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View From The Chair

Welcome to the 20th NSCG Newsletter and the second Newsletter edited by Editor Vicki Noble.

Recent committee news is that Gabriela MacKinnon has volunteered to be Secretary. We thank Louise Cant who has had to relinquish the job due to extra responsibilities at Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery.

We have plenty of news on the Merger front. We (David Carter, Howard Mendel, Nick Gordon and Steve Thompson of BCG and myself, Kate Andrew, Simon Moore and Donna Young for NSCG) have just completed our third meeting successfully and there are bullet pointed notes from the first meeting published below. Our new name will be the 'Natural Sciences Collections Association (NatSCA)'.

I read with interest David Leigh's 'from the Director' article in *Conservation News* 80:2 who mentions NSCG's interest in merging with non-conservators (ie BCG). As with the Society of Archivists who have non-conservator members, he sees such hybrid memberships as a "challenge to our (NCCR's) ingenuity" with the implication that this need not be an insurmountable problem in relation to plans to draw the separate conservation bodies into one new association. I would envisage and hope that accredited and non-accredited natural science conservators will continue to have an influence and will officially represent our new association (NatSCA) within this proposed new NCCR group.

I cannot help but look towards the Society for the Protection of Natural History Collections in North America as a model for our future Association in which even (beyond our present remit) ethnography and archaeology have voices! I note in Rob Huxley's Presidential Report in the *SPNHC Newsletter* 16(2):15, that he mentions the possibility of co-hosting their future UK meeting with BCG and GCG but that he fails to mention NSCG as being similarly involved, a minor point as we will hopefully be NatSCA with BCG by then. He does mention having closer ties with 'The Natural Sciences Collections Alliance', which is a small North American group of museum and collections managers, but this does not preclude us using our new NatSCA name. We look forward to working with (but not being assimilated by) SPNHC in the future.

Look out for information on next year's AGM which will probably take place in Manchester, possibly Monday 7th – Tuesday 8th April 2003.

Paul A. Brown, 17th September 2002

2002 AGM at the Castle Museum, Norwich

12.15 pm, Tuesday April 16th, 2002

Meeting concluded at 1.20 pm.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Amanda Sutherland, Louise Cant, Donna Young and Julian Carter.

2. Consideration for the Agenda

Item 13 was interchanged with Item 16.

3. Minutes of last AGM

Minutes of the 2001 AGM had been distributed and read. They were duly signed as being correct record of the proceedings. Proposed by Adrian Doyle, and seconded by Bill Curtis.

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not already on the Agenda.

5. Chairs report

(included in last issue)

6. Secretary's report

Since Louise Cant unfortunately could not be present, the report was given by Paul Brown.

Attendance log of members 2001-2002 6 committee meetings during the year

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6.iii.02				
15.iv.02				
Kate Andrew (1999)	x	x	x	x
Paul A Brown (2001)		x	x	x
Louise Cant (2001)	x	x	x	x
Susan Cooke (2000)		x	x	x