



ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES **Grand Junction, Colorado** **October 8, 2016**

The 81st Annual Meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order by President Karen Kinnear at 4:30 p.m. A quorum was established with 67 members counted in attendance.

MINUTES (KRIS HOLIEN): Minutes of the 2015 Annual Board Meeting were unanimously approved as written following a motion to approve by Pamela Owens and second by Teresa Weedon. (Minutes of the 2015 Annual Meeting also were previously approved at the January 2016 Quarterly Board meeting.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (TOM HOFF, written report): 2016 has been a year of change for our organization. We continue to increase our presence in social media with a growing following on Facebook. This will soon evolve into two sites, one to bring in the general public and a second, open to our membership only. The latter will provide a new medium for private communication between individual members as well as Chapters. In addition, we are making upgrades. The Board approved a software purchase to facilitate the membership option of using online membership renewal. This process is expected to begin testing by select Chapters early in the first Quarter of 2017. Finally, I would like to express my appreciation to the dedicated people that serve on our Boards of Directors at the State and Chapter levels. It is because of their work that CAS remains one of the longest lasting archaeological societies in the United States, and along with SAA, one of the two Societies that have continuously published journals since 1935.

PRESIDENT (KAREN KINNEAR, written report): This past year has been a busy year for CAS. We have been developing good working relationships with CCPA and History Colorado. We have had discussions with Colorado Parks and Wildlife to develop a site stewardship program. Several committees have been re-energized. The Community Outreach and Education Committee has been encouraging chapters to develop/expand their public outreach activities. The Long-Range Planning Committee has been diligently working to develop a long-range plan for CAS. The Science/Advisory Committee is working closely with the State Archaeologist to find ways to improve the reporting of CAS member activities. In 2017, we will be implementing a long-range plan, putting together policy and procedures guidelines, working with History Colorado on the Site Stewardship and Curatorial Assistant tracks for PAAC classes, and for implementing a statewide stewardship program, and setting up online membership.

TREASURER (PRESTON NIESEN, written report):
See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS: See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP (PHIL WILLIAMS/TERRI HOFF, written report):

The 2016 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Competition kicked off on February 1st with distribution of application announcements. About 50 emails were sent to professors and other professionals across Colorado. Also, some 25 hard-copies of the materials were mailed to Anthropology Department Administrative Assistants and to Anthropology Clubs. The deadline for our receipt of applications and two supporting letters of recommendation was set for April 4th. Scholarship decisions were to be made at the Committee meeting before the CAS Quarterly Board Meeting on April 23rd. We received six complete applications, one from a doctoral candidate, five from master candidates, but none from undergraduates. All applicants being well qualified, each received a scholarship. The total amount awarded was \$3,600. This brings the totals since inception in 1987 to 246 scholarships totaling \$89,225. We later received one Scholar's check back. He said that he had to put his academic plans on hold for medical reasons, and hoped to be able to resume them later. He was assured that a later application would be welcomed. Also he was told that he had been selected as an Alice Hamilton Scholar on the basis of his application and recommendations, and would be fully justified to include his selection in his CV.

Pikes Peak Chapter member and artisanal potter Jerry Rhodes donated a spectacular pot for this year's Alice Hamilton Raffle. It has an estimated retail price of \$900. Committee Co-Chair Terri Hoff, who has been doing the

Committee fund-raising for well over a decade and a half (or more) expressed about two years ago that she wants to step back from that duty. We have been disappointed that in two years no one from the CAS membership has stepped forward to fill the role. Thus the scholarship fund's major source of money is at risk of not continuing past this year.

The 2016 Alice Hamilton raffle winner was Warren Nolan (Pueblo). Raffle ticket sales totaled \$1612, Silent Auction sales totaled \$3668, and CAS merchandise sales were \$120. Adding \$376 in cash donations made the grand total \$5776 raised for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund!

