



QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES Grand Junction, Colorado October 7, 2016

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order by President Karen Kinnear on October 7, 2016, at 6:16 p.m. at the University Center, Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO. Roll call was taken, with a quorum present. Chapters represented were: Chipeta, Colorado Rock Art, Denver, Grand Junction, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, and San Juan Basin.

MINUTES (KRIS HOLIEN):

Minutes of the July 23, 2016 CAS Quarterly Board Meeting were approved unanimously as written following a motion to approve by Linda Sand and second by Teresa Weedin.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (TOM HOFF): As we near the end of CAS's eighty-first year, I am pleased to report that our corporation is financially sound with no official business pending. Our current membership of 1101 as of the end of 3rd Quarter, held at last year's level (1093). Across our state we maintain our geographic balance with five Chapters on the Front Range totaling 457 members and five Chapters on the West Slope with a total of 575 members.

TREASURER (PRESTON NIESEN, written report):

Preston Niesen submitted the Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance for the third quarter, 2016. Current assets are \$37,583 and liabilities are \$2,500. The Society has \$8,974 in the operating account, \$2,133 in the savings account, \$393 in the Alice Hamilton Raffle account, and 4 Certificates of Deposit with a total value of \$23,582 for a total of Checking and Savings of \$35,083.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Nominating Committee: Tom Hoff presented a partial slate of candidates for 2017 CAS Officers: President - Karen Kinnear (Hisatsinom), Vice President – Bob Rushforth (Denver), Treasurer - Preston Niesen (Denver) and Recording Secretary - vacant. In addition to the motion to approve the slate as presented, Tom Hoff requested that the Executive Board be allowed to make an appointment of a Recording Secretary. Motion was seconded by Larry Evans. Motion was unanimously approved. Tom also extended a thank you to retiring Recording Secretary Kris Holien with appreciation for the three years she has served in that position.

2. Proposed Internet Information Policy and Procedures/Social Media Policy (Karen Kinnear, written report):

I've talked with representatives from History Colorado, CCPA, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center and several archaeologists about a social media policy. Based on those discussions, I believe we need to create a more comprehensive policy that encompasses site protection and stewardship. We will have a draft policy sent out to board members for their review by the first of the year in time for approval at the January 2017 Board meeting. We will be looking for volunteers to assist with creating this policy. Doug Van Etten raised his hand to volunteer.

COMMITTEE/SPECIAL REPORTS:

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP (PHIL WILLIAMS/TERRI HOFF):

Terri commented favorably on this year's transition of the Silent Auction operation to the Grand Junction chapter as host chapter of the annual meeting. Tish Varney questioned whether a vote had been taken last January to have the annual meeting host chapter take on this additional duty. Doug Van Etten expressed concern that all of this year's Alice Hamilton Scholarships were awarded to students of Front Range universities. Kinnear requested that discussion of improved communications with college professors and archaeology clubs regarding Alice Hamilton Scholarship applications be listed as a New Business item on the agenda of the January 2017 quarterly meeting. The question of the vote on the Silent Auction operation also will be reviewed at the next meeting.

SCIENCE/ADVISORY (DAVE MELANSON, written report):

The Committee distributed a draft charter and descriptions of three proposed project initiatives to the chapters for their review and comment. The draft committee charter laid out the Committee's responsibilities and work scope that features work products and activities aimed at assisting the membership in doing responsible archaeology. The charter also formalized Committee membership to include the CAS representative, or other designated representative, from each chapter plus any CAS member interested in contributing to the Committee's work. The three proposed projects were a Science Advisory Report process and product improvement study; an online repository of CAS research and preservation guides, best-practices, lessons-learned, and communications; and a photogrammetric recording capability and data archive pilot project. We will use chapter feedback to refine the charter and develop project plans over the next quarter. Any CAS member wishing to become a member of the Committee and participate in these projects should contact me at davemelanson@mac.com.

The report process and product improvement study got underway this quarter. We requested suggestions from the chapters and the State Archaeologist on how to make the report more useful, accessible, and easier to generate. One initial thought from this study was to develop a more informative template and guidance for preparing the chapter activity reports, which are used to construct the Science Advisory Report. We will expand the study to include other stakeholders in the coming quarter. In the current reporting process, we received activity reports from seven chapters this quarter plus two who indicated they had no new activity to report. Two chapters did not respond. Highlights from the submitted reports are summarized below.

