

**Cultural Landscape Legacies, Inc.**  
**Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006**  
**Middleton, Wisconsin**

The Cultural Landscape Legacies, Inc. (CLL) Board of Directors met at the Middleton Public Library on January 13, 2006, to conduct a regular quarterly business meeting. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Salzer at 9:30 a.m. Board members present were Salzer, Mark Cupp, Bill Gartner, Aaron Naumann, Richard Cupp, Don Greenwood and David Lowe. Absent were Brigit Brown and Grace Rajnovich. (NOTE: The Secretary's position remains vacant.) Others in attendance included Frank Shadewald, Sherry Caves, Dan Miller and Phyllis Ewing. Salzer recommended CLL members obtain a copy of the book *Fossil Legends of the First Americans* by Adrienne Mayor (Princeton University Press, 2005).

The minutes of the October 14, 2005, board meeting were considered. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Gartner, seconded by R. Cupp. Gartner asked that the words "to set a higher standard" be deleted from the page 2 paragraph regarding National Register nominations. The proposal was accepted by consensus. The motion to approve the minutes with the change proposed by Gartner carried.

The Treasurer's report was presented by Salzer on behalf of Rajnovich. He said there is a discrepancy between the CLL books and the bank statement. The CLL books show a balance of \$4401 while the bank statement shows a balance of \$4638. Salzer said Rajnovich will work on reconciling the difference between the two balances. A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by R. Cupp, seconded by Lowe. Motion carried.

Board membership was discussed. Salzer noted Brigit Brown had been unable to attend the quarterly board meetings. He expressed concern about quorums at board meetings. Salzer suggested Brown be asked to relinquish her position on the board and become an "advisor" to CLL. Gartner emphasized the need to recognize Brown's contribution to the formation of the organization and her counsel and diligence during the 501(c)3 process. M. Cupp said he would attempt to contact Brown. A motion directing M. Cupp to contact Brown was made by Gartner, seconded by Lowe. Motion carried.

The 2006 newsletter was discussed. A February 15<sup>th</sup> deadline for submission of articles was set. Salzer said the hope is to have the newsletter available by the Canoecopia event on March 10-12. Topics for newsletter articles were considered. M. Cupp noted he had received copies of a grant application for funds distributed by the Upper Mississippi Gaming Corporation (Isle of Capri Casino). He said CLL may be eligible for funding for either printing of the newsletter or reprinting of the Effigy Mounds Grand Tour brochure. Ewing said CLL should be eligible and encouraged the group to apply for funds. Gartner said CLL should think "big" when applying for grant funds.

A report on the upcoming Canoecopia event was provided by Naumann. He noted the event will be held on March 10-12 at the Alliant Energy Exposition Center in Madison. Naumann said volunteers are needed to staff the CLL booth throughout the weekend. He said Salzer and M. Cupp are slated to be speakers at the event. The speaker slots are for 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. Set up will begin Friday morning and tear down will commence immediately after the event on Sunday. A sign-up sheet for volunteers will be distributed in February. He said additional information is available at [canoecopeia.com](http://canoecopeia.com).

M. Cupp reported CLL will provide a tour of the Muscoda area mounds for the National Resources Foundation on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He asked for confirmation that CLL again will participate in the Muscoda Morel Mushroom Festival with lectures and mound tours on May 20-21. The consensus was that the Mushroom Festival was a good public relations activity for CLL. An attempt will be made to secure space in the St. John's School rather than the Riverdale bus garage.

