



**Colorado Archaeological Society  
Quarterly Board Meeting (First Quarter) January 13, 2018  
UC Medical Health Center of the Rockies, Loveland, Colorado**

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order at 9:10 a.m. by President Neil Hauser on January 13, 2018, at the UC Health Medical Center of the Rockies in Loveland, CO. Roll call was taken, with a quorum of both chapters and Board members present.

Chapters represented: Chipeta, Colorado Rock Art, Denver, Grand Junction, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, and San Juan Basin

Board Members Present: Nick Ard, Susanne Denlinger, Rosi Dennett, Larry Evans, Michele Giometti, Larry Hansen, Neil Hauser, Teri Hauser, Bev Goering, Kris Holien, Karen Kinnear, Jason LaBelle, Dave Melanson, Susan Montgomery, Terry Murphy, Anne Robinson, Linda Sand, Linda Seyfert, Rae Todd, Jack Warner, Teresa Weedon, Chris Zier

Board Members present via phone: Tom Hoff, Janice Sheftel, Tish Varney, Doug Van Etten

Others Present: Craig Banister, Peter Faris, Chris Johnston, Sharon Murphy, Holly Norton, Mark Owens, Barbara Stagg, Katy Waechter, Phil Williams, Betsy Weitkamp, Anne Winslow

**MINUTES (KRIS HOLIEN):**

Minutes of the October 27, 2017 CAS Quarterly Board Meeting were approved unanimously as written following a motion to approve by Larry Evans and second by Dave Melanson. Minutes of the October 28, 2017 CAS Annual Board Meeting were approved unanimously as written with one correction following a motion to approve by Dave Melanson and second by Larry Evans.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (MICHELE GIOMETTI):** No report is available at this time due to circumstances and needing additional time to review Preston's records. A budget will be provided at the April meeting.

**PRESIDENT (NEIL HAUSER):** Incoming President Neil Hauser thanked the Northern Colorado Chapter and Rae Todd for hosting the first 2018 quarterly board meeting. He also thanked immediate past President Karen Kinnear for her support during the transition. Instead of waiting until January 2018, Neil started in November 2017 talking with other incoming Executive Board members, and calling on chapter presidents to discuss state-wide issues. He noted that three similar issues facing chapters are the aging membership and need to attract younger members, need for more "doing" of archaeology, and lastly, the need for State CAS to provide additional support to chapters. In particular, this includes those chapters which are struggling to stay active such as Northern Colorado and Vermillion. He would also like to see new chapters formed, including on the Eastern Plains, through outreach to community colleges, libraries and museums. Additional support service suggestions include State CAS funding 2-4 high-end speakers a year to come to the state, and establishing a lecture library of recorded video talks from chapter meetings and possibly speakers from regional and national organizations such as SAA. Scientific activities to develop are the capability of each chapter to do site recording, provide valuable ad hoc site stewardship for land management agencies, identify private property opportunities for survey, and facilitate growth of cross-chapter projects, i.e. Projectile Point Project (P3), photogrammetry, etc. Linda Sand interjected that the Community Outreach and Education Committee had a speaker

spreadsheet, and also the need to obtain prior speaker approval to utilize their programs for CAS-wide distribution. Neil also discussed developing digital infrastructure capabilities in order to improve chapter coordination for events and field trips. Neil will continue to look at the state budget for a variety of options that might result in savings in order to fund research opportunities. Committee chairs are requested to document their processes and agreements as a backup procedure for future chairpersons.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (TOM HOFF):** It is important that we acknowledge the passing of our Treasurer Preston Niesen. Preston served on the State Board from 2014 until his death on December 11. We will miss his dedication, diligence, attention to detail, and his congenial presence. Our sincere sympathy goes out to Candi and his family. Tom announced that, after eleven years of fun and folic, he is stepping down as Executive Secretary. The report made to History Colorado for the CAS sponsored State Historical Fund grant to Dave Dove for the “San Juan Red Ware Sourcing and Exchange Project” was officially closed on December 27. Tom announced an upcoming Smithsonian documentary entitled “Ice Bridge”. Bruce Bradley, a life-member of CAS and co-founder of Hisatsinom Chapter, collaborated with the Smithsonian’s Dennis Stanford, in the making of this new video presentation. On behalf of CAS, Neil Hauser thanked Tom for his many years of service as Executive Secretary, which was followed by a hearty round of applause from meeting attendees. (written report available under Appendix)