Chipeta Chapter site stewards reported new rock art panel vandalism to the BLM. They also contributed over \$600 dollars in chapter funds and member donations to the Ute Museum in Montrose. Ten Chapter members visited the old (1870's) Barlow and Sanderson Stage Stop. Chipeta also sponsored a public lecture by John Pitts on *When Lightning Strikes Twice: Correlating Lightning Strikes and Rock Art Imagery*.

The Colorado Rock Art Association sponsored the Saturday morning speaker, Sally Cole, at the CAS Annual Meeting in Grand Junction. The Chapter plans to have an information booth to discuss Chapter activities and membership at the Annual Meeting.

The Denver Chapter's Blackfoot project team made good progress this quarter. The principal investigator, Neil Hauser, hopes to have all the sub-reports (flora, fauna/bones, archival history, environment, geology, and pottery) by the end of October. He received historic ceramic and Front Range site Paleo-Early Archaic comparison from the team and should be able to roll the information into his over-arching report. He hopes to have a draft ready for review before January 1, 2017. The Cherokee Ranch survey started in September. Seven new sites were found, including one with a potsherd on the surface that was black-on-white. Excavation started last weekend and is just getting organized. This is the third year of work on the Ranch. Prior to that, in 1971, a rock shelter was excavated. Those 1971 collections are being analyzed. The lead investigator, Reid Farmer, received an Assessment Grant from the Historic Fund. This year the Cherokee Ranch project is the Fall Field School for Dr. Jon Kent's class at Metro State University; 35 students are enrolled. Editing of the Swallow site report continued during the quarter. Also during this quarter, Jack Warner gave four public talks and tours of the Lamb Spring Archaeological Preserve and organized an "Archaeological Artifact Day," scheduled for 11/12/2016, for the Ken-Caryl Ranch Historical Association.

The Hisatsinom Chapter had three class III pedestrian surveys underway this quarter. So far they've recorded 10 prehistoric camp and occupation sites, a check dam network, a 1928 homestead ruin, a possible equinox marker, and an Archaic projectile point isolated find. Hisatsinom member volunteers also continued pottery and lithic analysis work in the Crow Canyon archaeology lab. The work this quarter featured a series of field labs at the Haynie Pueblo II Great House complex. Hisatsinom members also participated in two sessions of the Mitchell Springs Ruin Field School, run by Hisatsinom member Dave Dove. The Chapter also sponsored public lectures by James Potter on his recent Cowboy Wash Pueblo work, Severin Fowles on *An Archaeology of the Long 18th Century (1680-1821) in Taos*, and John V. Bezy and master potter Oralia López on the *Influence of Prehistoric Casas Grandes Pottery on the Modern Mata Ortiz Ceramics Tradition*. The Chapter also received a \$900 grant from the Ballantine Family Fund to expand its public lecture program over the coming year. Hisatsinom conducted two field trips – one to Chimney Rock National Monument and one to Cedar Mesa. Most importantly, longtime Chapter member, Dr. Patricia Lacey, was recently awarded the Bureau of Land Management National Heritage Heroes Award for her contributions as a volunteer over more than thirty years at the Anasazi Heritage Center. She was one of six winners nationwide chosen for significant support within the cultural heritage, history, and museum collections program. Congratulations, Patricia, for this well-deserved recognition!

Indian Peaks (IPCAS) Chapter members continued their weekly volunteer work in Dr. Scott Ortman's pottery lab at Colorado University documenting Pojoaque/Cuyamungue ceramic sherds. Chapter members also attended the Mitchell Springs Ruins field school in Cortez and participated in four surveys and one historic lab analysis project at

Rocky Mountain National Park. A Chapter member also participated at a Paleocultural Research Group field test excavation project on Trout Creek Pass. Chapter site stewards visited four sites in the Arapahoe National Forest and Pawnee National Grassland. IPCAS also sponsored a Mesa Verde Field trip; which included tours of Mesa Verde National Park, Ute Mountain Tribal Park, Anasazi Cultural Center, Hovenweep, Canyon of the Ancients, and Edge of Cedars Museum. CAS members from the Pueblo, Denver and Colorado Springs chapters joined IPCAS members on this memorable trip.

