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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holidays and spent some time relaxing with family and friends.

A few items were raised and discussed at the January quarterly board meeting that I want to share with you.

First, we are continuing to explore online membership options for our members, allowing you to renew your membership online with a credit card instead of filling out a paper form and sending in a check. I've spoken with Craig Banister who has been spearheading the effort to move to online membership; he has indicated to me that his plate is full and would like someone else to lead this effort. I have asked board members to provide their thoughts on online membership, and we hope to have a productive discussion at the next quarterly meeting with some options on how best to move ahead on this. I'd like to get your input on this initiative; I want to put together a committee to research our options – let me know if you are interested in being on the committee.

Second, no matter how you voted in the November election, I think it's fair to say that many individuals and organizations involved in archaeology are concerned about the potential threats to federal and state legislation and policies regarding protection of our cultural resources. The CAS board talked briefly about these concerns at the January Board meeting. Many members believe that we should be advocating for/against important legislation related to various archaeological initiatives, while others think we should remain quiet. I believe this goes to how we view CAS – do we see it as a “club” in which like-minded individuals get together, socialize, go on field trips and have fun. Or are we a more serious business organization, working toward protecting and preserving our cultural resources. I personally think we're somewhere in between. We're more than a club – we have a purpose spelled out in our mission statement: we are “committed to the stewardship of archaeological resources in Colorado. We achieve this through public education, research, conservation, and enhanced opportunities for responsible participation in archaeology for interested individuals and organizations.”

Even though the word “advocacy” is not in our mission statement, I believe our mission statement directs us to engage in the protection of archaeological/cultural resources, and one way to accomplish this is to engage in advocacy. I've received several requests from various organizations and individuals (CCPA, SAA, URARA) to join them in supporting various legislative initiatives related to cultural resource preservation. Dr. Holly Norton, our state archaeologist, recently asked us to contact our U.S. Senators and Representatives and ask them to support the re-authorization of the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF). I know many of you did so, as individuals, and I truly appreciate your willingness to do so; re-authorization of the HPF was passed by both houses of Congress and signed by President Obama last December. While we can continue to support such efforts as individuals, should we also consider supporting them as an organization? I see this primarily as sending letters of support for various initiatives as an organization, but it would not involve financial support or any type of lobbying activity. Please let me and your CAS reps know what you think.

Finally, I want to let everyone know that Patricia Lacey, a member of the Hisatsinom chapter, has graciously agreed to be our Recording Secretary for 2017 and the CAS Executive Board has appointed her to that position, per the motion that was passed at the October 7, 2016 board meeting, allowing the Executive Board to appoint a Recording Secretary.

Karen Kinnear



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order by President Karen Kinnear on January 14, 2017, at 12:30 p.m. at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO. Roll call was taken, with a quorum present. Chapters represented in person or by phone were: Chipeta, Colorado Rock Art, Denver, Grand Junction, Hisatsinom, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, and San Juan Basin.

Board members in attendance in person: Karen Kinnear, Bob Rushforth, Preston Niesen, Jack Warner, Terry Murphy, Linda Seyfert, Dave Melanson, Nick Ard, Teresa Weedon, Larry Hansen, Dennis Schiferl

Board members in attendance by phone: Tom Hoff, Larry Keller, Janice Sheftel, Tish Varney, Doug Van Etten

Executive Secretary Report

By Tom Hoff

I have filed our 2017 Corporate Periodic Report with Colorado Secretary of State. We are, as always, financially viable and in full compliance with State Corporate Guidelines.

To refresh memories, at the 2013 Annual Meeting the Board approved the use of State CAS as the Applicant Organization on the grant application that Dave Dove was submitting to History Colorado's State Historical Fund. The grant was awarded for the project "San Juan Redware Sourcing and Exchange" in the amount of \$6987 with a cash match of \$2299 to be paid by Dave. Unfortunately, due to a fumbled spinal fusion surgery, Dave has spent the last three years recovering from that surgery and was for the most part unable to move forward on the project. In recent months he has begun working on the research and I recently received a check for \$2759.00 as advancement on the Grant. I serve as the primary contact point between CAS and the State Historical Fund as well as the Grant Administrator. State will hold and disburse all grant covered funds.

