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The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order by President Larry Evans on March 26, 2011 in Otero Junior College in La Junta, CO. Chapters represented were: Denver, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, and Rock Art.

MINUTES: The minutes of the January, 2011 quarterly board meeting were unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY: A rafting trip on the San Juan River in June with Sally Cole has been organized. The trip will be a fund raising event for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund.

TREASURER: Current assets are \$41,755.56 and liabilities are \$3,000.00. The financial audit of the 2010 State CAS records has not yet been completed.

MEMBERSHIP: There are 969 chapter members and 695 chapter memberships. Unaffiliated members are 67 and unaffiliated memberships are 60. Thirty-eight institutional subscriptions are current.

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP: Nine applications were received. A total of \$3,450 has been awarded to nine students. The 2011 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Jessica Hedgepeth, Doctoral Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$500

Cody Newton, Doctoral Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$600

Jacob Sedig, Doctoral Candidate,

University of Colorado, Boulder - \$600

Lauren Brooks, Masters Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$250

Andrew Carroll, Masters Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$300

Catherine Johns, Masters Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$375

David Williams, Masters Candidate,
University of Colorado, Boulder - \$375

Jones LeFae, Undergraduate,
University of Colorado, Colorado Springs - \$250

Ian Anderson, Undergraduate,
Western State College, Gunnison - \$200

PAAC: The 2011 PAAC Summer Training Survey will be at Antelope Gulch on June 21-28. Interested volunteers should contact Kevin Black by May 13. The Colorado Historical Society has a new web site [www.historycolorado.org]. The new home page for PAAC is [www.historycolorado.org/oahp/program-avocational-archaeological-certification-paac]. Questionnaires for the autumn PAAC course preferences will be sent to local PAAC coordinators. Questionnaires should be returned to Kevin Black by May 23. The PAAC schedule for the next two schedules will be reduced. It is planned to have two PAAC courses on the Front Range (one each in Boulder-Denver-Fort Collins and Colorado Springs-Pueblo areas), and two on the western slope (one each in Cortez-Durango-Montrose and Craig-Glenwood Springs-Grand Junction areas).

PUBLICATIONS / SOUTHWESTERN LORE: Work is in progress on the Spring, 2011 SWL issue. *Continued on page 4*



CAS QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING

Next CAS Board Meeting, July 23, will be held at the **Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores**. On Saturday night, there will be a Pot Luck BBQ at the home of Tom and Terri Hoff (RSVP to tthoff@hotmail.com). Sunday's field trip will be to Hisatsinom Chapter's dig at the Greenlee site, west of Pleasantview.

NEW WEB SITES:

Colorado Historical Society
www.historycolorado.org

PAAC
www.historycolorado.org/oahp/program-avocational-archaeological-certification-paac

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SCIENTIFIC (SURVEY, TESTING, EXCAVATION, LAB):

Denver – Curation of artifacts found in excavation of Blackfoot Cave site continues at the Douglas County repository in Castle Rock. The chapter should finish all the curation by the time field season starts. They are submitting a proposal, Blackfoot Cave: A Window to Resource Utilization on the High Plains, for a State Historical Fund grant to pay for the scientific testing of the materials from Blackfoot Cave site and develop an assortment of interpretative materials for Douglas County. Artifacts collected from a discard pile created by a previous owner at W. Bijou were cataloged by students from Metro State and chapter volunteer. The artifacts were composed of ceramic sherds, ground stone, and an assortment of flake tools, bifaces, cores and debitage. There was a total of almost 8000 pieces. Dr. Jon Kent and Neil Hauser are writing a synopsis and assessment of findings at W. Bijou. This document will also discuss the way ahead and will act as a basis for future research proposals for archaeological work at W. Bijou. Field season will start in May. This is planned to be the last field season excavating at Blackfoot Cave site. The field season at W. Bijou is still uncertain but at a minimum some additional survey will take place and the site formation areas recorded last year will be recorded again for comparison.

Hisatsinom - Greenlee Site has been re-opened. Mitchell Springs analysis is ongoing.

Pueblo – The Hudson Ranch survey has begun for the year. No new sites have been found.

PUBLICATIONS REPORT:

Denver – Most chapters of the Swallow Site Report are done or in revision, and the extensive bibliography is in the process of being put in electronic format.

CROSS – ORGANIZATIONAL INTERACTIONS:

Colorado Rock Art – The chapter continues to work with Dr. Jason LaBelle at CSU for archiving donated publica-

tions and photo materials.

