



## Planning Starts for NIKU V

Earlier this year the TIGHAR Board of Directors authorized the establishment of an Earhart Project Advisory Council (EPAC for short) made up of selected scientists, scholars, professionals, and expedition veterans whose knowledge, skills, and expertise are particularly needed in evaluating the evidence and data collected to date and in planning the next expedition. A charter group of about 30 experts in a wide range of disciplines has been recruited. Most are long-standing TIGHAR members and all are donating their time and expertise.

Next month, through a generous grant from Select GIS Service, Inc., EPAC

will convene a three day conference at the Oberod Conference Center in Centreville, Delaware to begin planning the NIKU V Expedition, now scheduled to take place in the summer of 2004. We'll report the results of that meeting in the August issue of *TIGHAR Tracks*.

*Originally built in 1937 as a private country estate, Oberod is now operated as a conference center by the Episcopal Diocese of Wilmington, Delaware.*

