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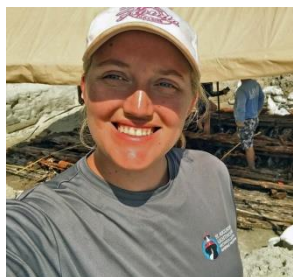
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT



Hello archaeology enthusiasts,

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer celebrating America's 250th, and are making it through the heat unscathed!

We have an abundance of exciting events coming this fall. (See the list of **Upcoming Programs**) We are also planning some outings once the temperatures calm down, including a visit to Fish Island and a special 40th anniversary outing.

Our annual Holiday Party will have a new home this December. This year's party will be held on Wednesday, December 9 from 6-8pm at the Galimore Center. It's indoors, so no more dealing with the elements or tripping over tree roots! Be sure your dues are paid up to date so you are included on the invite list. You won't want to miss it!!

I would like to close with some happy/sad news. Long-time members and Board member Nick and Cynthia McAuliffe are moving to California to be closer to family. While this is wonderful for them and their family, Nick and Cynthia will be so sincerely missed by all of us at SAAA. For me personally, Nick brought me onto the Board, and has mentored me through every step since. We will miss you both!!!

Our regular monthly meetings resume on Tuesday, September 1 at 7pm. I look forward to seeing everyone there! Thank you all for your continued support of SAAA and stay hydrated.

Courtney Krum,
SAAA President



September 1 – Della Scott-Ireton, Ph.D.
University of West Florida

October 6 – City Archaeologist Andrea
White, Ph. D.

*Both of the above are at 7 pm in the Tiffiny
Room at Flagler College*

November 4 – Kathleen Deagan, Ph.D
emeritus, University of Florida
Virginia Room, Flagler College, 7 pm with
reception at 6:30.

December 9 – SAAA Annual Holiday Party
Gallimore Center, Riberia Street, 6-8 pm

SAAA Celebrates 40 Years!

2025-2026 marks the 40th
Anniversary of the St.
Augustine Archaeological
Association.



To help us celebrate, members and friends are invited to a special event this fall. Our November meeting will be moved to WEDNESDAY, November 4 for a special meeting held in the Virginia Room at Flagler College, co-hosted with Flagler College's Lifelong Learning.

In celebration of SAAA's 40th anniversary, prior to the meeting, at 6:30, we will be having a celebration with light appetizers and wine, beer, and soda. We

will also have a very special guest speaker, beloved by all St. Augustine Archaeology fans, and one of the original members of SAAA, Dr. Kathy Deagan. Mark your calendars now for the date and time change.

A Commemorative Newsletter will also come out this fall with photos, stories, and remembrances from long-time members. If you have anything to contribute, contact or send to Linda Chandler at lchandler2448@gmail.com.

September Speaker



Della Scott-Ireton, Ph.D.

University of West Florida

Dr. Scott-Ireton is a certified Scuba instructor and has worked with the Pensacola Shipwreck Survey, West Florida Historic Preservation, Inc., Florida Bureau of Archaeological Research and the government of the Cayman Islands before joining Florida Public Archaeology Network. She currently serves as associate director of FPAN. Her research interests include public interpretation of maritime cultural heritage, both on land and under water, and training and engaging “citizen scientists” in archaeological methods and practices.

Committee Help Needed

As SAAA grows, we are seeking people to serve on a variety of committees to help with the smooth running of the organization. Our current needs are help on the Nominating Committee, Holiday Party Committee, and Field Trip & Activities Committee.

We are also looking for committed members to serve on the Board of Directors. Terms are for one year beginning in January with the option of re-election. Also, we are currently DESPERATELY seeking a webmaster.

Most roles require only a few hours a month and are a good way to get your feet wet without a long-term commitment. If you would like additional information about any roles or positions, just send an email to SAAA President Courtney Krum at staugarch@gmail.com, and she can fill you in and answer any questions.



New Bylaws Are Coming

Last February, a committee began the process of taking a close look at SAAA’s Bylaws, a document that governs the way the organization operates from the duties of the members of the Board of Directors, and support personnel such as committees, how elections and meetings are run, how money and records are handled, and even how people may become members.

Much of what goes into the bylaws is governed by the state of Florida’s regulations for not-for-profit corporations like SAAA. In fact, if it is not stated in the bylaws, the organization legally cannot do that thing, or it must be done the way the State directs, if the state documents include that item.

The last review, besides the couple of changes made in January 2006, had been in 2017, and only a minor change was made then. Some items went back to the original bylaws of 1986, and there were some procedures the organization was currently doing, that were not in the bylaws at all! Thus, the committee found that the bylaws were woefully out of date and in need of a complete overhaul, especially in light of a revised State Statute governing Florida not-for-profits which was to go into effect on July 1.

After meeting eight times over five months and reviewing each bylaw chapter and comparing it to what Robert’s Rules of Order, and the new State Statute #617 said, the committee presented the first five chapters of the revised bylaws to the Board of Directors which approved them with very minor changes. The Board will meet soon to consider the last four chapters.

The last step is approval by the general membership. This fall, members will receive a copy of the current bylaws and a copy of the Board-approved revised bylaws to consider. The membership will then vote to approve these revised bylaws at a future meeting.

The committee was chaired by Linda Chandler, and the members were Bob Maerz, Deborah Karably, and Carl Lindenfeld. SAAA President, Courtney Krum also sat in on several meetings. Feel free to contact any of them, if you have any questions.