Denver – Bob Rushforth, Past President and Board member, gave a talk on a Passport in Time topic: Aviation Archaeology to the Denver Mining Club. This is a study of historical interest of aviation in the State of Colorado and elsewhere. He gave the same talk to a group of physically disabled residents from Pion Management long term care facilities in Lakewood

PUBLIC EDUCATION / OUTREACH:

Hisatsinom – Co-sponsorship of the Anasazi Heritage Center Lecture Series – specifically Anna Sofner for May Preservation Month, on Chaco Roads.

Pikes Peak – Pat Williams gave an Anasazi pottery presentation to docents of the Colorado Springs Pioneers Museum in early March. She also attended Native American Day at Taylor Elementary where she demonstrated and provided hands on training in corn grinding to 60 third graders. Preparations are being made for a display case at the Colorado Springs Briargate Library for the month of April.

OTHER:

Colorado Rock Art – Organization of the annual meeting and symposium is going well. This year's event will be held at the La Quinta in Fort Collins. Almost 2000 photographic slides donated by Paul and Joy Foster were scanned and digitized for our Archives at CSU.

Pikes Peak – The chapter 2011 photo contest silent auction raised \$145. At least one chapter member has volunteered to help in Tom Sholes Anti-Vandalism program with the Boy Scouts. Chapter members visited the CU Boulder Museum of Natural History and had the privilege of having their tour conducted by the new state archaeologist, Dr. Richard Wilshusen.

Vermillion – Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc. of Montrose, Colorado has completed its report for the Sand Wash Project. Matt Landt presented the report March 2nd to Vermillion Chapter and the Little Snake River BLM. We are currently awaiting the second and final installment from the State Historical Fund for payment of the contract.

SAVE THE DATE

2011 CAS Annual Meeting
Boulder, CO
Oct. 15-16, 2011

REQUEST FOR PHOTOGRAPHS OF NATIONAL AND STATE HISTORIC REGISTRY SITES:

Heather Peterson (OAHP) is updating photographs of National and State Register sites. CAS members are requested to submit photographs of these sites to Heather Peterson. A list of sites is on the OAHP website.

CAS President's Corner

Finally, winter is coming to an end, and spring is in the air; although, this spring has been windy and cold here in Bennett.

CAS had a very good quarterly meeting in LaJunta in conjunction with the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists annual meeting. Our sincere thanks to CCPA for coordinating and arranging for CAS to have very nice meeting facilities and for arranging for box lunches for the Alice Hamilton Committee while they met to decide who would get scholarships this year. Again, "Thank You" to CCPA for the invitation to join them and their assistance and support.

CAS continues to be presented with challenges as well as opportunities. Tom Scholes, our education chairman, has developed a very good program on rock art and archaeology etiquette and manners, or "How to act around archaeological resources". He has received less than enthusiastic support from the various CAS chapters who have been represented at the quarterly meetings. Tom and I are both willing and wanting to go out to the chapters and present the program for their use as a public education outreach tool. Please let us know when we can present the program to you.

A second challenge is to raise monies for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund. In past years, one of the major fund raising activities has been to raffle an item which has been donated to CAS for that purpose. We have had quilts, pots, jewelry and paintings as well as other significant items. This year we do not yet have an item to raffle and time is starting to get away from us. If you have or know of an item which could be the object of the annual raffle, please contact Phil Williams of the Pike's Peak Chapter, Terri Hoff of the Hisatsinom Chapter or me.

A third challenge is the Southwestern Lore. We have worked through the issues of getting the journal published in a timely manner and we are back on schedule. The problem now is articles to publish in the journal. This journal has been published continuously for 76 years, and is one of the most respected regional archaeological journals in the country. Judi Halasi, the editor tells me she has only enough articles for one more issue. If you have an article you would like to see in the journal or know of someone with articles to publish please let Judi know. You do not have to be a professional archaeologist to write a worthy article.

CAS would like to welcome Dr. Rich Wilshusen. He has a long history of involvement in Colorado and has now accepted the position of State Archaeologist, replacing Dr. Susan Collins. Dr. Wilshusen gave a very interesting presentation to CAS at the quarterly board meeting and I had the opportunity to hear his presentation to the Denver Chapter of CAS in April. He has some interesting challenges coming up as well and CAS looks forward to working with him to further archaeology in the state of Colorado.

The Indian Peaks Chapter continues to make plans for the upcoming annual meeting. Reserve the weekend of October 14 – 16, 2011, and plan to come to Boulder, CO to attend the CAS annual meeting. There will be specific details coming out soon as they get them worked out. The folks in Boulder are putting together a fine event which will be a credit to CAS and the Indian Peaks Chapter.

