St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery, Baltimore City

The mission of the St. Vincent Cemetery Restoration Group of Baltimore Maryland (on Yahoo Groups http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StVincentCemeteryRestorationGroupBaltimoreMD/) is “to restore dignity to the final resting place of our ancestors.” Currently there are 44 members of the group. Many of the members are not residents of Baltimore City but have relations buried there.

In the few short months that the group has been active much has been done. Members of the group donated $1,250 to St. Vincent de Paul Church for clean up of the cemetery. The Church matched the funds and the overgrowth was removed in early September. Two articles have appeared in The Sun about the cemetery [summaries are found below]. Local members have located a plot map, burial records at the Maryland State Archives, and many articles and documents about the
cemetery. The members are piecing together a history from the documents and articles that have been collected thus far. On October 2, 2010, several members of the group went to the site along with our own President, Melvin Mason and representatives from Friends of Clifton Park to clean trash, free up some stones that had been gobbled up by trees, survey and inventory the stones that remain on site, and arrange the stones on the west side of the site.

There is still more work to be done such as stabilizing the soil and creating a fund to pay for long-term maintenance. Many of the stones have been removed and mausoleums dismantled. The group is hoping to place a marker on site "to recognize the largely forgotten resting ground" [Jacques Kelly].

We will continue to monitor the progress of this group. The group has used the power of the Internet to bring people together with similar interests and have accomplished quite a bit in such a short period of time. With continued media exposure their membership will continue to grow considering how many potential descendants and family members are out there with a cemetery containing 2,000+ burials.

One active member and co-moderator of the group appeared at our Board Meeting in August. After the meeting Ms. Town sent the following message to President Mason. [E-mail reprinted here with permission from Ms. Town.]

“Dear Melvin,
Thank you for the opportunity for me to speak with your group yesterday about the sorry state of St. Vincent Cemetery, the final resting place of 2,000 people including my great grandparents Michael & Annie Burke. I am not a public speaker, but I have passion for my cause.

I really appreciate the kind understanding and advice extended by members of your group on steps we should take to restore dignity to St. Vincent Cemetery. The St. Vincent Cemetery Group needs all the help it can get, and we appreciate all the advice we can get to head in the right direction to accomplish our mission.

My main goal for attending your meeting yesterday was to vent our story and get advice from you on direction. Each cemetery situation is unique, and requires a different action plan. As you can see we are still working out kinks in our newly found organization to address the unique situation of St. Vincent Cemetery.

I am taking to heart the advice you offered yesterday. It is eye opening. Thank you again for your kindness and attention to the situation at St. Vincent Cemetery.

Sincerely,
Stephanie Arthur Town”

The following articles are summarized only in part. The reporter interviewed many of the descendants and their thoughts, hopes, and concerns were quoted in the articles. I have included the URLs so that you have the opportunity to read about the individuals instrumental in bringing this cemetery back from obscurity.

Baltimore Sun
Hallowed Ground Descendants organize to get maintenance for long-unused, unmarked cemetery in Northeast Baltimore's Clifton Park
July 18, 2010, page A1, column 1
[Online article titled, “Descendants want unmarked cemetery to be maintained They've formed online group for St. Vincent's Cemetery in Clifton Park”]
By Jacques Kelly
The descendants of the 2,000+ Baltimoreans buried in St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery are using Internet message boards to join forces to bring recognition to the burial ground that has experienced criminal, financial, and maintenance issues for the past 65 years.

The cemetery was officially closed in the early 1980s in part at the suggestion of the Baltimore City Health Department and grave markers were destroyed. According to Fr. Lawrence of St. Vincent's, there was never a perpetual care fund for the cemetery and it was unwalled and unguarded and subject to grave tampering. Over the years many of
the stones were removed and placed along access roads and people were even allowed to take the stones away according to one of the descendants.

One member of the group has been searching for the names of those buried in St. Vincent's Cemetery for over 30 years. She has been able to locate burials records for 843 people.

Baltimore Sun
30 years of weeds and underbrush cleared away at St. Vincent DePaul burial ground
Neglected cemetery gets $2,500 cleanup
September 12, 2010, page A2, column 1


by Jacques Kelly

When the crew arrived at St. Vincent Cemetery the site was so overgrown they had trouble locating it. Once the cemetery was located the crew began their task. After several weeks of hacking at overgrowth, a crew of six workers have tamed 30 years of neglect in the cemetery. Nearly five tons of debris, tall grass, and trees were removed. The five tons of debris included railroad ties, construction lumber, and household debris.