SCIENCE/ADVISORY BOARD (DAVE MELANSON, written report):

I suspect many, if not most, of us joined CAS to do archaeology. Not the Indiana Jones, trophy relic hunting kind of archaeology, but responsible archaeology that respects the cultures we study and contributes to understanding and preserving Colorado's rich heritage. It's in our DNA. If this interests you, you're in the right place. Assisting CAS members in doing responsible archaeology is the central focus of the Advisory Committee. In this report we summarize what the Committee has done over the last year to help members pursue this interest and outline our plans to expand our support going forward.

To serve our members in their archeological pursuits and to advise the State Archaeologist on CAS activities important to the state, the Committee compiles and summarizes chapter activity reports in quarterly and annual science advisory reports. These reports are currently the Committee's primary work products, and feature chapter archaeological research and preservation projects as well as important related activities such as education and outreach, field trips to cultural sites, PAAC training, and research publication. These reports are a venue for information and idea-sharing among chapters and with the State Archaeologist and offer opportunities to identify areas of common interest that could lead to collaborative projects.

Our Chapters report participating in a wide variety of field trips, public lectures, and PAAC courses over the last year that contributed to their personal research and training experience and growth. These are documented in detail in the Committee's quarterly reports. Since doing archeology is the Committees central focus this report focuses on chapter research and preservation activities including CAS participation in archaeological survey, excavation, laboratory analysis, test, and site steward projects. Four chapters reported their participation in such projects this year and their work is briefly summarized below.

The Chipeta Chapter recorded a prehistoric lithic production site at Antelope Caves and participated in a USFS archaeological survey that recorded projectile points, ground stone, and a wickiup.

The Denver Chapter analyzed artifacts from their Blackfoot Cave and Swallow Site excavation projects. Both are multicomponent sites with occupancies ranging from Paleoindian and Middle Archaic to Historic periods, respectively. The Blackfoot Cave research included a petrographic analysis of pottery samples to determine clay content and provenience. Denver made significant progress on the Blackfoot Cave and Swallow site reports with a draft of the Blackfoot Cave report expected by January and the Swallow Site report in editing. This year was the third year of the Chapter's work at Cherokee Ranch. This year the Cherokee Ranch team started survey and excavation projects. Both are currently on-going. So far the survey team found seven new sites, including one with a black-on-white potsherd on the surface. The excavation project team recently started work and is looking forward to the Fall Field School for Dr. Jon Kent's 35-member class at Metro State University this coming year. Additionally, the lead Cherokee Ranch investigator, Reid Farmer, received an Assessment Grant from the Historic Fund to analyze artifacts from a 1971, rock shelter excavation at the Ranch.

The Hisatsinom Chapter completed five class III pedestrian surveys with three more in process. These surveys covered a total of 637 acres of private, mostly rugged, pinyon-juniper forested land largely in the Trail Canyon area of southwestern Colorado. During these surveys Hisatsinom surveyors recorded a total of 80 sites, 29,353 prehistoric and 983 historic artifacts, and several isolated finds. Recorded prehistoric sites ranged from Basketmaker III through Pueblo III camp, occupation, and check dam sites. Site chronology was determined by diagnostic artifacts or features and Bayesian analysis of pottery sherd types and quantities. Prehistoric artifacts included lithic tools and points, ground stone, and diagnostic sherds. One isolated find was a San Rafael type Archaic projectile point. Appropriate site forms were submitted to the OHPA along with a final report for all completed surveys. Except for a few type samples temporarily removed for study with the landowner's permission, no artifacts were collected. Hisatsinom members also assisted Crow Canyon Archaeological Center in the laboratory analysis of pottery and lithic artifacts from the Dillard Basketmaker III and Haynie Pueblo II great house sites. This Haynie analysis included site field laboratory sessions to process pottery and lithic artifacts collected by the previous landowner. Additionally, many Hisatsinom members conducted multiple visits as BLM and Archaeological Conservancy site stewards to prehistoric and historic sites in and around the Canyons of the Ancients National Monument.