The San Juan Basin Archaeological Society (SJBAS) sponsored three public lectures this quarter -- Paul Berkowitz & Billy Malone on *Billy Malone: Indian Trader Hubbell Trading Post*, Dr. Laurie Webster on *Clothing Diversity in the pre-Hispanic Southwest*, and Dr. Dawn Mulhern on *Mortuary Practices of the Durango Basketmakers*. The Chapter also assisted in the donation of Paul Berkowitz papers to the Center of Southwest Studies.

Members of the Vermillion Creek Chapter participated in an archaeologist-led day trip to the Skull Creek area to monitor rock art sites. The Chapter also held its annual picnic; which included an atlatl throwing event.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH and EDUCATION (AARON THEIS, written report): See Annual meeting minutes.

PAAC (CHRIS JOHNSTON, written report):

Since the July quarterly meeting, one PAAC class was completed (Lithic Description and Analysis) in Grand Junction, with one course currently in progress (Archaeological Dating Methods) in Boulder. Enrollment for the Grand Junction class was outstanding, with 22 people officially enrolled (about two over their average). The Boulder class is also well attended, with 12 persons registered (slightly below their average). Three classes are slated for the rest of the year: Principles of Archaeological Excavation (Denver), Archaeological Laboratory Techniques (Cortez/Dolores), and Prehistoric Ceramic Description and Analysis (Colorado Springs/Fountain). Happily, no courses have been cancelled during the quarter.

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 there was little interest so 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 four History Colorado/OAHP staff, plus me. In total, 45 person days were devoted to the effort, amounting to 360 person hours. Of these, 136 hours were volunteer labor.

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 as I've had a very busy month since the survey concluded.

It is a pleasure to report that we have one person receiving a PAAC certificate this month. Join me in congratulating Rae Todd (Northern Colorado chapter) for earning her Certified Surveyor I certificate after completing the survey in Lory State Park this August. This is Rae's third PAAC certificate. Congratulations Rae!

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.

As some of you may have heard by now, I want to begin making some changes to the PAAC program 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 move us forward. I look forward to getting back on the road and starting this adventure together next fall!

PUBLICATIONS (LARRY EVANS): There were many thank-you's and applause for his service in response to Larry's announcement that this is his last quarter as Publications Chair. Larry reported that the next issue of *Southwestern Lore* should be printed in the near future, the first publication by the new printers. Tentatively Aaron Theis has agreed to assume the duties of editor for the *Surveyor* newsletter. In addition to Craig's written Archives report, Larry noted that Chapters need to begin thinking of what categories and/or projects they want to archive. He suggested that items such as Board meeting minutes, newsletters, projects of historical value, etc. as well as the possible means of digital/cloud storage be discussed at the January 2017 quarterly meeting.

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):

The State CAS website has monthly updates to the Bulletin Board about archaeology events in Colorado. The CAS newsletter, THE SURVEYOR, is posted quarterly on the website. I send out an HTML email to CAS members announcing each quarterly meeting and each quarterly publication of THE SURVEYOR, which is posted on the CAS website.

At the January 23, 2016 meeting, I requested (and was approved) to spend up to \$100 to purchase a WordPress theme (provides a framework for designing a website) to help rebuild a new CAS website that will be a foundation for online membership. I have not purchased the WordPress theme yet and expect to start the website rebuild project this fall.

The Online membership website project for CAS was approved at the July 2016 quarterly meeting. I will start on that project this fall, after the website rebuild. The Denver and Indian Peaks chapters will be the first to have online membership developed. Online membership will then be rolled out to the other chapters in 2017.

CAS ARCHIVES (CRAIG BANISTER, written report):

In August, I reorganized the CAS archives and reboxed them into 16 boxes, which were then transferred to Aaron Theis of the Denver Chapter for temporary storage. The Denver Public Library is working with History Colorado, who will most likely accept the CAS Archive collection within the next few months. After the CAS Archives have a new home, I will write up the process for CAS on how to donate archival materials.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (HOLLY NORTON, written report): See Annual Meeting minutes.