As a byproduct of this project, the four Field schools offered this year by Dave will include a session: Survey in SE Utah/Redware sourcing, May 1-3, and, Ceramic Analysis, September 15-17, which will consist of basic analysis of pottery from Mitchell Springs and Champaign Spring. If you are interested more information will soon be available at: www.fourcornersresearch.com

Science Advisory Committee Report

By David Melanson

During this last quarter, the Committee focused on promoting and supporting CAS participation in archaeological research and cultural resource preservation projects. We spent most of this time developing a new Science Advisory Report template that reflects this focus. Our work and report now feature six areas of interest to CAS and OAHP-archaeological survey, excavation, laboratory processing and analysis, experimental archaeology, site stewardship, and curation. OAHP will use data collected in our report to support their operations including CAS activities such as PAAC classes. CAS will use the reported data to support internal and external collaborations and for finding new research and preservation opportunities for interested CAS members. The content of the report was developed in consultation with OAHP and is now undergoing review and refinement by the Committee membership and CAS Chapters. The report venue has also changed. Chapter input is now provided online using Google Forms. Each Chapter's form will be a living document that can be updated throughout the year. The report is currently being finalized by the Committee and is expected to launch in the first quarter of 2017 before the April Quarterly Board Meeting.

The Committee's two other projects, a research and preservation forum and the digital curation of photogrammetric images, are still in early planning stages and will see more development in the coming quarter after the new Science Advisory Report launch.

Any CAS member interested in joining the Science Advisory Committee and participating in its work can contact me at davemelanson@mac.com.

Quarterly PAAC Report

by Chris Johnston

January 14, 2017

Since the October annual meeting, four PAAC classes were completed including Archaeological Dating Methods in Boulder (12 person registered); Principles of Archaeological Excavation (Denver,

9 enrolled); Archaeological Laboratory Techniques (Cortez/Dolores, 24 enrolled); and Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis (Colorado Springs/Fountain, 11 enrolled). Happily no courses were canceled during the quarter. As everyone likely knows by now, I will not be offering any PAAC classes this Spring while I develop new directions and content.

It is a pleasure to report that we have two PAAC certificates to award. April Gray (Northern Colorado chapter) and Susan Dougherty (Chipeta chapter) both completed the Archaeological Lab Techniques class in Dolores to earn the PAAC Scholar certificate. From looking at their records, April and Susan both showed a strong dedication to completing the program in a very short time, traveling across the state for classes and excelling in every one along the way. Please join me in congratulating April and Susan on their first PAAC certificates! It was a pleasure helping you both put the final stamp on your hard work and dedication!

This spring, Dr. Holly Norton and I will be holding a PAAC Lab at the El Pueblo Museum in Pueblo. The lab will occur on Wednesday (starting late February/early March) with the chance for additional participation slots once volunteers have been trained. Volunteers will be working with two students from CSU-Pueblo who are completing an internship related to their studies in anthropology. We will be working on cataloging, analyzing, and curating an extensive historical artifact collection from excavations at the site by the late Dr. William Buckles. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about historical artifact identification and analysis, as well as earn credit towards the PAAC Lab certifications. Interested individuals should contact me ASAP.

The PAAC summer training survey is slated for July 2017. This summer we are partnering with Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG) to do an intensive survey, testing and rock art recording project in the San Luis Valley. Participants will have the opportunity to get experience conducting survey and testing, recording and documenting sites, and working with volunteers and professionals from across the state. The Valley has a rich archaeological past, spanning from Clovis to Hispanic settlement and farming and ranching; we are very excited about this partnership and look forward to you joining us. A field camp location is being explored in or near Antonito and details will become available soon. Participants will be provided tent camping accommodations during each project session and all meals will be provided. There will be two sessions: one from July 8-15 (arrive the afternoon of the 7th), and one from July 20-27 (arrive afternoon of the 19th). More details will be announced soon but if you know you are already interested please contact me.

Work has progressed, slow but steady, on finalizing the results and reporting on the 2016 PAAC Survey at Lory State Park. Besides limited progress, nothing new to report.