The Indian Peaks Chapter assisted Dr. Scott Ortman at Colorado University with a laboratory analysis project to reconstruct the role of Pojoaque Pueblo in the history of Tewa Pueblo society and to develop methods for reconstructing the population histories of currently-occupied villages for application to other pueblos in the area. The collection is from the 1952 University of New Mexico field school that involved excavations within the current Pueblo of Pojoaque. Chapter members also assisted Dr. Cathy Cameron at Colorado University in repackaging Dr. Jacob

Sedig's Black's Bluff collection for curation. Kris Holien worked with Dr. Andy Creekmore (UNC), NCCAS member Heidi Short, and students/volunteers at the privately owned 1876 Lord Dunraven Cottage in Estes Park, CO, to perform magnetometer and ground penetrating radar (GPR) testing over a gridded 20m x 20m area. Kris Holien, Karen Kinnear and Rosi Dennett participated in the Mitchell Springs Ruins field school. Kris Holien also participated on four field surveys with Rocky Mountain National Park archaeologist and staff and performed lab inventory and research of 19 historic glass bottles recently uncovered from a historic Park dump. Rosi Dennett participated at the field test excavation project on Trout Creek Pass by the Paleocultural Research Group. Site Stewards made three visits to sites in the Arapahoe National Forest and one site in the Pawnee National Grassland.

Grand Junction Chapter members focused mostly on their preparation to do archaeological research and preservation by participating in the Colorado Mesa University archaeology field school and training as site stewards with the Monticello and Vernal UT BLM, Manti-La Sal National Forest, and South Park Cultural Area programs.

Going forward, the Committee is working on three initiatives to provide additional capabilities to promote and facilitate CAS member participation in archaeological research and preservation – an activity reporting process and product improvement study; an on-line repository of research and preservation guides, best practices, lessons learned, and communications; and a photogrammetric site and artifact recording and archiving pilot project. The Committee sent out the draft initiatives to the chapters for their comment and suggestions in early August and awaits their feedback. To help focus the Committee's efforts going forward, we also drafted a charter that defines our responsibilities and work scope with emphasis on supporting CAS research and preservation activities, encouraging project collaboration among chapters, and sharing chapter information useful to our membership and to the State Archaeologist.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & EDUCATION (AARON THEIS, written report):

Over the past year, the education committee focused on three action items.

First, the committee realized that the education grant program was underutilized and crafted a letter that was sent to all chapters that detailed the grant program. In short, the Colorado Archaeological Society offers \$250 of grant money to each CAS chapter each year for public education. Materials to apply for the grant are available online at the CAS website under "Bulletin Board".

The letter also provided potential areas in which educational activities could be focused. The committee suggested contacting the Boy Scouts of America and offering chapter services that would assist the scouts in the acquisition of the archaeological merit badge. In addition, the letter discussed the fact that teachers are required to take continuing education classes to maintain licensure, and suggested that a PAAC class advertised through local school districts could help a teacher reach that recertification goal and has the further benefit of potentially locating new and productive members.

The education committee continues to actively solicit any ideas that members may have to advance archaeology education.

Second, the education committee took the compiled a list of prior speakers and created a Google Apps account in order to provide a centralized repository for Education Committee communications, documents, and the speaker list. The speaker list currently contains a tab, or sheet, for each chapter's speakers. In addition, the spreadsheet contains the OAHP Speaker's list (OAHP Publication # 1531) as well as the Archaeological Institute of America speaker list. The committee is currently exploring the use of a Google Site, attached to the aforementioned Google Apps Account, as a way to distribute the speaker information to those that require it. The speaker list is not necessarily a document that any of the committee members felt should be floating about the internet.

At this point, we are exploring the different site permissions and security features that Google Sites provide. Once we are satisfied that a Google Site will meet the needs of the Education Committee, the site will go live. The site will be password protected, and search engines will be discouraged from indexing the site. If the Google Site fails to meet the requirements, we will look into developing another option that will have the robust security features desired.

Finally, the education committee would like to create a master list of each chapter's available education resources. The vision of the project is to create a form that will upload the information into a spreadsheet, and the information will be available on the aforementioned Google site.