HISTORY COLORADO / CAS REP (PETER FARIS, written report): There is no Archaeology and Historic Preservation Committee (APHC) activity to report. No Colorado Historic Fund grants have been allocated during this period. In other activity at History Colorado, at a meeting on September 27, the new Executive Director Steve Turner announced a couple of projects that are being considered. One is an exhibit tentatively titled "Borderland" about the Arkansas River as the border between the U.S. and Mexico, and the cultural differences and influences this caused. I have asked him to remember that the Arkansas River was also the border between the Northern and Southern Native American tribes on the Great Plains, and to include their archaeology in the exhibit. The other announcement covered a National Science Foundation grant to History Colorado to develop a STEM curriculum based upon Ute culture and artifacts. I have also requested that archaeology be included in this project. Mr. Turner responded positively by email to these requests.

HISTORY COLORADO PROJECTS (TERRY MURPHY, written report):

No face-to-face meetings or phone conferences of the partners who support archaeology and historic preservation have occurred since early 2016, but email communications have things progressing nicely for the 2017 preservation poster. Jonathan Raab, the new Preservation Communications Manager at History Colorado, is an organized go-getter and we are ahead of our planning of previous years. The 2016 historic preservation poster with the theme of "Celebrating 50 Years of Historic Preservation" was not specific for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month in May but is intended for year-long use. Terry Murphy requested authorization to place the CAS logo on future historic

preservation posters; seconded by Terri Hoff. Motion passed unanimously.

At this time, History Colorado appears to be still recovering from previous financial problems. No new History Colorado activities that involve CAS are on the horizon, to the best of my knowledge. Would it be in order for the CAS Long Range Planning Committee to start brainstorming activities for public outreach that we can suggest to History Colorado and other preservation partners, whether in Denver or at other locations?

Remember that your Chapter events and meetings can be publicized through the Calendar of Events on the History Colorado website.

AWARDS (MARK OWENS):

The Ivor Hagar award and four Chapter Achievement awards will be presented at tomorrow's banquet. There is a good supply on hand of pins for Chapter Achievement awards. Tom Hoff made a motion to provide a complimentary banquet dinner for the Ivor Hagar awardee and guest; seconded by Teresa Weedon. Motion passed unanimously.

MEMBERSHIP (BEV GOERING, written report):

There are 779 memberships and 1,101 members. Memberships have decreased by 72 and members have decreased by 89. Unaffiliated members are 63 and unaffiliated memberships are 52. Institutional memberships are 55.

LONG RANGE PLANNING (DICK SUNDSTROM, written report):

Continuing our efforts to develop a Long Range Plan for the Colorado Archaeological Society, we emailed all committee chairpersons in mid-August. We requested each of them to use the intervening time until the next Board Meeting (at October's Annual Meeting) to work with their members to develop a first draft of a long range plan for their committee. We suggested they use the seven Purposes and Objectives enumerated in the Bylaws of the CAS Constitution to facilitate establishing goals for their long range plan. We attached a copy of Dave Melanson's draft of the *Science/Advisory Committee Long Range Vision Projects List* as a suggested format for organizing their committee's plan. Finally, we asked the chairpersons to return their long range plan to us for inclusion in a first draft of the CAS Long Range Plan. As part of this process, a draft of a long range plan for the Long Range Planning Committee was distributed to our membership for comment and feedback. Anticipating the probability that not all committees would be able to complete this task before the Annual Meeting, we are prepared to extend the target date for returning each committee's plan until the January 2017 Quarterly Board Meeting. In the interim, we plan to assemble any of the long range plans we receive from the committees to begin constructing a first draft of a comprehensive Long Range Plan for CAS. When completed, we expect it will represent the broadest range of thought on our goals and means of achieving them.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. 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. The Denver Chapter and History Colorado will co-host the annual meeting and conference. Tish Varney requested that some form of teleconferencing capability be made available for the quarterly meetings, if possible.
- 2. Grants Program (Karen Kinneer, written report):** As a follow-up to the request that Fred Blackburn made for funding of his archival project, CAS should consider having a formal grants program set up to handle such requests. The Board will research options for setting up such a program.

President Karen Kinneer thanked the Grand Junction Chapter for hosting the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. with unanimous approval following a motion to adjourn by Teresa Weedon, and second by Doug Van Etten.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Holien
CAS Recording Secretary