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The word “change” is one that archaeologists are pretty familiar with. After all, it is the ability to look at truly long term cultural change that is perhaps our most distinctive trait as a profession or discipline. Change in the present, in our time, can be both exciting and a little scary. It seems to me that in the past year or two there has been an accelerated pace of change all around us. Heck, Budweiser is now a foreign beer! Our organization is also experiencing some important changes in how it operates, how it communicates, and how it serves its members. Anthropologists and other social scientists sometimes point to one thousand as a key threshold in the size of a polity. A group of people that large, it is said, often requires significant structural changes. SCA blew past this threshold a few years ago and our opportunity for even further growth seems very realistic. The SCA Executive Board believes that the changes we are going through are positive ones that will improve the society as well as better serve the membership.

The organization was able to continue as before despite tremendous growth largely because of the dedication of Greg White. Acting as our volunteer Business Office Manager, Newsletter Editor, and oft times Proceedings Editor, he carried these burdens through truly Herculean efforts. Simply put, as matters in the organization became more complex, Greg solved problems and challenges by donating more of his time. Rightly so, he has decided that this is the time to fully step down by the end of the year. Please join me in wishing him the best as he takes on new challenges. I am also very happy to report that the SCA Executive Board has had a discussion with Greg about not letting him off so easy, as we would like him to continue as an official advisor to the Business Office and the Executive Board. One of our main goals is to capture his truly encyclopedic knowledge of all things SCA. The Executive Board is also pleased to report that although recent transitions have slowed production of the newsletter and the what will be a very large Volume 21 (2007 Annual Meeting) of Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology, we anticipate catching up soon. One solution is this combined spring and

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From the Immediate Past President
Stephen Horne

This is my final President’s column and I find myself reflecting on wishes—and how they sometimes come true. At last year’s banquet I asked that my term as President would be an interesting year. And it has been. Very.

This year marked a sea change in SCA’s business model. The Business Office is no longer tied to the University system; we have contracted with a private cultural resources firm, Pacific Legacy, to provide many of the services that the Chico State Foundation once provided. We have a new home for the Business Office as well. Our contract with Pacific Legacy, brokered in large part by Rob Jackson and SCA Treasurer Leigh Jordan, provides a shared office space and utilities at a brand new address in Chico.

While not diminishing his extraordinary contributions in any way, SCA is relying less on Greg White’s calm and competent hand on the Business Office as Director. Much of the burden of day-to-day work has been taken over by our new, very capable and extraordinarily helpful Business Office Manager, Denise Wills. Members are already experiencing an improved response to inquiries and other matters, but we should all be aware that Denise is in the office only 3 days a week. I hope you all get a chance to meet her at the Annual Meeting or at least visit her by phone. Welcome, Denise.

The Executive Board, the Business Office Manager, the Committee Chairs, and many of the membership noticed that the sea change was not without waves. For example, the delay in getting out the fall Newsletter issue is a conspicuous part of the collateral damage from moving the Business Office. The Board hopes that you will understand and forgive. But (at risk of going overboard with the seafaring metaphor) I see smoother sailing ahead.

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The next two years will be the proof of our new model. The burden will fall on new President Mark Allen and Incoming President Kristina Roper but I intend to provide assistance over the coming year to ensure our experiment is successful.

We are creating a new manual for the Business Office, including a detailed guide to financial operations for the Treasurer and the Business Office staff. The guide to financial operations is particularly important to complete this year, in part because we want to capture Leigh Jordan’s experience and expertise. But also in part because we intend to initiate a program of regular, external audits. Besides ensuring fiscal transparency and fiduciary integrity, the audits will help position SCA for external grants, the better to support and...
2008 Executive Board

On the last day of the Annual Meeting in Burbank, a new Executive SCA Board met for the first time. Continuing members included Steve Horne who became Past-President, Mark Allen who became President, Jennifer Perry who continued her tenure as Southern Vice-President, and Leigh Jordan who began her second year as Treasurer. Newly elected Board members were President-Elect Kristina Roper, Northern Vice-President Jennifer Farquhar, and Secretary Jamie Dotey. Also attending her first Executive Board Meeting was SCA’s new Business Office Manager, Denise Wills. The Board also met July 10 and 11 in Chico. Future meetings will be in October in conjunction with the Northern Data Share Meeting and likely in early January in Modesto, site of the Annual Meeting in March 2009. Please feel free to contact members of the Board if you have any suggestions, comments, or issues that you would like them to consider. Contact information for the Board is available in this newsletter and the SCA web page. In November, elections will be held for the following positions on the Executive Board: President, Southern Vice-President, and Treasurer. Please consider either running for office yourself or nominating other candidates who might be willing to serve. Pat Mikkelson is the chair of the Nominations Committee, please contact her at pat@farwestern.com.