To conclude, the immediate goals of the committee are to:

- 1) Establish a simple way to capture speaker information in order to create a master list accessible by a secure website that will facilitate acquisition of qualified speakers for CAS activities.
- 2) Inventory existing educational materials.
- 3) Encourage the use of what appears to be an underutilized education grant program.

The goal of the education committee is to complete these tasks prior to the next quarterly meeting at which we will make longer range plans.

Karen Kinnear read a request from the Indian Peaks Chapter for approval of a \$250 matching education grant for expenses incurred for public outreach at the Boulder Creek Festival in May 2016. Peter Faris made the motion to so approve, second by Jack Warner. Motion passed unanimously.

PAAC (CHRIS JOHNSTON, written report):

This has been quite an eventful year for PAAC. It is no small secret now that Kevin has retired from his role as Assistant State Archaeologist and State PAAC Coordinator. I am honored to be in this position and look forward to meeting more CAS members in the months and years ahead. Thank you all for the warm welcome and well wishes. Even though I assumed this role halfway through the year, I will summarize the activities of the program for 2016, and follow that with a look to the future. New blood means some new ideas and exciting prospects for the future of PAAC. First, to summarize 2016:

Eleven PAAC classes have been completed in 2016, with one in progress and three more slated for later this fall and winter. Average attendance for these classes was 18, with a range between 12 and 30 (the latter being Kevin's last class). Classes were held in 10 of the 11 locations currently active, with Craig (Vermillion Chapter) being the lone absence due to low participation numbers. Six chapters were without a course in the fall due to my taking the position in July and not taking on a full load immediately. No courses have been cancelled to date in 2016. Total enrollment to date is 218, down slightly from the 2015 total of 242, but this does not include the three remaining classes for 2016. The PAAC summer training survey occurred August 22-26 at Lory State Park west of Fort Collins. The original plan was to include the previous week and intervening weekend but those days were cancelled due to lack of participation. The crew roster consisted of five PAAC volunteers, five Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) staff, one CPW volunteer, and five History Colorado/OAHP staff (including myself). In total, 45 person days were devoted to the effort amounting to 360 person hours with 136 hours from volunteers. I believe the lower than expected turnout had something to do with uncertainty about it happening this year with the transition and possibly scheduling conflicts with the latter than normal schedule. Hopefully some more advanced planning and announcements will help to increase participation in the summer survey moving forward.

The survey covered approximately 130 acres and documented 12 previously unrecorded cultural resources. These resources consisted entirely of historic sites and isolated finds/features, with the exception of one quartzite biface documented at a historic trash scatter. None of the resources were identified in the field as eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Crews surveyed both mountain terrain as well as lower elevations just west of Horsetooth Reservoir. The survey was hampered by very poor ground visibility, with some areas having zero percent ground visibility. These results are preliminary and work on compiling site forms, maps, and other data is just beginning. Nine PAAC certificates were awarded in 2016. In January, Joan Prebish (Indian Peaks) earned the Laboratory Training Certificate; in April Karen Kinnear (Indian Peaks), Anne Robinson (Indian Peaks), and Jerry LaVelle (Pikes Peak) all earned the Scholar Certificate; in July Stephanie Boktor (OAHP) earned the Provisional Surveyor certificate, and Beth Parisi (San Juan Basin), Rae Todd (Northern Colorado), and Brian Meinhart (Grand Junction, formerly with the Denver chapter) all earned the Scholar Certificate. One new certificate was awarded to Rae Todd, who earned her Certified Surveyor I certificate after completing the summer survey at Lory State Park. Please join me in congratulating these eight individuals for their accomplishments! Rae was present to receive her certificate. Now, on to new business, and looking ahead to 2017 and beyond. Preparations are underway for next year's summer PAAC survey. I have been in discussions about a few possible locations and projects with different partners and will announce details later this year. I am positive it won't be a disappointment; it's just too early to release more details but stay tuned!

