued to each authorized Chapter and will remain in effect until terminated by the Executive Committee.

Section 5. A Chapter may be terminated by action of the Executive Committee when a Chapter's membership falls below ten, when it fails to comply with requirements set forth herein, or when a majority of the chapter's memberships requests disassociation.

ARTICLE VI- FINANCES

Section 1. The fiscal year of the Society shall begin January 1.

Section 2. Annual dues become due January 1. Members sixty days in arrears shall not receive the publications of the Society until back dues are paid, at which time they will receive back issues for that year. A member will be dropped from the membership roll if he has not paid dues within one year. A member shall not have the right to vote unless dues are paid for the current year.

Section 3. Income from annual dues, gifts, and sale of publications shall constitute the working capital for operation, publication, and other expenses consistent with the purposes of the Society.

The Society shall respect and abide by all laws, state or Federal, that concern archaeological and historical sites and materials.

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ARTICLE VII- CODE OF ETHICS

Section 1. In addition to the aims and objects of the Society The Society shall adopt a code of ethics befitting its role as the singular state organization dedicated to the preservation, interpretation, dispensing of information of Louisiana's archaeological resources. The society shall adhere to the view that the archaeological resource is not replaceable and once taken from context must be adequately protected, catalogued, and made accessible, when necessary, to further the aims of the Society in particular and for the good of the public in general. The membership of the Society shall be aware that archaeological materials resulted from the activities of once-living groups of human beings and shall observe proper respect and care for these materials, so as not to demean these extinct peoples nor their contemporary descendants.

Section 2. Nonadherence to the views expressed in Section 1 may constitute grounds for dismissal from the Society. Nonadherence to the above principles shall be judged by the following types of activities: the buying and selling of artifacts for commercial purposes; the disregard of proper archaeological field techniques; and the willful destruction or distortion of archaeological data. Such offenses are censured and may cause the expulsion of any member, proven guilty of such charges, on a two-thirds vote of the Executive Committee. Complaints or charges of breach of ethics shall be fully considered by the Executive Committee. Reprimand, probation, or expulsion may be considered.

Section 3. Before a member is expelled from the Society, he shall be given written notice by the corresponding secretary that a complaint has been lodged against him. This letter shall summarize the nature of the complaint, shall quote, in full, the specifications of Article VII of the By-Laws, and shall inform him that dismissal will be forthcoming if the complaint is judged valid. This letter shall further inform the member that he must file a written defense and appeal for a formal hearing with the corresponding secretary within 30 days from the mailing date of the notice. Failure to comply within the specified time will necessitate the final determination of the Executive Committee without benefit of defense. If the accused member does issue appeal within specified limits, the Executive Committee shall set a hearing date and notify the member in writing of the date, time, and place of the hearing. The full Committee may hear the case, or it may appoint special representatives who shall report back to the full committee. Upon completion of the hearing, the committee shall make its final decision within 30 days and shall notify the member in writing of its final action. In the event of expulsion, membership in the Society shall be cancelled and the member's dues considered forfeited. The penalties provided in the Article shall not be exercised ex post facto.

Unauthorized and unlawful digging in or collecting artifacts from archaeological sites where such activities are prohibited, as on state-owned ~~land~~ lands or on private property without permission of landowners.