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The relative youth of historical archaeology and its significant distinctions from the fields of pre-historic and classical archaeology places a clear-cut responsibility upon organizations dedicated to the promoting of professionalism within the discipline to emphasize ethical and technical procedures among their members.

The Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology proclaims its ethical standards as a regular part of this publication, and in this issue seeks to articulate technical standards as well. The Spring Symposium held at Bear Mountain State Park, New York, stressed the practical aspects of historical archaeology. Particular emphasis was placed upon the relationship between the archaeologist and the public, both in personal encounter and through various kinds of media.

With such a topic, it would seem inevitable that the leadership of The Council be strongly represented within this issue, and a glance at the Table of Contents reveals that this is indeed the case, with by-lines reading like the Executive Board listing. It is a credit to the organization that its administrative leadership is qualified and prepared to set the pace in the practical aspects of the field.

This, the second issue, also marks a significant step forward— an increase in size from 32 to 48 pages, an interim stage which will eventually lead to a standard 64 page journal. Readers are most cordially invited to submit manuscripts (a style guide will be sent upon request) particularly dealing with studies of artifacts that are related to Northeast sites. Of course, letters of comment and criticism are always welcome.

Committee on Publications, Duties. The Committee on Publications shall review and make recommendations on matters of publications policy and program, shall supervise specific publications projects authorized by the Council, and shall provide for the effective distribution of any published materials in accordance with the directives of the Council. —Constitution of The Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology, Article VI, Section 3.