As some of you may have heard by now, I want to begin making some changes to PAAC to help it grow into the twenty-first century and meet the evolving needs of the archaeological community. Some of these changes include developing a few new tracks for PAAC. In particular, I want to implement a state-wide Site Stewardship training program in coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife and other agencies. I am in contact with various partners across the state and region to ensure that we develop a coherent and useful program. We are in the very early stages of development for this but will have a firm plan in place by next summer. The other track I want to work on is a Curatorial Assistant, with a real focus on curation methods and best practices to help facilities across the state manage their collections. These are just two ideas I have been molding after various discussions with friends, colleagues, and PAAC participants, but I would love to hear from you about what you would like to see from PAAC. Aside from the current course listings and certifications, what would you like out of PAAC?

In the coming months I will be working on developing new course materials, lesson plans, and in some cases entirely new courses. Implementing these new programs will take a lot of time and careful planning in conjunction with our various partners across the state, including representatives from CAS. This will take my full effort to effectively and efficiently implement, meaning this coming spring very few PAAC options will be available. I am working with my colleagues at History Colorado to work on some alternative offerings, and while they won't be the traditional PAAC courses I believe you will find them interesting and useful. Please do not take this as the end of PAAC because it is not. It is merely the necessary groundwork for an exciting and productive future; the long-term care and preservation of PAAC is my top priority and I hope you understand the necessary steps I have to take to help us move forward. I look forward to getting back on the road and starting this adventure together next fall!

PUBLICATIONS (LARRY EVANS): A big thank you goes to John and Carla Sanborn for putting out two issues of the *Surveyor* newsletter. We all appreciate their extra efforts to temporarily fill in as newsletter editors.

SOUTHWESTERN LORE (CHRIS ZIER): No report.

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGY (KEVIN BLACK): No news to report.

SURVEYOR NEWSLETTER: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS, INFORMATION and TECHNOLOGY: No report.

WEBSITE (CRAIG BANISTER, written report): See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

CAS ARCHIVES (CRAIG BANISTER, written report): See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (HOLLY NORTON, written report):

Another year and more changes are afoot at the Historical Society. June 15th Steve Turner was named Executive Director of History Colorado. That change came with some re-organization for us, including some new positions on the museum side of things. Some of you may have been aware that Jason Hanson had been the acting Assistant State Historian under State Historian Patty Limerick, both from the CU-Boulder's *Center for the American West*. Jason is now an HC employee and has been named Director of Interpretation and Research. Shannon Haltiwanger has also returned from her brief stint with the Governor's communication team, and is the Director of Strategic Partnerships. The Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation has also undergone some minor restructuring. In addition to State Archaeologist and DSHPO, I am also now the Director of OAHP. The position of Vice President of Preservation Programs, Steve Turner's former position, has been modified, and is now called "Director of Preservation Programs." Mark Rodman, our CLG coordinator, has taken on this heroic Directorship. Unrelated to the organizational changes, Amy Pallante left the 106 unit in August for a new position with the National Park Service. Mark Tobias has been promoted to the Intergovernmental Services Director, and we will be looking to back-fill his position soon. And finally, we are thrilled to have Chris Johnston join our team as the new Assistant State Archaeologist. He brings great perspective and experience to the office. Despite all the changes, work carries on. Two particular items of note; Todd McMahon led the 2016 "curation summit" at the Museum of the West in Grand Junction September 23-24. We are beginning to gather comment on proposed rules changes for local repositories holding state-owned collections, and look forward to comments from the archaeological community on ways to improve the process. The fantastic National Register staff, headed by Astrid Liverman, have forwarded several nominations of archaeological properties to the Keeper this year, including Graves Camp Rural Historic Landscape, Wellington vicinity (5LR.11694), Hovenweep Archaeological District (Additional Documentation), Cortez vicinity (5MT.22280), Sand Creek Massacre Site (boundary increase), Kiowa County (5KW.28), and Santa Fe Trail Mountain Route - Bent's New Fort, Lamar vicinity (5BN.394). Astrid and her team are always interested in potential archaeological nominations, particularly districts and landscapes. Work at El Pueblo is progressing! This spring I gratefully received a small grant from CWAM (Colorado-Wyoming Association of Museums) for archival materials for the documents. Diane Rhodes has been spearheading the effort to catalogue, and now re-house, all of Bill Buckles notes, maps, and photographs of the site. I am continuing to get grants out the door to facilitate work, but work will not be dependent on the grants. I have no dates set yet, but will hold a lab class to re-catalogue and re-house the previously excavated materials this spring. In addition, I am planning to re-activate the site and open excavations in the summer of 2017. I hope that some of you will take part in these activities!