What was left were gravestones in many positions but upright, but not all the gravestones that were originally in this cemetery are there. In the 1950s and 1960s the church ordered the mausoleums dismantled and the bodies to be reinterred. Many of the headstones were removed and placed in groups around the grounds. [As previously reported many of the stones were removed and placed along access roads in Clifton Park or were taken by people allowed to take the stones away.]

The stones that survived contain the names of many old Baltimore families: Patrick Sinnott, Dr. Henry Gross, Sara McGuigan and the DiPaolo, Sabitino, and Provenza families.

Editors' Corner
We don't know where the time has gone but it is already mid-October. There is one very bright star this quarter and that is St. Vincent's Cemetery Preservation Group. An article about the cemetery and the group that was formed earlier this year can be found beginning on the front page. You will be amazed at what this group has accomplished thus far. Did we mention that the group was formed online? If you skipped the article don't forget to go back and read it.

We would like to thank Amanda Becker, Melvin Mason, and Kristin Kraske for contributing to this issue.

Diane and Jeff Nesmeyer

President's Message
What is the Coalition? That question has been running through my mind a lot lately. Fundamentally, the point and purpose has gradually changed over the last few years. What once was a group of like minded citizens banded together to help each other out with their burial site rescues has morphed into a group of like minded citizens helping others in need of assistance with their burial site rescue.

Rescue is a term that I have come to use lately in place of restoration or conservation or repairs. The Coalition through the Outreach Committee has been very active in helping groups towards their goals of rescuing their vanishing burial sites.

How has the Committee done this you ask? Through the efforts of the Outreach Handbook and a lot of hands on field work.

Over the summer and into the fall, various members of the Outreach Committee have promoted the Handbook to various groups seeking assistance in their projects. Some of the hands on projects include those groups that have received assistance from Robert Mosko in restoration activities; genealogical groups that have received assistance from the Nesmeyers; public appearances by Amanda Becker and her sister Frances Becker who is a non-member but nonetheless always willing to step in and help out, Robert Mosko, Brenda McNeal and the Kraske family. Recently, the Masons and Nesmeyers have assisted in the St Vincent Restoration Group's effort to restore some dignity and order to...
the much neglected and oft abused parish cemetery (which is now indistinguishable from the surrounding golf course save a few random piles of markers). Candy Warden and James Lanier have put in a tremendous amount of work on the Rosa Bonheur Cemetery and the hard work is evident in the appearance of the cemetery. Both Paul Miller and Melvin Mason have spent hours looking for and finding the C. White family burial ground in Ellicott City, another example of a burial site in need of rescue.

The common thread is the activism and amount of time and labor that it takes to just assist groups in their projects. The Coalition is limited in its ability to offer much more than guidance and logistical support.

We are actively participating in the rescue of these and many other sites. I see that the new direction the Coalition is taking is proving to be not only successful but greatly appreciated. So what is the Coalition? We are a group of like minded citizens banded together to actively help each other and the community in their burial site rescues.

I think that is a pretty good and accurate summation.

Melvin Mason

Board Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2010

Miller Library, Ellicott City, Maryland

In Attendance:

OFFICERS: President Melvin Mason, Vice-President Jeff Nesmeyer, Secretary VACANT, Treasurer Kristin Kraske

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: Gerhardt Kraske, Paul Miller, Robert Mosko

BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXCUSED: James Lanier, Thomas Mason, Brenda McNeal, Candy Warden and Sandra Wright


The Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc. August 1, 2010 meeting was called to order by President Mason at 1:15 pm. A quorum was noted.

Guest speaker, Stephanie Town, told of the Friends of St. Vincent’s Cemetery Preservation Group. Mrs. Town requested ideas to aid in the help of this cemetery. Two thousand people are buried there. The cemetery is now in the middle of a golf course, owned by Baltimore City, in Clifton Park. Her great-grandparents are buried there. In the 1960’s the cemetery was vandalized. St. Vincent de Paul Church is in charge of the cemetery with the Archdiocese of Baltimore being the leader over the church. In the 1960’s initiation rites were held by vandals who dug up the graves to then sleep in the pits that were left. They attacked the night watchmen who would no longer work there after that. In 1978 the Archdiocese of Baltimore had the stones removed to various parts of the cemetery where they remain in piles today. Mrs. Town shared with the Coalition photos and newspaper articles of the St. Vincent’s Cemetery.

