

LUAS Meeting, November 8, 2006  
Minutes

President Michael Williams called the meeting to order at 7:00 P. M. Chuck Hixson then introduced speaker Ned Woodall, who summarized 30 years of research in the Winston-Salem area of North Carolina, known as the Great Bend Project after the configuration of the Yadkin River along which the study was based. Differential burial practices have provided a window into the interactions of socially stratified Mississippian cultures within the Appalachian Mountains with the more egalitarian Woodland cultures in lower elevations to the east between AD 1200 and AD 1500. It appears deteriorating environmental conditions brought on by the Little Ice Age at around the end of this period forced the Mississippian peoples to consider a wider range of subsistence options, including closer ties with the lowland Woodland folk.

Following Ned's talk, the time and date of the Holiday gathering was decided. On December 9 Pat Hatten will open the Center as usual at 2:00 P. M., the party will begin at 4:00 and last until around 7:00 P. M. Tina Prikryl followed with the Treasurer's report. Shirts and hats have been selling, and we still need to decide how to honor Fred Breckwoldt with the memorial fund. It was decided that LUAS needs their own receipt book for tracking sales.

Secretary Andy Malof asked for input about the newsletter and website. Some members did not receive their newsletters, and packaging may be part of the problem.

Chuck Hixson announced the field trip to Cedar Point. There is no field trip scheduled for December (but see the update on the website [www.texasluas.org](http://www.texasluas.org)), and lab may be held in lieu of field trips during some of the colder months. Michael mentioned the possibility of a rock art seminar, possibly combined with a membership drive.

Doris Howard announced potential upcoming speakers Dan Potter, Brett Cruse, and Debra Beene. The concept of inviting students to speak was discussed.

An ad hoc bylaw review committee was decided upon, and January elections were announced, along with a call for nominations.

Pat Hatten is now the official mail box checker.

In other business, funding to support a carbon date on the Lake Travis skeleton recovered in August was approved. Results should be back in four to six months. Ned Woodall announced that the Llano Historical Museum is trying to develop a prehistoric display and that materials and support were needed.

Dan Prikryl addressed membership issues and suggested making personal phone calls to past and present LUAS members reminding them of the Holiday party. Additional discussions included adding the membership form to the newsletter, the cost of newsletter mailings, and a tabled suggestion to raise membership fees. Publicity suggestions included getting the word out to local papers. These are all open-ended suggestions that will receive ongoing attention.

The meeting was adjourned somewhere around 9:00 P. M.