M. Cupp then reviewed his proposal for development of a mounds maintenance protocol for state owned lands in the Riverway. He said the plan possibly could be applied to all mounds on DNR managed land around the state. M. Cupp said development of the plan represents a chance for CLL to provide leadership and fulfill its mission to protect and preserve mound sites. Ewing noted the protocols at Effigy Mounds National Monument (EMNM) vary from year to year and from mound to mound. She said removal of woody vegetation is important and said mowing of mounds should be evaluated based on conditions. Ewing noted removal of trees is sometimes necessary to reduce the canopy and allow sunlight to reach the ground so that adequate cover may be established. She said EMNM staff does not use chemical applications except to control invasive species. Ewing strongly encouraged the process to include representatives from the Ho-Chunk Nation. Cupp said he had been in contact with Jay Toth, Ho-Chunk Nation Archeologist, regarding the concept of developing a mounds maintenance protocol. He said Mr. Toth had provided much useful information and offered to participate in the process (either Toth or a designee). Salzer said Cahokia may have developed a protocol that could be of use as well. Lowe said it may be possible to obtain grant funds for mounds maintenance through the Driftless Area Land Conservancy (DALC). Lowe said other grant sources may be the new Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) or a private foundation interested in preserving of big trees. Lowe, Gartner and Ewing offered to work with Cupp, DNR officials, the Ho-Chunk Nation and other interested parties in developing a mounds maintenance protocol. Cupp said the protocol would build on the informal procedures currently being used involving a phased approach to removal of trees and woody vegetation. He said the long term maintenance component is still missing. Salzer suggested Cupp consider giving a paper on the topic at the Midwest Archeological Conference.

Discussion on the Effigy Mounds Grand Tour was deferred until the April board meeting. Naumann noted 1000 brochures will be needed for Canoecopia. Ewing said EMNM needed a new supply.

A report on CLL mound stewardship activities was provided by M. Cupp. He said volunteer work days were conducted at the Dingman, Hamilton and Bloyer groups. Cupp said the Phase I & II work at Dingman, Hamilton and Bloyer is 90-95% complete. Salzer said the work day with the 100 Mormon youth at the Dingman and Bloyer groups went quite well. Cupp said more volunteer work days are anticipate in the coming months and will include the Jonas group.

The National Historic Landmark program was discussed. Miller said he had found the application form on-line and said he would print it out and send it to Salzer.

The status of nominations to the National Register of Historic Places for Riverway mound groups was given by Gartner who reviewed his progress on the nomination for the Shadewald mound group. He reviewed the codified summary, outline and introduction and requested feedback on the information provided. Gartner noted that T.H. Lewis did not survey the site but reported there were 25 mounds in the group (east ridge and west ridge combined). He noted S. Taylor did visit the site in 1843. Gartner asked for comments on the information provided as soon as possible so that he could complete the application.

The concept of CLL providing classes for teacher certifications (continuing education) was reviewed by Gartner. He said Beloit College is developing a program of their own. Gartner said he would explore an opportunity with UW-Richland but needed the name of a contact person from the institution.

The Gottschall Project was discussed. Salzer said the 2006 field inspection was in doubt because of a letter received from Leslie Eisenberg, State Historical Society (SHS) Burial Sites Preservation Officer, which stated the Gottschall Rock Shelter had been catalogued as a burial site. As a result, no further excavation may occur

without a permit from the SHS Director. Salzer then reviewed the history of development of the burial sites preservation law and noted he was a participant in the process. He also reviewed the report recently received from Norman Sauer of Michigan State University regarding analysis of bone fragments from the Gottschall excavations. Salzer quoted from the report including the statement from Sauer that "...the distribution of the remains and nature of the sample do not suggest that Gottschall is a human burial site *per se*." Salzer reviewed the burial sites preservation law and definition of burial site. Salzer said the isolated bone fragments found at Gottschall should not constitute a burial site. Miller said most archeologists likely would agree that Gottschall is not a burial site but said the procedure to obtain the necessary permit should be followed. Salzer noted he had received the letter from Eisenberg only a few days before the meeting and needed to follow-up with a number of folks, including Eisenberg and representatives of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Salzer said he would report the results of his discussions as warranted.

Due to time constraints, a number of agenda items were not discussed. The next board meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup> at a location to be determined.

A motion to adjourn was made by R. Cupp, seconded by Gartner. Motion carried.

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Minutes submitted by Mark E. Cupp  
CLL Vice-President and Acting Secretary