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THE NEXT PANYC MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR:

Wednesday 19 November 1980, 7:30 P.M.

CUNY Graduate Center, Room 1126

33 West 42nd Street

Material for inclusion in the PANYC Newsletter should be sent to Joel I. Klein,
 Envirosphere Company, 2 World Trade Center, New York, N.Y. 10048

Minutes of PANyc Membership Meeting, 608 Schermerhorn, Columbia U, 9/24/80

Solecki called the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

The 5-21-80 minutes were accepted with a spelling correction added.

Treasurer Bankoff report \$101.00 in the PANyc treasury with \$30.24 in outstanding receipts.

Solecki mentioned the responses received to letters sent by PANyc to various city agencies and officials.

Solecki met with Ms. Joan Kaplan, New York City Dept. of Ports and Terminals. Her dept. has records dating to 1830 available for scholarly research. In return Ms. Kaplan asks for minimal help in filing the records.

A request from Dr. Florence Jackson, New York City Board of Education, for archaeological information about New York City suitable for distribution to school children elicited discussion at the meeting. Marshall found out that the New York State Museum and Science Service in Albany only publishes a brief pamphlet about the Iroquois Indians. It was noted that PANyc may wish to prepare an appropriate handout.

Solecki reported three visits to the Bartow mansion during which he met with president of the Garden Club and with local employees. At his urging, they put up signs stating "No Excavation Without Permission". Solecki suggested that they cut down underbrush so that patrolling police could view the site area.

Solecki also met with Mrs. Kazimirof and viewed her late husband's collection consisting of over 200,000 prehistoric artifacts and many 17th century bottles. Mrs. Kazimirof mentioned that her husband kept field notes but did not show them to Solecki. Receptive to allowing qualified students study the collection at her home, Mrs. Kazimirof asked Solecki for help in finding a foundation to care for her husband's collection, perhaps as the basis for a new museum with her son as curator. She eliminated the Bronx Historical Society as a possible recipient of the collection. During the PANyc meeting Klein mentioned the Heye Foundation as a possible recipient and Solecki mentioned the Nassau County Museum as another. Ceci suggested that a PANyc member should evaluate the collection before urging an institution to take the material.

It was suggested that PANyc send another letter to Senator Moynihan thanking him for his response to our previous telegram and requesting further support for the National Heritage Policy Act 1980 due to come before the U.S. Senate soon. Salwen urged PANyc members to also write their Congressmen and Senators to support this legislation.

The membership suggested that we send the Columbia Press Release announcing PANyc as a new organization to the SAA Notes editor and to the AAA Newsletter editor.

Discussion of a proposed public meeting sponsored by PANYC evoked several ideas for possible programs including a program aimed at younger children. Members agreed that the public program should indoctrinate people against digging unnecessarily. Bankoff, Claremon, and Marshall volunteered as the Program Committee.

On behalf of PANYC, Solecki officially welcomed Dr. Sherene Baugher-Perlin, of New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. Baugher-Perlin briefly outlined her initial plans for amassing a data bank and developing predictive models for archaeological cultural resources in N. Y. City.

The Research and Planning Committee, which had not met since the summer, invited Baugher-Perlin to the next meeting.

Lipson and Baugher-Perlin informed the membership about an article published in the Staten Island Advance which glorified local pothunting activities. The Action Committee will respond with a letter to the newspaper's editor.

Klein solicited news items for the next issue of the PANYC Newsletter. The membership unanimously congratulated Klein for the interesting and informative first issue.

The Action Committee reported on several current problems. On May 27, Geismar and Solecki attended a Landmarks Preservation Commission hearing concerning the proposed development of the South Street Seaport area at which they interjected the need for archaeological consideration into the public record. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation held a public hearing in June 1980, during which time the Rouse Corp., the Mayor's Economic Development Corp., and the South Street Seaport Museum representatives claimed that "they will take care of the archaeology". They subsequently sought help in conducting background research. Salwen, who reviewed their proposed "scope of work", expressed concern to PANYC over several weaknesses: no clearly defined work areas; denial of need for additional background research; and provisions of three weeks for reconnaissance and possible salvage of cultural resources. Salwen planned to meet soon with representatives of the parties planning the development.