The goals of the Friends of St. Vincent’s Cemetery Preservation Group are as follows: to have the cemetery cleaned up by a landscaper, have the cemetery lawn cut two or three times a year, to create a landscape design, and have one memorial for those buried there. A labyrinth was also suggested by the St. Vincent group.

On July 19, 2010 The Baltimore Sun published an article about the cemetery, the Friend’s Group has formed a yahoo group for relatives and interested parties to contact the group, and a list of one thousand four hundred persons buried there has been completed. Six hundred more names need to be discovered. A landscaper has offered his services for $2,500 with the Pastor of the church willing to match half if the Friend’s Group can raise $1,250. Members of the Friend’s Group have already donated $500 to the Church for the landscaper.

President Mason, Vice-President Nesmeyer, Barbara and Gary Kraske gave advice on how the Friend’s group should proceed: forming non-profit corporation and applying for a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status (which would then allow the group to receive grants); define more of a long-range plan; and open a bank account.
SECRETARY’S REPORT - Corrections were made by Director Kristin Kraske who stated that on page 11 her name should be changed from Krista to Kristin and on page 12 she did not state that she would investigate the Western Maryland area for potential Annual Meeting sites. Also on page 11 Boarding Meeting Minutes should be changed to Board Meeting Minutes. Gerhardt Kraske and Paul Miller made first and second motions to have the Secretary’s minutes accepted with changes made. All were in favor and the motion passed.

TREASURER’S REPORT - Treasurer Kraske shared the three page report. Bank balance as of May 21, 2010 was $8,950.07 with net income and expenses thru August 1, 2010 being $319.69 and $35.76. Bank balance as of August 1 and cash in hand was $9,234.00 and $130.00 respectively. The total estimated worth as of August 1 along with the $1,176.79 Susquehanna Bank CD is $10,540.79.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT – Director and Membership Chair Ms. Kraske shared that we have seventy-nine members with five new members this quarter and fifteen new members this year.

COALITION COURIER REPORT - Vice-President Nesmeyer reported that the deadline for the next Courier is September 15, 2010.

WEB PAGE REPORT – Vice-President Nesmeyer reported that Diane Nesmeyer has updated the pages on the web that involved the newsletter, Periwinkle awards, Board and Board Archives, events and Annual Meeting.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – No report

ARCHIVES REPORT – Planning on reorganizing the archives.

ANNUAL MEETING REPORT- President Mason stated that we have to decide on a place to hold the 20th Annual Meeting by the next quarterly meeting. Gary Kraske, Leonard Becraft and Director Robert Mosko are looking into Rocky Gap, Ellicott City, Thurmont and Cecil County, Maryland sites.

PERIWINKLE REPORTS – Two potential nominations are being considered.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – No report

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE – Thoughts given by Ms. Becker on a Maryland cemetery scavenger hunt and a bingo night.

LEGISLATION COMMITTEE – Brenda McNeal attended the Advisory Committee for the OCO meeting. They will not have a meeting in August and in September it may be scheduled at a new location – new Medical Examiner’s facility. The budget was discussed – they are funded by registration fees for the sixty-five cemeteries they monitor. A guest who assisted with Haiti and Cologne disaster areas shared how they recovered documents during the aftermath.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE – No report

CPMBS BROCHURE – No report

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE – No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Chesapeake Life Magazine spoke with Ms. Becker and they are writing an article.

Memorial Day and Decoration Day were discussed. Anne Arundel County Genealogical Society has scheduled another transcription day for September 11.

A criterion needs to be established for Periwinkle nominations.

Update display board as part of the Outreach Committee’s duties.

Obtain a photo frame for use with presentations that the Coalition attends.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery Preservation and Restoration Seminar on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24 at Frying Pan Park Meeting House Cemetery with Robert Mosko, Mosko Cemetery Monument Services, and Aimee Wells, archaeologist, the speakers. http://www.honorfairfxcemeteries.org

Archives Chair Ms. Becker is planning two days to work on the Archives in the office, August 15, and August 20. Binders have been preliminary procured. Please contact her if you would like to help.