Larry Evans, President

CAS OUTREACH PROGRAM

"Boy Scouts are no longer welcome here." Those words from a Canyonlands NP staffer sent CAS Educational Chairman, Tom Scholes, a long-term scoutmaster himself, scampering for more information. After hearing concerns from various BLM personnel and having a former Navajo National Monument ranger tell him, "When we heard scout troops were coming, we would tremble!" Tom realized that scout-related vandalism was not an isolated occurrence. This was all he needed to make scouting units the target of his first community outreach educational video.

"I doubt if scout-related vandalism is intentional," Tom stated, "Chances are it's a combination of youthful zest and a lack of education in the *ethics* of visiting sites. But it's not the kids we need to approach; it's the adults who are leading boys into back-country locations." Fortunately, leaders are easy to address. Within the BSA Councils serving Colorado, there are 28 scouting districts. Each month districts conduct Roundtables to specifically impart a variety of information to leaders, and Roundtable Chairmen are usually seeking scout-related, educational programs.

The new CAS program, *Preserving Cultural Heritage*, was created by scouts themselves as an Eagle Scout project. It consists of an opening and closing video, with flute background, and a Power-Point slide section covering a wide range of vandalism

topics. To assist the presenter, each slide contains copy outlining that specific topic. A laptop, preferably with external speakers, and a digital projector will be required; these may actually be available at the Roundtable.

In addition to combating vandalism, the program gives the presenter a platform to promote historic preservation, introduce the existence of local archaeology chapters, and expound briefly on the values of membership. In addition, scout leaders can be prompted to encourage their boys to pursue Archaeology Merit Badge. One method to make CAS chapters even more appealing is to offer chapter assistance as Archaeology Merit Badge counselors.

So with one, single, easy-to-present program, your chapter can attack potential vandalism, bring about a greater awareness of archaeology and historic preservation, and may even attract new and younger members into the organization. This is an excellent opportunity for chapters throughout the state to be involved in a meaningful community outreach program that can benefit not only the recipients of the program, but those of us devoted to archaeology and historic preservation. *Preserving Cultural Heritage* obviously has applications with groups other than the BSA.

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It will contain Basketmaker papers from the Pecos Conference from two years ago. The Summer, 2011 issue is ready. It was suggested the Spring/Summer issues be switched. Kevin Black suggested splitting the Basketmaker issue into two issues. Additional articles are needed for SWL.

PUBLICATIONS / COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGY: An article from Jim Benedict has been received on the geology of the Spotted Pony Site.

The next issue of Colorado Archaeology may be devoted to Jim Benedict and include articles from the 2011 CCPA meeting.

PUBLICATIONS / SURVEYOR NEWSLETTER: The Winter issue was out on time.

PUBLICATIONS / WEBSITE: Work on the SWL index is in progress.

ADVISORY BOARD: Six chapters (Denver, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Pueblo, San Juan Basin, and Vermillion) submitted reports on first quarter archaeological activities. The reports will be combined into a final report, sent to the State Archaeologist, and also published in the Surveyor. A copy also will be attached to the final minutes.

AWARDS: CAS members are requested to submit nominations for the 2011 Ivor Hagar and CT Hurst awards. Currently, no nominations have been received. Each chapter should submit nominations (2 maximum) for Chapter awards. Nominations should be sent to Jason LaBelle.

EDUCATION/COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Tom Sholes reported the presentation was ready for voice-over. Tom will send a CD to archaeological locations for showing to Boy Scouts when they show up at an archaeological site. Each CAS chapter is requested to have archaeology merit badge councilors. Additional volunteers are needed for the Education committee.

LONG RANGE PLANNING: Denver Chapter is investigating the use of Face Book. Jack will report at the July meeting.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST: Distance learning is being investigated for two PAAC courses on an experimental basis. He will try to visit all CAS chapters in the next two years. Chapters should notify the Colorado Historical Society of events for May (Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month) to be included in the website announcement.

ANTI-VANDALISM TASK FORCE: The Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month poster is ready. Copies were distributed to each CAS chapter at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Raft Trip - The raft trip with Sally Cole will be held on June 7-9. Twenty-five people have signed up with 14 on the wait list.

July CAS Board Meeting - The Third Quarter CAS Board Meeting will be held on July 23 at the Anasazi Heritage Center in Dolores. On Saturday night, there will be a Pot Luck at the home of Tom and Terri Hoff (RSVP to Tom). On Sunday, there will be a field trip to the Greenlee site (2 pueblos), west of Pleasantview.

2011 Annual Meeting - The 2011 Annual Meeting will be held in Boulder on October 15. A call for papers is ready to go out. Meeting will be held at the "Spice of Life", which is located off the Boulder Golf Course. Cost is \$50 for meeting and food. There is a minimum of 75 people.