Business Office

Greetings SCA Members! I’ve now been the manager of the SCA’s business office for about six months.

I took this position directly out of a bachelor’s program at CSU Chico. My experience includes a season on the Plumas National Forest, and both lab and field work with CSU Chico’s Archaeological Research Project. I’ve also had the honor of working on the repatriation of Chico State’s Native American collection. When I took this position, I committed to stay with the SCA for a year, after which I expected to move on to the greater world of archaeology. But, I must say, I have been both charmed and greatly impressed with the SCA.

By now, I’m fairly well acquainted with the membership database. As I’ve perused old publications, I’ve found that I see the same names over decades. And I’ve spoken to bright young students about to present their first papers, whom, I expect, will persist through time. It is a true pleasure to work for an organization supported by the passion, commitment and hard work of its members. I am greatly enjoying the view of archaeology revealed by my position with the SCA.

Please don’t hesitate to shoot me an email or give me a phone call with questions or concerns. I’m here to help. Denise Wills, scaoffice@scahome.org.
Information Center Liaison Report
Amy Huberland

On April 23, 2008, the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC) approved the new Information Center Rules of Operation Manual. The manual addresses CHRIS policies with respect to access to information, processing of historical resources records and reports, records searches, listing of historical resources consultants, service fees, hours, and restrictions on activities of Information Center personnel as related to the CHRIS. The new manual reflects several years of consultation between Information Center Coordinators and their staffs, the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP), and the SHRC Information Center Procedural Advisory Committee (ICPAC). This consultation was conducted in an ongoing effort to refine the CHRIS and its role in the protection and preservation of historical resources, addressing growing demands upon the CHRIS, management responsibilities of government agencies, and the broad array of concerns inherent to Native American communities, archaeologists, historians, architectural historians, land-use planners, commercial developers, and the public. The new manual is available to view or download from the OHP website at www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/chris.

One major addition to the Information Center policies outlined in the new manual is that a fee will be charged to individuals and consulting firms requesting to be included on the Consultant List. The list will be maintained centrally by one Information Center and will be posted on a website dedicated to that function. The consultant list program and web page is being developed and should be operational by early next year.

In the future, the Information Center operations manual will be updated to specify complementary rules of operation governing the use and management of CHRIS information in electronic (digital) format. Currently, many of the California ICs are in the process of converting from hard-copy to digital and electronic inventory bases. The Results Group, under contract with Leigh Jordan, Northwest Information Center, has completed a model for an electronic fee structure for the Information Centers. Providing electronic services entails a fundamental shift in the work processes required to produce the end product. In order to set this practice in motion and provide an electronic/digital product, an alternative rate schedule is needed to ensure average costs and revenue will remain stable. Currently, little funding is available to Information Centers through the annual OHP grants, so they depend almost entirely on record search fees to pay staff salaries and maintain the State archive of historical resource records and reports.

As such, the SHRC has approved a two-year trial period for testing the new electronic services fee structure for CHRIS Information Center records searches. Those ICs that have all or some of their resource and report information already converted to digital (GIS) format will conduct record searches electronically, utilizing the proposed electronic fee structure. Also available will be records and reports in PDF format as well as searchable resource and report databases. In an electronic system, the work ratio involved in information storage and retrieval methods will fundamentally shift between front-end work (actual time spent filling a request) and back-end work and costs (costs for networking, GIS expertise, additional hardware and software, the upkeep on both the paper and digital systems during and after the transition period, and the training to bring staff up to speed on the new technology). The recommended electronic rate schedule reflects the change in this ratio while maintaining annual revenue levels. Please contact individual ICs for specific information regarding availability of digital and electronic information. Both the NWIC and the NEIC have recently put up new web pages: www.sonoma.edu/nwic or www.csuchico.edu/neic. Or go to the CHRIS roster on the OHP website at http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/pages/1068/files/IC%20Roster.pdf.
Legislative Liaison Report
Submitted by Stephen Bryne, SCA Legislative Liaison, July 24, 2008