Article on Aspen Hill Pet Cemetery shared.
The newest item in the Ravens Roost Gift Shop is the Recording Cemetery Tote Bag Kite. This is available for $15.00.

The OUTREACH COMMITTEE gave out the draft of the Cemetery Preservation Handbook that they have been working on for over two years. Part Two of it will be regarding stone resetting. Part Two will be worked on in the future.

Next meeting: October 17 or October 24 at 1:00pm
Next Outreach meeting: to be determined
Annual Meeting: April 16, 2011

The meeting was adjourned at three o’clock with motions made by Directors Kraske and Paul Miller.

Respectively submitted,
Amanda Becker,
Secretary Pro Tem

Outreach
Olde Princess Anne Days
October 9th and 10th

On Friday, October 8th, Robert and Jorden Mosko, Amanda, Frances and John Becker went on a trip to Somerset County, MD for Olde Princess Anne Days. A day before leaving for this event Robert’s eight-foot bed truck was ill and had to go into the car shop. Since it had not recuperated on time a six-foot bed rental truck had to be used. This is all the rental company had.

Jorden (age 14) was to be the helper for all and John was attending the two-day house tours in Princess Anne. Mosko Cemetery Monument Services (Robert), Edgehill Papers (handmade paper demonstration by Amanda) and the Coalition (Frances) packed their wares in the tiny truck. Sadly, items had to be left behind and everyone had to take each of some of their products off the truck. Tensions were rising. Three stops to pick up these items were made and down the road we rode.

The truck was filled to capacity, the three in the backseat were complaining about no room and traffic was steady. On Route 50 about an hour and a half into the trip, Robert thought he heard some-thing fall off the truck. Jorden turned around and said, “that blue thing is gone”. It was the Coalition’s display tri-board. The truck was turned around and as all five people scanned the other side for the missing piece it was found on the other side in the middle of the two lane Route 50. Cars were swerving around it at a high rate of speed. As we pulled over to retrieve it we were five feet away from the, “Welcome to Trappe”, sign. Robert risked his life to run and grab the mangled tri-board. It survived the fall, but not the cars. We believe it was lifted up by the wind and tossed aside, but it was so wedged into everything we still do not understand how this could have happened.

Down the road feeling blue we arrived at the hotel where we found they had every room filled and couldn’t find our reservation for the second room. Forty-five minutes later a room mysteriously was found for us.

On to the Teackle Mansion where we would set up our items. It was getting dark by then, but, and we were greeted by the Teackle Mansion kitty that supervised us. (A bright spot in our trip.) He walked around our canopies and tables numerous times when we were setting them up.

On Saturday we were at our stations and had many people come by and buy our wares, see our demonstrations – papermaking and gravestone restoration. There was a broom maker, book signings, a cider press, crafters, and a bread bake table as well as the house tours of the beautiful Teackle Mansion and homes in the community. Olde Princess Anne Days benefits the conservation of the Teackle Mansion. Fellow member Richard Crumbacker visited us on Saturday and as he is a writer for the local newspaper wrote a terrific article about our booths.

It was quieter on Sunday, but we did encourage an Eastern Shore attendee who was having a bad time with a cemetery problem. This will be a future topic to discuss.

Frances sold over one hundred dollars worth of items and as the tri-board sat in its beat up blue cover, we finally peaked in to see the damage. The photos look like they have survived, but the metal on the edges of the board has not. Although we arrived home tired we feel like we accomplished
much and were happy. Unfortunately we cannot say that about our poor tri-board.

Amanda Becker

Destin Mosko and Evan Mosko

Thank you to....