I have been at work developing some models and ideas for new directions for PAAC. This started with a new online course survey that was sent to all class participants in the last quarter. This will help me begin to get an idea of what is working, and what could be improved. So far the results are promising and have given me much to think about; thanks to all of those that participated. I will soon be sending out another form, not class specific but more general about the PAAC program to get a pulse on some items that I think need to be addressed. Keep your eyes peeled.

At the moment I have no other new news to report about PAAC changes aside from what has already been published in previous reports. I will reiterate that the program is not going anywhere, just on a hiatus. I will be contacting some of you very shortly about establishing a working-group to help flesh some of these ideas out and help me see potential issues (or other benefits) that I am missing. If you have thoughts on PAAC, your past experiences, or where you'd like to see it go, please don't hesitate to email or call.



Website & CAS Archives Report ***By Craig Bannister***

Website Report

In early December, the CAS website was moved to a new web hosting company that supports encryption for website page updates, requiring a secure, encrypted login for anyone updating the website. An SSL Certificate was purchased and made active at the same time to provide browser encryption to anyone visiting the CAS website and to provide encryption for ecommerce software (URL= <https://coloradoarchaeology.org>). The CAS website will be redesigned in the first half of February 2017, and online membership will be implemented in the second half of February 2017. The ecommerce software as well as security and other software for WordPress (the new content management system for the CAS website) will be purchased and installed in February 2017. The current plan is to have Indian Peaks and Denver be the first two Chapters to test online membership.

CAS Archives Report

History Colorado is still in the process of accepting CAS Archives. No meetings have been held. An email was sent on December 2, 2016 to myself and Keith Schrum (History Colorado, Senior Curator of Archives) by Jamie Seemiller (Acquisitions Archivist/Librarian, Western History/Genealogy Dept., Denver Public Library), asking if there was any update on the CAS Archives -- DPL continues to hold about 14 bankers boxes. NOTE: The 16 bankers boxes from Sturm Hall, Denver University, collected in December 2015 are still being held by the Denver Chapter. Keith Schrum replied on December 3, 2016 that "things are running behind at OAHP, but our staff in OAHP and I are in agreement about taking the collection." There has been no further word from either Jamie or Keith at this point.

Report of the Office of the State Archaeologist ***By Dr. Holly Norton***

Yet again there have been quite a few changes at History Colorado since my last update in July. Steve Turner has been named Executive Director of the organization, and is leading the museum and OAHP into new and exciting territory. We have a slew of new exhibits planned in the coming years, and are looking at various ways to provide other programming and events. March 15th-ish will be the opening of "Back Story" a joint exhibit with DAM using some of their western art collection and our artifacts. We've also had additional staffing changes in OAHP. I am now the director of the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation. Mark Rodman, our Certified Local Government (CLG) coordinator is the Director of Preservation Programming, over both OAHP and SHF. Amy Pallante left in August, and Mark Tobias is head of Section 106 unit. We've hired two new archaeologists for that unit, Ed Jaikitis and Bob Cronk. Katie Arntzen is now the archaeologist for SHF.

Ute Museum

The newly remodeled Ute Museum in Montrose will have a gala grand opening June 10, 2017, and I will be happy to share additional details as they become available. I would like especially to thank the Chipeta Chapter for their generous contribution to the new museum. History Colorado is very grateful for your support, and I hope that the new museum is a benefit to area and Chipeta Chapter.

El Pueblo

Work accelerates at El Pueblo. In December I received a \$1500 grant for lab materials from the Denver Foundation's Greenwood Fund, which is timely as beginning at the end of the month I will have two archaeology students from CSU-Pueblo re-cataloging and analyzing Buckle's collection in a new laboratory course. The course will be every Wednesday 1:30-4:30 at the El Pueblo Museum. We will also be offering volunteer time slots-we will have capacity for four people in the mornings, 10:00-1:00, and two people 1:30-4:30. We can probably make alternative arrangements. We are also planning excavations at El Pueblo this summer, and I'll release the details as we get those finalized.

