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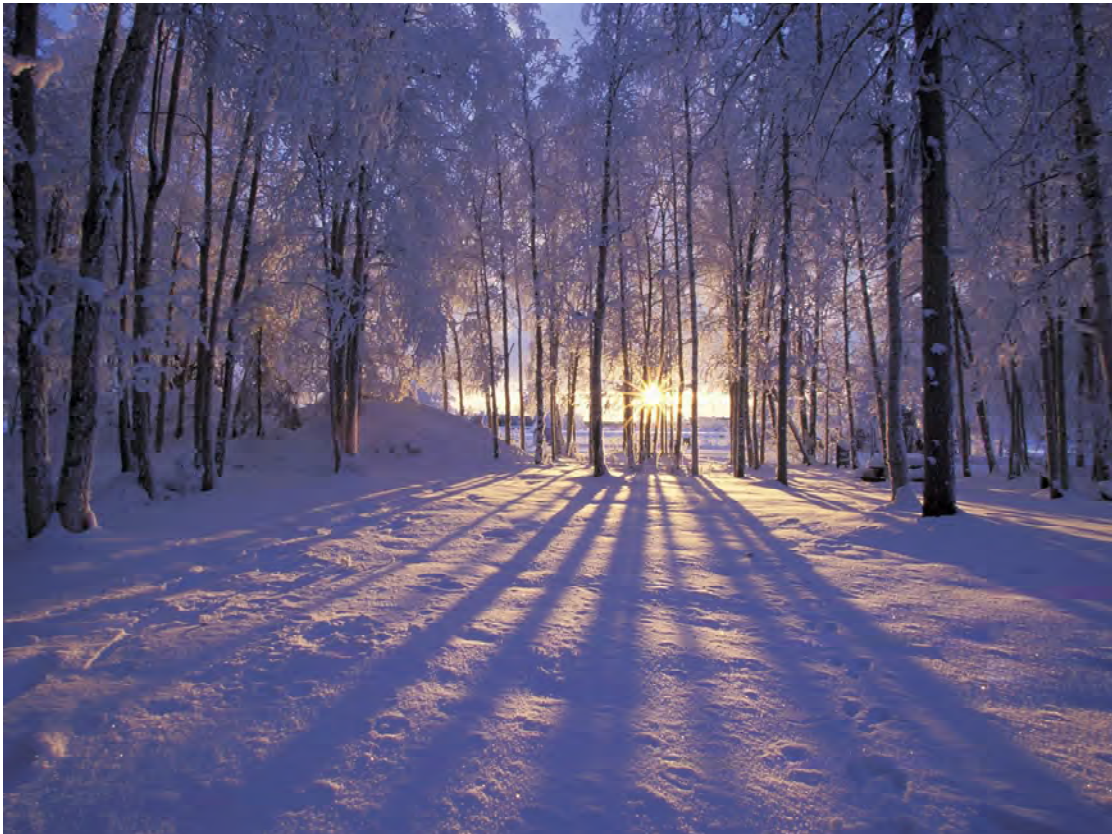


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# PANHANDLE ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

## Minutes of November 18, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Erin Frigo at 7:05 p.m. virtually via ZOOM.

There were 29 persons in attendance.

**PROGRAM:** The program for the evening was given by Jack Farrell. He presented on the history of archery. He said that 99% of all archery material is biodegradable except in the southwest where it is preserved much better. He went over the different bows that were used by the Native Americans prior to the Spanish encounters.

**MINUTES:** Scott motioned for the previous meeting minutes to be approved. Veronica seconded and the minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Andy reported there was \$7,174.03 in the Wells Fargo general fund at the end of October. There was \$200 sent to the TAS as a donation for them to buy a laptop and \$42 for website renewal.

**PUBLICATIONS REPORT:** Andy reported that there was a balance of \$2,327.09 in the regular account. The 180 day CD remained the same with a balance of \$5,331.32 and will mature in February.

**MARKETING:** The Facebook has reached over 200 followers. There are two shirts and six bumper stickers left. If anyone would like to purchase one or the other or both contact Erin Frigo.

**OLD BUSINESS:** It was discussed if the Studer Banquet and the auction should be held virtually or in person. Diedra moved that we hold them virtually. Andy seconded the motion. Scott will talk to the potential speaker to find a time and date that works best for the speaker.

Paul reported that the Concho Valley Archeological Society no longer exists. This takes the Southwest Federation down to four societies. They will host a virtual board meeting with eight members, two from each society to discuss the annual meeting. The annual meeting will likely be held virtually in April. The remaining societies are: Iraan, Midland, Canyonlands and PAS.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The need to make a memorial donation to the TAS in memory of Alvin Lynn to put in a research fund was discussed. Paul motioned that we make a donation that matches what was done for Dick Carter. Andy also mentioned that the Westerners are putting together a scholarship fund in memory of Alvin. Audrey said the information should go in the newsletter. Scott seconded Paul's motion and agreed with Audrey to look at scholarship separately. The motion was passed. There was also discussion about looking into doing a similar donation in memory of Jeff Indeck.

Andy stated that Rolla said he has been doing research into digitizing publications for the PAS and SWFAS and that he would report his findings later.

Veronica asked if we wanted to create programs for the Studer Banquet since it will be held virtually. Scott said he could make them.

Diedra Hood motioned that the meeting adjourn and Scott seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Miranda Bible, Secretary

## **Gault and the Peopling of the Americas**

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### **Abstract**

Early in our lives we were all taught a story about the peopling of the Americas, how people using Clovis technology walked here from Asia. Though the story itself had a number of faults the Gault Archaeological Site and other sites in the Americas are definitively showing that the process we learned about in school could not possibly have happened that way. While there is a lot of work to do to figure out the actual story of the peopling of the Americas we now can show it is not only quite different from what we were taught and much more complex.

### **Biography**

Clark Wernecke is the Project Director for the Prehistory Research Project at the University of Texas at Austin and Executive Director of the Gault School of Archaeological Research, a nonprofit dedicated to research and education regarding the earliest peoples in the Americas. Dr. Wernecke started his academic career with a degree in history from SMU followed by an MBA from Northwestern University, an M.A. in Anthropology from Florida Atlantic, and finally his PhD from the University of Texas at Austin. He came back to archaeology after a career in business and has worked in the Middle East, Mesoamerica, the American Southeast and Southwest, and Texas. Dr. Wernecke's primary specialty is that of archaeological project management but he has also written extensively on architecture and paleoindian art.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

December 19 Studer Banquet, 6:00 pm, held via Zoom

January 20 Regular PAS meeting, 7:00 pm, held via Zoom



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## Payment of Dues and Social Media Resources

For anyone who still hasn't paid their dues yet since we haven't been meeting in person and/or for those who would like to go ahead and pay for next year's dues, please mail your payment (\$15) as a check made out to the Panhandle Archaeological Society at **P.O. Box 814, Amarillo, Texas, 79105.**

Also, for anyone with any social media page, please remember that the Panhandle Archaeological Society currently has the following social media pages:

**Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/PanhandleArchaeologicalSociety>

**Instagram:** [https://www.instagram.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc/](https://www.instagram.com/pan_arch_soc/)

**Twitter:** [https://twitter.com/pan\\_arch\\_soc](https://twitter.com/pan_arch_soc)

Please help our society grow by liking, following, and sharing the pages and the posts!

After this month, we'll have made it through 2020! Here's hoping for a better year next year! Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all!