A thank you to Brenda McNeal for donating the gravestone rubbing demonstration kits to the Coalition. These kits share with the public how to properly create a gravestone rubbing. Thank you to Lora Lake who has designed and implemented a professional looking package for our new RIP cookie tiles. ($7.00 at the gift shop!) These packages have a description of what the Coalition is on the back of each cellophane bag. A big thank you goes to Destin (age 8), Evan (age 10) and Jorden (age 14) Mosko for helping at Hands on History Day, Olde Princess Anne Days, and by helping to inventory at the office. They were happy helpers who cheerfully assisted with whatever was asked of them. Thank you as well goes to Frances Becker who manned the gift shop booth at Olde Princess Anne Days and spoke about the Coalition as well. Maybe soon she will become a member! Richard Crumbacker, writer for Crisfield Times, wrote a fabulous article on the Coalition for Olde Princess Anne Days. Thank you, Richard! Please remind the Courier staff if there is anyone we have forgotten to thank. Please share your time when you can to help the Coalition.

Amanda Becker

Hands on History Day

It was a hot and humid day when Brenda McNeal, Destin Mosko, Evan Mosko, and Amanda Becker helped out at the Hands on History Day at the Howard County Fairgrounds. Brenda gave grave-
The program started in Crownsville in 2008 and has expanded to a state-run cemetery in Prince George’s County and Baltimore County. Recently, a delegation from London visited to investigate how the British government can better address the needs of their incarcerated veterans.

Summarized by,
Diane Nesmeyer

**Baltimore County**
The Dundalk Eagle
Late resident's son has cemetery complaints
by Sara Blumberg
August 11, 2010
Keith Johnson's mother is buried in Holly Hill Memorial Gardens in Essex and carries a cemetery cleaning kit so he can clean her grave every time he visits.

As he walked through the cemetery Mr. Johnson pointed out the destruction he said is caused by the maintenance crew. Most of the damage is done by mowing and other lawn care. The general manager of the cemetery says the markers are designed to allow the mowers to move over them without damage.

According to Mr. Johnson over the course of 15 years he has had to repair or replace damage to his mother's and nephew's markers including faded lettering and vases that were broken by the mowers and he wants the cemetery to pay for the damage.

He complained to the Office of Cemetery Oversight. They were not able to resolve the issue to Mr. Johnson's satisfaction. In the end Mr. Johnson contacted the corporation that owns the cemetery who agreed to work with him to make repairs.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

**Montgomery County**
The Gazette
September 15, 2010
Bethesda, Rockville sites eye preservation
Three groups hope to save historic treasures
by Alex Ruoff
[I am only summarizing the information pertaining to Higgins Family Cemetery.]

Higgins Family Cemetery on Arundel Avenue is being considered for inclusion in Montgomery County's Master Plan for Historic Preservation. The county Planning Board has approved the site and now the county council approval is necessary before the cemetery can become an historic site.

Knowles Little, part of the Board of Directors for the Higgins Cemetery Historic Preservation Association, Inc. welcomes the cost-savings and preservation efforts the Historic Preservation Commission represents.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

**Prince Georges County**
The Washington Post
Prince George’s school board transfers cemeteries to church
By Zoe Tillman, the Gazette
Page 16, August 5, 2010
The deed to St. Simon’s cemetery in Upper Marlboro has been turned over to St. Thomas’ Parish for
safekeeping. The transfer by the Prince Georges’ school board also included the deed to Claggett Cemetery in Croom. St. Simon’s Cemetery was established in the early 1900s as the burial site for members of St. Simon’s Mission. The Claggett Cemetery was established in 1816 as the burial site for Thomas John Claggett, the first bishop of the Episcopal Church in the United States. [Note that Claggett is no longer buried at the site.]

In 1970 the land for both cemeteries was taken over by the PG County Board of Education for possible future locations of schools. The board never used either site and the cemeteries were neglected and fell into disrepair.

The historian for St. Thomas’ Parish was instrumental in the transfer. Parish members had organized cleanup days and studied the cemetery for clues into the area’s black residents. Now the church will officially oversee the care and maintenance of the cemeteries. Franklin Robinson, Jr., the parish historian told the reporter that, “Historic cemeteries are ‘such an encapsulation of local history,’ noting that gravestones often show who lived in the area and when, what they did for a living, and, based on the type of grave marker, how wealthy they were.”

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

**Wicomico County**

Vandals remove headstones from cemetery

Associated Press

August 26, 2010

Fruitland, MD

Vandals took ten headstones from an unidentified cemetery and laid them side by side on Riverside Drive in Fruitland. Police found the headstones as well as sculptures from the fence around the cemetery about 2:35 a.m. Anyone with information is requested to contact the Sheriff’s Office at 410-548-4890.