HISTORY COLORADO / CAS REP (PETER FARIS, written report):

The following is an annual summary report: At the January 12 meeting of the Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee (AHPC) of History Colorado, the amount of \$585,162 in grants was appropriated for archaeology projects at the following properties: Lowry Ruin-Pueblo, Chimney Rock National Monument, Ute Mountain Tribal Park, Camp Amache, and Haynie Site. An application for the Mountaineer Site was turned down due to failure to meet certain grant application standards. Another grant round in July was conducted under the new system of having archaeologists do the preliminary grant reading and evaluation for archaeological applications. At this meeting AHPC awarded \$117,176 for the study of Ute Trails of the Southern Uncompahgre Plateau. Finally, the agreement between CAS and the AHPC of History Colorado will expire on July 31, 2017. The MOA between CAS and AHPC must be renewed before that date. This would be a good time to start that process.

HISTORY COLORADO PROJECTS (TERRY MURPHY, written report): See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

AWARDS (MARK OWENS):

Laurie and Terry Lee (Pikes Peak) were honored with the Ivor Hagar Award at the CAS Annual Meeting banquet. The following Chapter Achievement Awards were also presented at the banquet: Carla Hendrickson (Pueblo), Ike Rakiiecki (Grand Junction), and Allison and Chris Kerns (Indian Peaks).

MEMBERSHIP (BEV GOERING, written report): See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (DICK SUNDSTROM, written report):

Greetings from our "small, but well-credentialed" committee: Nick Ard, Rosi Dennett, Ariel Dickens, Michele Giometti, Dave Melanson, Terry Murphy, Tish Varney, and Jack Warner. This has been a busy year for us. We have communicated our ideas for making *Southwestern Lore* a more useful and useable publication to the Publications Committee for their consideration and possible action. We have advanced suggestions for achieving full chapter representation at quarterly board meetings. We have discussed possible uses of CAS's considerable financial resources presently being held in restricted accounts. Enlargement of the Alice Hamilton Scholarship program is one of these. We have enlisted the involvement of all committees in developing a Long Range Plan for all of CAS. We have proposed that the Plan be based on the Purposes and Objectives stated in Article I of our Articles and Bylaws. Certainly, the Long Range Planning Committee faces a challenging year ahead.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Election of 2017 Officers.** The partial slate of nominations was presented by Tom Hoff.
President Karen Kinnear (Hisatsinom)
Vice President Bob Rushforth (Denver)
Treasurer Preston Niesen (Denver)
Recording Secretary Vacant
No nominations were made from the floor. Motion was made by Tom Hoff and seconded by Sharon Murphy to elect the slate by acclamation. Motion was unanimously approved.
2. **2017 Quarterly Board meetings.** The schedule for 2017 CAS meetings will be as follows: January-Colorado Springs, April-Salida, July-Dolores, and October-Denver. Specific dates to be determined.
3. **Grants Program (Kinnear).** See Quarterly Board meeting minutes.

Executive Secretary Tom Hoff thanked Kris Holien and Larry Evans for their years of service to CAS as Recording Secretary and Publications Chair, respectively. President Karen Kinnear thanked the Grand Junction Chapter for hosting the 2016 CAS Annual Meeting. Motion to adjourn was made by Terri Hoff and seconded by Sharon Murphy. Motion was unanimously approved. The meeting was adjourned at 5:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holien
CAS Recording Secretary