Karen Kinnear was nominated for the position of Executive Secretary by President Neil Hauser. Tom made a motion for the nomination of Karen Kinnear as Executive Secretary to succeed him, seconded by Jack Warner. Motion passed unanimously. Karen will become the 16<sup>th</sup> CAS Executive Secretary. Karen moved that Sharon Murphy fill the position of Legal Committee Chair, seconded by Jack Warner. Motion unanimously passed. For the Publications Committee, acting Chair Teri Hauser decided to withdraw from filling the position of Publications Chair. President Neil Hauser will become interim Publications Chair until position is filled.

#### **COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**CAS REP TO ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION COUNCIL (PETER FARIS):** The committee approved 23 grants, six of which were archaeological projects totaling \$756,000 out of the \$3.5 million in grants approved. (Although Peter could not announce the specific approved grants at the time of the meeting, that information is now available – see written report under Appendix)

**HISTORY COLORADO PROJECTS (TERRY MURPHY):** Terry reported that plans are unknown for CAS involvement in Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month, and there is a small budget for the August 1<sup>st</sup> activity. Karen Kinnear noted that A&HP Month posters were available in the room for chapter distribution.

**ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP (PHIL WILLIAMS):** Phil announced this year’s deadline for applications is March 23, and he would be mailing out scholarship application information to 14 colleges and universities statewide, including anthropology departments and professors. Linda Sand made a motion to return to the old quarterly meeting schedule for the April meeting to facilitate the AHS Committee scholarship award deliberations. Linda Seyfert seconded the motion. After a discussion of various meeting options, including electronic, a vote on the motion failed 11-12. Following more discussion about rearranging the meeting schedule, Dave Melanson moved and Larry Evans seconded to table further discussion to New Business. Motion passed unanimously.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH and EDUCATION:** No report.

#### **PUBLICATIONS (TERI HAUSER-Acting):**

**SWL (CHRIS ZIER):** Fall issue is at the printer, and winter issue is in hand. Articles are requested for future issues.

**COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGY (KEVIN BLACK):** Nothing new to report.

**NEWSLETTER (BARBARA STAGG):** Barbara is the new editor. She requested feedback as to what members would like to see in the newsletter.

**WEBSITE (CRAIG BANISTER):** Online membership for CAS, hosted by Member365, is in the final stages of implementation and set to go live very soon. Karen Kinnear and Craig are currently the two main Admins for the setup and configuration of the Member365 online site. Craig noted additional secure capabilities such as events, calendar and work spaces.

**PAAC (CHRIS JOHNSTON):** The Fall 2017 season wrapped with four PAAC classes and 65 total participants. In association with the 2017 CAS Annual meeting, the Lithic Illustration Workshop taught by Dr. E. Steve Cassells, was a huge success with 20 participants. Five classes are slated for this Spring in Grand Junction, Denver, Colorado Springs/Fountain, Cortez/Dolores and South Park. The 2018 PAAC Survey is planned for South Park in mid-June. Chris announced they had a soft opening of a new OAHN Archaeology Lab at History Colorado with sparse furnishings. Lab work is in progress on the El Pueblo collection at History Colorado and in Fountain. Soon there will be more collections to start working on so contact Chris for volunteer opportunities. Chris is continuing to work on PAAC Online and Site Stewardship training. History Colorado has a new website with the same URL, <https://historycolorado.org>. Along with the new website is a new way to register for PAAC classes. (written report available under Appendix)

**AWARDS (MARK OWENS):** Mark thanked Tom Hoff and Jason LaBelle for taking over for him at the annual meeting awards in his absence.