Summarized by Diane Nesmeyer

**Howard County**

C. White Cemetery in Ellicott City.

The Coalition was contacted by Dennis Miller, a Land Surveyor. He came across a cemetery while

surveying for Howard County. The site is located near the restored Colored School House (8683 Frederick Road) at Rogers Avenue and Old Frederick Rd.

Melvin Mason and Paul Miller spent considerable time trying to locate the site. Melvin was finally successful on October 9th and took a number of pictures. Several of those pictures follow and more can be found at http://www.flickr.com/photos/melvis/sets/72157625159740196/:

Mr. Miller ended his e-mail, “Someone should take a look at this parcel, it is in bad shape and needs some care. Thanks for listening.”

Diane Nesmeyer
Upcoming Cemetery Events

Green Mount Cemetery Walking Tours
The next set of walking tours through historic Green Mount Cemetery will take place on Saturday, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 2011. - $ - Opened in 1839 as the city's first urban-rural cemetery, Green Mount is the final resting place of Johns Hopkins, Enoch Pratt, William and Henry Walters, Mary Elizabeth Garrett, Theodore McKeldin, John Wilkes Booth, Betsy Patterson, Walter Lord, and other famous Marylanders. Tours begin at 9:30 a.m. from the main gate located at Greenmount Avenue and East Oliver Street, and are led by Baltimore historian Wayne R. Schaumburg. Reservations are required. For information, call 410-256-2180.

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Association for Gravestone Studies
The 34th Annual Conference and Meeting for the AGS will be held at Colby College in Waterville, Maine on June 14-19, 2011. More information will be posted in the coming months at http://www.gravestonestudies.org/conferences.htm.

Jeff and I have not been able to attend a conference is several years but highly recommend the conference to anyone with an interest in cemeteries, no matter what your interest involves. There is something scheduled for everyone. Here is a link to the activities that were scheduled for the 2010 conference that was held in Granville, OH: http://www.gravestonestudies.org/2010conference.htm

Here are pictures from the 2009 conference held in Schenectady, New York
http://www.graveaddiction.com/~agsphoto/beth2009/ and

Diane Nesmeyer
The Coalition Courier is published quarterly by the Coalition to Protect Maryland Burial Sites, Inc., P. O. Box 1533, Ellicott City, Maryland 21041, (410) 772-8602. Members of the Coalition receive the Courier as part of their membership which runs from June 1 through May 31st of each year. Individual memberships are $10.00, household memberships are $15, student memberships (grade 12 and under) are $5, and organizational memberships are $20.00 per year. Dues should be mailed to the Membership Chairperson at the address listed above.

The President, Board of Directors, and the Courier editors encourage all members to submit articles to the Courier. They further invite members to write to the Courier with questions or comments about any topic that pertains to burial sites. The topics can include preservation, protection, restoration and maintenance, historical and cultural significance, and documentation. They are also looking for questions or comments you may have about the Coalition. The questions, answers, and comments will be printed in future editions of the Courier. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your Coalition and to have questions answered that you may have regarding burial sites.

All articles, questions, items of interest may be sent directly to the Coalition at the address listed above or e-mailed to the editors at their address listed below.

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Coalition’s Objectives

The Coalition, through its members in each county, hope to reach out to all areas of the state to:

Facilitate the exchange of information among individuals and organizations concerned about the protection of Maryland burial sites.

Increase public awareness of the historic and cultural significance of burial sites and the serious threats to them.

Draft and gain passage of new laws to more effectively deal with criminal acts against burial sites and to establish effective and uniform procedures for the protection and preservation of burial sites regardless of their age, cultural affiliation or condition.

Organize support for stronger laws in Maryland to protect burial sites—Native American burials as well as traditional cemeteries.

Raise funds for statewide public education programs, focused on burial site protection, and to provide information and guidance to any government agency, group, organization or individual interested in preserving human burial sites.

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Board Meetings

Board meetings are held quarterly and scheduled by the President. Meetings are first posted on the Coalition’s Web Site and announced in the issue of the Courier published just prior to the meeting.

The Annual Meeting is held during the board meeting in April of each year. Election of new officers and Board members takes place as well as presentation of the annual reports, adoption of the budget for the coming year, and presentation of the Periwinkle Awards.

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