Alice Hamilton Raffle Item - An item is needed for the Alice Hamilton raffle. Perceived value should be \$600-700.

NEW BUSINESS: CAS Representative to Colorado Historical Society Board - Bob Mutaw's term expires this year. He is willing to continue in the position for another term. Motion to nominate Bob Mutaw for another term was unanimously approved.

National and State Register Site Photographs - Heather Peterson (OAHF) is updating photographs of national and State Register sites. CAS members are requested to submit photographs of these sites to Heather Peterson. A list of sites is on the OAHF website.

Respectfully submitted by

Linda Seyfert, Advisory Board Chair

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To schedule an introductory program at your chapter meeting, contact Tom at cas-outreach@comcast.net. Presentation of the program will require 30-45 minutes. To focus this meeting on vandalism, the chapter is encouraged to invite a lead-off speaker who would address some facet of the vandalism problem prior to presenting the outreach presentation. In addition to copies of the video/Power-Point program, your chapter will also receive a copy of the Archaeology Merit badge book, a listing of BSA

Roundtable Chairmen in your geographical region, and written suggestions on presentation of the program.

To attain statewide goals of expanding awareness of the importance of archaeology and historic preservation, enhancing membership, and combating vandalism, community outreach needs to become a significant factor within our organization. Each chapter is urged to take this opportunity to make community outreach an ongoing activity.

Respectfully submitted

By Tom Scholes, Outreach Committee Chair

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The 2011 Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$3,450 this spring to a field of nine Scholars consisting of two undergraduate students, four Masters Candidates and three PhD Candidates.

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers around Colorado. The Scholars were from four institutions across the state, and projects involved research from Paleo-Indian through Historic periods.

The Scholarship requirement is that students be enrolled with at least half-time load at a Colorado institution of higher education in archaeology or related field. Awards are made on the quality of the application and worthiness of the project as it pertains to the enrichment of the field of archaeology, with an emphasis on Colorado, Southwestern or Rocky Mountain archaeology.

The Scholarship fund monies are generated by donation and through fund-raising activities at the State and local Chapter levels. \$750 is the maximum award allowed to any one student.

The 2011 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Jessica Hedgepeth, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$500

For dissertation fieldwork: Investigation into settlement patterns and human-environment interaction in the lower Rio Verde Valley, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Cody Newton, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$600

For dissertation laboratory analysis: Obsidian sourcing and macro-botanical analysis from proto-historical sites in southwest Wyoming/northwest Colorado.

Jacob Sedig, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$600

For dissertation fieldwork: Preliminary investigation of the Woodrow Ruin, a rare un-looted Mimbres site near Cliff, New Mexico.

Lauren Brooks, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$250

Thesis field and laboratory work at the on-going excavation of the extensive site of Villa Maxentius in Italy.

Andrew Carroll, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$300

Thesis laboratory work at Poggio Civitate in Italy. To create a comprehensive catalog of roof-tile markings from the Archaic period.

Catherine Johns, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Denver \$375

For thesis labwork: For ceramic design analysis in a poorly understood area between well-studied Central Mexico and the US Southwest. The collections involved are non-exportable, and are under a deadline for return (and likely destruction) to the loaning museum.

David Williams, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$375

For thesis laboratory expenses: For the first systematic study of obsidian sourcing in the Lower Rio Verde Valley, Oaxaca Mexico.

Jones LeFae, Undergraduate, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs \$250

For Field School in Belize. LeFae attended the UCCS Field School locally last year, and wants to work in Belize in preparation for graduate study in Meso-American archaeology.

Ian Anderson, Undergraduate, Western State College, Gunnison \$200

For tuition at Western State College.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all students who applied, and to the thirteen educators and other professionals who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants. It is very interesting and rewarding for the committee members to read and rank the applications. The decisions were, as always, quite difficult. Scholars are encouraged to apply in subsequent years, if they still meet the eligibility requirements.

C.A.S. requires that the Scholars submit a short written summary on how the monies were used. They are also strongly encouraged to present their research findings or a progress report at the C.A.S. annual meeting, or at a local Chapter monthly meeting or newsletter, as appropriate. Completed papers may also be submitted for publication in C.A.S.' respected quarterly journal, Southwestern Lore. This dissemination of our funded research results is of significant benefit to the C.A.S. membership, to the individual Scholar and to the profession.

This report is being sent to all Scholars, their references, C.A.S. Chapters and to various Colorado public and educational entities as a press release. C.A.S. members who are interested in reading applications may contact the Committee via email, phone or mail.

Respectfully submitted,

*Philip C. Williams
Chair, C.A.S. Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund Committee*

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**The CAS web-
site is back!**

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Check it out!