**MEMBERSHIP (BEV GOERING):** CAS currently has 780 memberships and 1,126 members. Bev noted a trend annually of 20-25% turnover for members. She is looking forward to the transition to online membership via Member365. (written report available under Appendix)

**SCIENCE ADVISORY (DAVE MELANSON):** Six chapters reported member participation in the project areas of Survey (7), Excavation (5), Lab (4), Experimental (1), Site Stewardship (4) and Curation (6). Current committee activities continue with the Digital Archaeology Initiative and cross-chapter projects such as P3, PAAC Summer Survey, and photogrammetry. Hisatsinom Chapter has initiated a pilot photogrammetry program through a 5 year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Crow Canyon and BLM. (written report available under Appendix)

Chipeta Chapter President Teri Hauser described a Pathfinders Initiative program the chapter is creating based on a variety of one hour hands-on monthly workshops and activities targeted to families, both adults and children. Topics for workshops include dendrochronology, artifact drawing, and refitting pottery sherds as well as field trips and museum visits.

**STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (HOLLY NORTON):** Holly reported staff turnovers continue at History Colorado with three new staff members hired. The presentation of the Stephen H. Hart Awards for Historic Preservation is January 31. The State Archaeologist's Award is going to a private developer in Durango who redesigned a housing development, Arrowhead Ridge, to preserve Ancestral Puebloan archaeological resources on site. Saving Places Conference is scheduled for January 31-February 3 in Denver. There is a change in bylaws at History Colorado which could impact the organization's relationship with CAS.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Online Membership Status: Karen and Craig have been working diligently on the membership database with Member365 to go live as soon as possible. There have been a variety of issues with chapter secondary membership to resolve. Every member will receive a "welcome" email to the online membership portal and will be responsible for updating their personal information. State CAS is funding the \$1800 annual cost. There will be a shake-out period including training for chapter treasurers/membership chairs.

2. CAS Archives: Craig Banister reported History Colorado is still in the process of accepting CAS Archives; no recent status from History Colorado has been provided but with the addition of an archivist there may be movement on this issue. (written report available under Appendix)
3. Strategic Plan: Long Range Planning Committee Chair Rosi Dennett has forwarded the specific chapter results from the latest survey to each chapter president. There were 160 responses to the online survey. She will be working on a draft plan with input from every chapter, and will present a report at the April quarterly meeting. The plan is based on six areas of interest: Organization, Alliances, Advocacy, Outreach/Education, Science and Implementation.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Southwestern Lore – the Way Ahead: Within the last year, some chapters and members have raised the issue of moving SWL to an online format based on publishing costs consuming the majority of the CAS annual budget. Results from the Fall 2017 CAS survey indicate the membership is split nearly in half between receiving the online option and receiving a hard copy. There was a motion by Teri Hauser and second by Craig Banister to let Neil Hauser continue with providing detailed information regarding the Hausers' research into cost reduction for publishing and distributing SW Lore, including online distribution, and a full list of printing options. A major issue involved a switch in 2016 of the cover material from original card stock to more expensive linen. Following lengthy discussion and some passionate comments, voting member Jason LaBelle made an objection to the consideration of a question, under Robert's Rules of Order, to stop the discussion. Before the required two-thirds vote on the objection could occur, first it was determined who, by office, could vote. The objection passed by the required two-thirds vote, thus the objection was sustained and discussion terminated. Another motion by Larry Evans and second by Rae Todd to refer the entire SW Lore issue back to the Publications Committee to bring a recommendation at the April quarterly meeting was passed overwhelmingly.
2. CAS wide online/digital capability: Neil discussed his fact finding efforts into weighing estimated costs, including recurring and non-recurring, for commercial, internally created, or hybrid infrastructure, and desired digital capabilities and functions. Chris Johnston noted that ORCA – the Online Resources for Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation website, initiated by Mark Mitchell, is nearing readiness.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. with unanimous approval following a motion by Larry Evans, second by Dave Melanson.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kris Holien  
CAS Recording Secretary

### **Appendix**

Executive Secretary Report  
Archaeology Grant Requests  
PAAC Report  
Membership Report  
Science Advisory Committee Report  
Webmaster/Archivist Report