S. 1860 - Violent Crime Control Act
Sponsor: Sen. Cornyn (R-TX)
Summary: The legislation contains a provision to move the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) to Title 18 of the United States Code. This makes forfeiture and restitution easier. The bill also increases the penalties to ten years for a first offense and 20 years for a second offense and appears to lengthen the statute of limitations to 20 years. Similar legislation was introduced in previous Congresses. The companion measure, H.R. 3156, is identical and is pending before the House Financial Services Committee.
Status: pending before Senate Judiciary Committee

S. 2087 - Native American Omnibus Act
Sponsor: Sen. Dorgan (D-ND)
Summary: The measure contains a provision that would amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) to change the definition of the term "Native American" for the purposes of that law. The provision is designed to resolve the controversy that arose from the finding of a federal district court that the remains known as "Kennewick Man" were not Native American for the purposes of NAGPRA. The provision would clarify that ancient remains such as Kennewick Man would be considered Native American under the law. Similar attempts to amend the definition have been made in several previous Congresses.
Status: pending before the full Senate

H.R. 3981 - Preserve America and Save America's Treasures Act
Sponsor: Rep. Miller (D-NC)
Summary: The legislation is designed to codify into law the Preserve America and Save America's Treasures programs, both of which were created by Executive Order in 2003 and 1998, respectively. A companion bill in the Senate (S. 2262) is pending before the full Senate.
Status: pending before the full House

H.R. 4027
Sponsor: Rep. Hastings (R-WA)
Summary: The legislation would amend the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act to require a significant relationship be found between remains discovered on Federal lands and presently existing Native American tribes for those remains to be applicable under the Act. The sponsor, Rep. Hastings, introduced identical legislation in the last Congress.

Status: introduced 10/31/07

California Legislation (Session 2007-2008)

AB 2514
Author: Mike Eng (D-49th)
Summary: This bill would establish new procedures and notification requirements which must be followed prior to the re-internment of specified non-Native American human remains discovered as a result of an excavation or construction project. Under current law, when human remains are discovered in any location other than a cemetery, the site must be protected from further disturbance until the county coroner determines whether the remains are a result of recent criminal activity. If the coroner determines that the remains are not of forensic interest, and are of Native American descent, he or she is required to contact the Native American Heritage Commission within 24 hours. Landowners must then follow a specified protocol for protection of the integrity of the site, notification of descendents, and culturally appropriate re-internment of the remains. This bill seeks to establish a similar protocol for the discovery of all human remains. Local cultural and historical organizations who wish to be notified of the discovery of human remains would be required to register with the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP). The organizations would have 48 hours from the time they are notified of the discovery to respond to the landowner. If the landowner grants site access to the responding parties, the organizations would then have an additional 48 hours to complete an inspection and make recommendations to the landowner for the proper disposition of the remains and any associated grave goods. These relatively short time frames for the response and completion of recommendations from local cultural and historic organizations would ensure that projects are not unnecessarily or unduly delayed.
Status: Referred to Committee on Appropriations.

AB 2650
Author: Wilma Amina Carter (D-62nd)
Summary: This bill will help streamline the environmental review process for critical transportation projects in California by extending the California Department of Transportation’s (Caltrans’) authority to consolidate CEQA and NEPA responsibilities for the review of highway projects in California. Under existing state and federal law, Caltrans is authorized to assume NEPA responsibilities provided the state waives its 11th Amendment sovereign immunity from citizen’s suits. The author further points out that, based on the first six months of the pilot program, draft environmental documents have been approved in 72 percent
less time and final environmental documents in 67 percent less time. Caltrans’ existing 11th Amendment waiver is scheduled to sunset on December 31, 2008. AB 2650 would extend that sunset until August 10, 2011.

Status: Enrolled and sent to governor.

Other News

CEQA Lead Agency Has Discretion to Determine Whether a Building Is a Significant Historical Resource

Agencies reviewing redevelopment projects under CEQA are frequently asked to decide whether demolition of older buildings to make way for new development would have a significant adverse effect on historical resources. This involves the threshold question of whether the buildings to be demolished are significant historical resources as defined by CEQA. In *Valley Advocates v. City of Fresno* (Feb. 15, 2008), the Fifth District Court of Appeal held that unless the resource has been listed, or officially determined eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources, the CEQA lead agency has discretion to determine whether it is a significant historical resource. Such a determination will be upheld if there is substantial evidence in the record to support it, regardless of whether it is made in the context of a decision to exempt the project from CEQA, adopt a negative declaration or certify an EIR. The lead agency is entitled to weigh and resolve conflicts in the evidence when deciding whether the affected resource is a significant historical resource. In the case before the court, the city of Fresno had determined a project that included demolition of a 90-year-old building fit within two exemptions from CEQA. Project opponents argued the project was not exempt because evidence showed the building met the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. The Court of Appeal ruled that, when the Fresno City Council decided the project was exempt, it was misinformed as to the discretion it had to find the building was a significant historical resource. The court then explained how the initial determination whether a resource is a significant historical resource should be made, depending upon which of the following three categories applies:

**Mandatory:** A lead agency must find a resource is a significant historical resource if it has been listed on or determined eligible for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources. The court explained that it is only an official determination by the State Historical Resources Commission that triggers this mandatory determination.

**Presumptive:** A lead agency must presume a resource is a significant historical resource if it has been listed on a local register or included in a local survey that meets specified criteria, unless the preponderance of evidence demonstrates otherwise.

**Discretionary:** A lead agency may determine that a resource is a significant historical resource if it does not fit within the mandatory or presumptive categories, as long as the determination is supported by substantial evidence in the record. When such a determination is made the criteria to be applied are the criteria for listing on the California Register of Historical Resources.

The court recognized that this case conflicts with *Architectural Heritage Assn. v. County of Monterey*, 122 Cal. App. 4th 1095, 1109-10 (2004), which applied a fair argument test to the question whether the resource in question was a significant historical resource. Under the fair argument standard, an agency must find the resource to be a significant historical resource if there is any evidence that it is. The court distinguished the *County of Monterey* case on the ground that all parties in that case apparently agreed that the fair argument standard applied.

**NHPA & the U.S.- Mexico Border Fence**

On April 17, SAA and other groups signed onto an amicus brief, drafted by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, in support of a petition by Defenders of Wildlife and the Sierra Club to the Supreme Court asking for the Court’s intervention in the Department of Homeland Security's waiver of dozens of federal statutes in order to expedite the construction of a fence and barrier system along portions of the U.S.-Mexico border. The amicus brief elaborated on how the waiver of NHPA and other cultural resource statutes during construction of the wall resulted in the destruction of numerous historic properties, and threatened countless more. Unfortunately, on June 23 the Supreme Court denied the petition. You can read the amicus brief at [http://www.defenders.org/programs_and_policy/in_the_courts/legal_docket/border_fence_construction_san_pedro_riparian_nca.php](http://www.defenders.org/programs_and_policy/in_the_courts/legal_docket/border_fence_construction_san_pedro_riparian_nca.php).

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CALL FOR NEW EDITOR OF THE SOCIETY FOR CALIFORNIA ARCHAEOLOGY NEWSLETTER

The Society for California Archaeology is seeking a new editor for its newsletter. Interested persons, organizations, or cultural resource management firms should contact Denise Wills at the SCA Business Office at scaoffice@scahome.org; (530)342-3537

American Cultural Resource Association (ACRA) conference

This year’s American Cultural Resource Association (ACRA) conference will be held at the University Marriott in Tucson, Arizona, from September 25th to 28th, 2008. ACRA is dedicated to serving the practical needs of the cultural resource management (CRM) industry. The conference will feature a day-long workshop, the Business of CRM, a day and a half of sessions, an awards ceremony highlighting best practices in the industry, and tours that introduce conference participants to the local archaeology, architecture, and Sonoran Desert environment. One of the highlights of the plenary session will be an interactive panel discussion with speakers Lynne Sebastian, Tom King, and the Arizona State Historic Preservation Officer, Jim Garrison, discussing their sometimes controversial views of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the key piece of legislation enabling the CRM industry. For more information and updates, please visit http://acra-crm.org/

The California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH) Conference

The 28th annual conference of the California Council for the Promotion of History (CCPH) will be held in San Luis Obispo this year, October 23rd-25th. The theme this year is "Many Californias, Many Histories," and will explore diverse peoples, places, and events that together make up the mosaic of California history. The opening reception will be at the beautiful Dallidet Adobe and Gardens, a California Historical Landmark that was the home of Pierre Hyppolite Dallidet who settled in San Luis Obispo in 1853 to grow grapes and make wine. The conference, held mainly at the Embassy Suites San Luis Obispo will also feature mobile "rolling" sessions into the beautiful countryside to experience first-hand the landscapes and sites of Central Coast history. Conference Program and Registration Packets will be available in mid-August. Need more information? Contact the CCPH office at (916) 278-4296 or ccph@csus.edu, or visit the website at http://www.csus.edu/org/ccph/Conference/.
SCA News and Announcements