CAS Archives

Work continues. History Colorado will be taking the collection from DPL, but we're slow mostly due to (Keith and I) being busy. DPL will force the issue when they need to move the collection for renovations. I'll keep you posted. Report of the CAS Representative to AHPC
By Peter Faris

The Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee (AHPC), of History Colorado, met January 11, 2017 to discuss and vote on recommendations for grant awards from the Colorado State Historic Fund. There were a couple of archaeology grants in the mix but, unfortunately, the results are confidential until they are confirmed by vote of the Board of Directors. The results of the Steven Hart Awards, which will be presented on Jan. 25, 2017 in a ceremony at the Colorado History Center, are as follows. This year the State Archaeologist's Award will go to Dr. Susan Collins. I am sure you agree that it is richly deserved. The Governor's Award goes to the site of Bent's New Fort. Holly Norton will undoubtedly give a detailed explanation of these in her report.

Our three year MOA with the AHPC of History Colorado will expire in July (Unconfirmed). Having a CAS presence on the AHPC is valuable. I have been an active participant in discussions at the meetings representing CAS interests, and have made or seconded motions regarding grant applications of interest many, many times, in addition to the votes I cast. I believe that Tom Hoff should initiate discussions to renew the agreement if he has not already done so.

Report of History Colorado Projects By Terry Murphy

A draft of the preservation poster for May 2017 has been prepared and is being edited to add additional partner logos, including the CAS logo. Archaeology, History, Culture/Shared Heritage is the theme, and the poster includes pictures and descriptions of five artifact collections. Communication among History Colorado and the partners continues to be handled through group emails. No new History Colorado activities that involve CAS are on the horizon, to the best of my knowledge.

As always, your Chapter events and meetings can be publicized through the Calendar of Events on the History Colorado website.

Education By Aaron Theis

There is nothing new to report concerning the education committee, except that it needs a proper chairperson. In addition, the Surveyor needs an editor, as I am filling in until a brave soul steps forth. My time is now entirely consumed by both my family and professional doings, as evidenced by this rather late edition of the Surveyor. If anyone needs the speaker spreadsheet, please email me at aaron@historaeology.com and I will be happy to send it to you.



CAS Membership Report – Quarter 4 - 2016
PE Ending 31 December 2016

Memberships by Type

Members _____ Memberships _____

	Renewal Month	Individ	Sr Ind NSWL	Family	Sr Fam NSWL	Student	Total	Last Qtr	Chg
Chipeta	Varies	138	34	12	35	11	92	96	-4
Colorado Rock Art	May	26	6		10		16	4	12
CT Hurst (Inactive)									
Denver	March	126	46	7	31	3	92	89	3
Grand Junction	Varies	169	74	2	43	3	123	118	5
Hisatsinom	Jan	132	26	18	29	15	88	81	7
Indian Peaks	Jan	65	28	5	15		50	51	-1
Northern Colorado	Jan	59	20	9	10	4	45	43	2
Pikes Peak	July	109	39		35		74	87	-13
Pueblo AHS	Jan	87	23	18	15	8	64	63	1
RFV (Inactive)									
San Juan Basin	Jan	112	16	15	13	27	72	73	-1
Vermillion	May	29	12	2	7		22	22	0
CHAPTER TOTALS		1,052	324	88	243	71	738	727	11
Unaffiliated	Varies	67	38	1	11	1	55	52	3
TOTALS		1,119	362	89	254	72	793	779	14

Institutions total 57 (Renewal month is January)

Number of SWL to chapter libraries is 4

Number of free is 11:

- Required – Bulk Mail Tech – 1
 Library of Congress – 1
 State Library – 4
- Other – Colorado Historical Society – 1
 Denver Museum of Nature and Science – 1
 Office of the State Archaeologist – 1
 University of Colorado Department of Anthropology – 1
 University of Colorado Henderson Museum – 1
 University of Colorado Libraries – 1

Number of exchanges is 1 (University of New Mexico)

UPCOMING MEETINGS

April 29, 2017 - Salida Community Center, Salida, CAS Hosting
 July 15, 2017 - Anasazi Heritage Center, Dolores, Hisatsinom Chapter Hosting
 October 27-29, 2017- History Colorado, Denver, Denver Chapter Hosting

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