Geismar reported that she had not yet received response to her letter sent to Park Commissioner Gordon Davis on May 23.

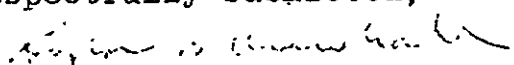
Rose Solecki volunteered to work on the Action Committee until January.

Klein announced that he and Cantwell would send a draft of proposed PANYC bylaws to the Executive Board for consideration and then to the general membership.

PANYC will meet again on Nov. 19 at the CUNY Grad Center, Rm. 1126.

Solecki adjourned the meeting at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


Sydne B. Marshall
PANYC secretary

PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS OF NEW YORK CITY

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October 10, 1980

Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan
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Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Moynihan,

Thank you for the text you sent of your statement made before the Subcommittee on Appropriations, United States House of Representatives on May 14, 1980 opposing the then proposed cuts in the Historic Preservation Fund administered by the Department of the Interior. We wish to again enlist your support of preservation efforts in the private and public sectors.

We urge you to support the National Heritage Policy Act of 1980 to insure a strong preservation program in our country. In its present form this landmark bill expressly outlines a program in the Department of the Interior with State and local responsibilities. As we're sure you know, it states regulations for nominations and eligibility determinations of properties to the National Register and provides for the curation of recovered artifacts. It also specifies the responsibilities of the State Historic Preservation Officer and State historic preservation programs. Since this legislation reactivates a preexisting program it does not require additional money appropriations.

We thank you for your continued work to keep historic preservation an effective program.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph Solecki
President, Professional
Archaeologists of New York City

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* PUBLICATIONS BY AND ABOUT PANYC MEMBERS

* Solecki, Ralph S. and Dwight B. Demeritt, Jr.

An American Revolutionary War Relic from Brooklyn, New York, in Journal of Field Archaeology 7:269-278 (1980)

A Hessian cap plate dating from the American Revolutionary War, and one of three known such surviving relics of the War for Independence was recovered during the fall of 1978 in the course of archaeological investigations of a sewer cut near the East River in Fulton Street, Brooklyn, New York. From the insignia on the plate, which is of brass, we know that it was carried by one of three Hessian regiments. Documented records trace the path of these regiments from Europe to Staten Island to their commitment to action resulting in the defeat of the American forces in the battle of Brooklyn over 200 years ago.

* Schreiber, Norman

Street-Smart Archaeology--Digging Under Our Cities, in Science Digest, June 1980

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* OUT-OF-PRINT USGS MAPS MADE AVAILABLE

A set of topographic maps published by the US Geological Survey from 1884-1977 is now available on a series of 35 mm black-and-white microfilm rolls. The reduction image ratio is 20 times, making it compatible with 35 mm roll-film readers found in most libraries. The file is alphabetical by State and by quadrangle name within States. The New York State set of maps is on 10 rolls (about 5200 maps). The set does not include maps that are centered in the surrounding States but overlap New York (Pennsylvania 8 rolls, New Jersey 3 rolls, Connecticut 3 rolls, Vermont 2 rolls, Massachusetts 6 rolls). Two types of microfilm may be ordered-- a silver emulsion, preferred by most librarians for archival quality (\$20 per roll), or diazo, which is recommended for its ease of use and durability (\$10 per roll). Partial rolls are the same price as full rolls.

Black and white copies of out-of-print maps on a paper base at nearly true scale are also available. The price for these copies is \$3 each, with two to three weeks required to fill an order. Prepayment is required. For more information contact.

National Cartographic Information Center
US Geological Survey
507 National Center
Reston, Virginia 22092
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If you are interested in applying for membership in PANYC complete the attached form and mail it to H. Arthur Bankoff, Dept. of Anthropology, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York 11210

PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS OF NEW YORK CITY

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____

ADDRESS (Business) _____

Telephone _____

(Home) _____

Telephone _____

Are you a member of the New York Archaeological Council? _____

Are you a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists? _____

Briefly state your interest in New York City archaeology and/or reasons for wanting to become a member of PANYC:

ATTACH A CURRENT COPY OF YOUR VITA OR RESUME