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## NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 2024 Election and Call for Nominees 2025

Recently, KyOPA held an election to fill the vacancy for President- elect. Mason Niquette was the only name on the ballot, but several write-in votes were received. Mason won the election, and we thank him very much for stepping up and assuming this role.


We are now accepting nominations for FOUR Board positions. We express our appreciation to outgoing Board Members Hank McKelway, Marcie Venter, Michael Loughlin, and Tom Jennings. Jon Endonino remains on the Board. This is a three-year term, and typically begins with our March Annual Business Meeting. Please consider throwing your name into the hat! Only one Board Member per CRM firm company, agency, or university can sit on the Board at a time. If you are interested, email Jared to let him know!

## KAM Poster

This year's Kentucky Archaeology Month (KAM) poster focuses on Adena-Hopewell during the Early-Middle Woodland periods. Our terrific advisory committee consisted of Gwynn Henderson, Darlene Applegate, David Pollack, Eric Schlarb, Don Miller, Bruce Manzano, and Ed Henry. The posters have been printed and are available for Kentucky Archaeology Month activities. Email Anne at [abader@hmbpe.com](mailto:abader@hmbpe.com) if you need copies. We have left copies at the KHC office and will be placing some at OSA as well.


We continue fundraising for the annual KAM poster through the sale of the colorized Kentucky Before Boone posters. This program has been a huge success, and we have had to do a second printing. Thanks to KAS and Corn Island Archaeology (now HMB Professional Engineers) for supporting the reprint.

## JOURNAL OF KENTUCKY ARCHAEOLOGY


 Exciting news on the long defunct on-line Journal of Kentucky Archaeology that was started long ago by Kit Wesler and hosted by Murray State. This journal has been revived. A committee is in place to launch this initiative, and Phil Mink has offered to host the journal through the Office of State Archaeology at UK. The journal will be peer reviewed; we have several reviewers signed up already. If you wish to be a reviewer, please contact Mason or Jared...they will be pleased to hear from you. The next committee meeting is in October. We will send out an email reminder.

One of the main challenges for the journal will be submissions. Everyone is encouraged to consider this journal for publication of short articles or papers. Student papers are very welcome.

## ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

 We are currently accepting nominations for awards. There are categories for Lifetime Achievement in Archaeology, Avocational Archaeology, Special Award in Historic Preservation, and Outstanding Student. There are forms to complete to nominate someone for any of these awards. Since our website cannot be accessed, we have attached the categories and guidelines separately.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

 We also have funds available for small research grants. We are accepting proposals for research grant through January 1, 2025. These are small proposal but are especially suitable for costs such as radiocarbon dates.

With our website being down, you will not likely be able to access the guidelines for submittal of proposals at this time. Therefore, these are attached separately for your information..

## KHC-SHPO MEETINGS

- As some of you may know, the SHPO has been offering regular meetings online. This is an opportunity for folks to get to know each other better, and to discuss issues in Kentucky Archaeology as they come up during the year. Attendance at these meetings usually varies, and you are under no commitment to attend on a regular basis. The Board agreed it was a good thing to have regular communication with SHPO throughout the year. So be on the watch for emails regarding notification of the next meeting. All are welcome to tune in.

## DUES

- Dues are “due” at the end of the year. These are most frequently collected at the KHC annual conference in March, but you can pay your dues any time after January 1, 2025. These can be paid via PayPal to Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists, or by check mailed to Alex Bybee at CRA.

We have over 100 members, and this year, less than 25 have paid their dues. We can do better than this. These dues support our research grants, poster printings, organization fees, LAW, website, and more. We understand that this is more a matter of forgetfulness and procrastination than a reluctance to pay the dues. So please everyone, let’s try harder to increase our percentage of dues payments this coming year.

## RPA AFFILIATE

- Over the course of the past few board meetings, the topic of KyOPA becoming an RPA affiliate has come up. Because no consensus could be reached among the Board Members on this matter, it was decided that this issue will go to the full membership for a vote. Essentially, for a fee of \$100, KyOPA can become an affiliate of RPA. This would allow our members to join SAA for a reduced price. Be on the watch for our next ballot, which will settle this matter for the upcoming future.

## WEBSITE NEWS

- You may have noticed that our website is down more often than it is active. This is unfortunate. It is constantly being suspended and we do not know exactly why. During the recent KyOPA Borad Meeting, a vote was passed to place the website with a new host. We have reached agreement with Jeff Watts-Roy, who originally set up the site and arranged for hosting, to work with us in transferring the site to a new host. This will put the website

entirely in the control of KyOPA and it will be linked to the KyOPA email address. The costs for the new site will be substantially lower as a result of this move. We will be working on this transition over the next month and will advise when the website is active and updated. We sincerely appreciate the years of maintenance and support by Jeff Watts-Roy on the website.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

- We have noticed that postings to our website and especially to our Facebook page have been restricted to one or two individuals. Currently, there are only four people authorized to post on the facebook page. We are looking into how to make changes so that others can post as well. If you cannot post and there is anything you wish to share, we can post it for you. Send it to Anne and we will make sure it is shared.

## CONTACTS

- Jared has been working to update our email listings. Some members have retired or moved away. We no longer have valid email addresses for some. If it comes to your attention (like it did during our last election) that you are not receiving emails from us, please let us know your updated contact. We will try at the next KHC conference to push for all to update their email addresses.

## MISSION STATEMENT

- *The Kentucky Organization of Professional Archaeologists (KyOPA) unifies the state's archaeological community in fostering high quality research in the state; disseminating information about the cultural heritage of Kentucky to professional and lay audiences; advancing professional training and ethics; collaborating, commenting, and consulting on proposed legislation and undertakings impacting Kentucky's cultural resources; and promoting the benefits of archaeology for all people of the Commonwealth.*