Archaeology Month - October 2008

Archaeology Month gives us a chance to turn the public’s attention to the need to preserve our heritage. Public education and community involvement are essential if we are to ensure the preservation of California’s prehistoric and historic-period resources for the future. Now is a good time to plan activities and events for October 2008. We urge you to arrange an archaeological site tour, a walking tour of an historic neighborhood, a public talk, etc. When you decide what you or your organization would like to do, please take a few minutes to contact Laura Leach-Palm (530-756-3941 or e-mail laura@farwestern.com) so that your event can be entered on the SCA Archaeology Month web page calendar.

The 2008 Archaeology Month poster will be available at the data-sharing meetings. This year’s theme is “New Directions in California Archaeology,” and the poster image is taken from the 2007 volume of “California Prehistory” edited by Terry Jones and Kathryn Klar.

We are also looking for members to present their current research at one of the data-sharing meetings, and are especially interested in getting students involved. We hope that some of you and your students will use this opportunity to work through ideas that will eventually be transformed into formal papers for the annual meeting and/or publication. For those of you who would like to share some of your data and interpretations, even preliminary ones, with your colleagues in an informal setting, we strongly encourage you to contact us as soon as possible so that we can be sure to fit you into the programs.

Here are just a few of the exciting events, with more details to follow:

Northern Data Sharing Meeting

Saturday, October 11: Northern Data Sharing Meeting at the University of California, Santa Cruz

In order to further the SCA mission to promote cooperation among archaeologists working in California, this year’s meeting will focus on successful collaborations and cooperative efforts between public agencies, academic institutions, and the private sector. Members are encouraged to share information on recent projects. As always, papers outside the identified theme are also welcome and encouraged.

The meeting will take place on the beautiful UCSC campus. The UCSC Anthropology Department has graciously arranged for low-cost reserved parking close to the venue, making the meeting very accessible. A catered box lunch is planned near the conference room where attendees can enjoy a recently commissioned mural by Anne Thierman depicting Ohlone life at the Casa Grande site in Quiroste Valley.

After the meeting, attendees are invited to venture north of Santa Cruz for a camp-out at a State Parks facility located near Ano Nuevo. Food and refreshments will be provided by local businesses and agencies. Please come and enjoy good food, exceptional company, and engaging conversation and debate on important issues in California archaeology (topic to be announced).

Please contact Northern Vice President Jennifer Farquhar for paper submittals and to reserve a place for the camp-out. Jennifer can be reached at jfarquhar@albionenvironmental.com or 831-588-1724.

Southern Data Sharing Meeting

Saturday, October 25: Southern Data Sharing Meeting at California State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo

If you would like to contribute a paper or have questions, please contact Jennifer Perry, Southern Vice President, at jennifer.perry@pomona.edu or 909-607-9675.

Arch-in-the-Park

Saturday, October 18: Arch in the Park at the Ranch House in Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, San Diego

The San Diego County Archaeological Society (SDCAS) presents an educational day of archaeology and fun! For more information, call: 858-538-0935; visit the SDCAS website: www.sandiegoarchaeologicalsociety.com; or e-mail them at: sdcas@email.com and look for “Events.”

California on the Cutting Edge

Susan Stratton, PhD, Sr. State Archaeologist and Supervisor of the Project Review Unit at the Office of Historic Preservation.

California is once again on the cutting edge. Over the past 18 months or so, we have received and put forth several well-written nominations for archaeological sites which have been listed or found eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places by the Keeper. The “exciting” part is that several of the sites, i.e., the
Farpoint Site in Los Angeles County and Cuyamaca Village in San Diego County, were nominated not only under Criterion D for their scientific data potential, but also under Criterion A for an historic event or role for which the property is significant. The Registration Unit at OHP is working closely with the National Register staff to put forth guidance for reviewing archaeological nominations under Criterion A. Let’s keep those nominations coming in!

Presidio of San Francisco Historic and Archaeological Preservation Alert

The Presidio Trust has proposed a major revision to the Management Plan for the Presidio Main Post, the area of the park that contains the archaeological site of the Spanish-colonial Presidio de San Francisco. This revised Presidio Trust Management Plan (PTMP), if adopted, could pose serious threats to the integrity, research potential, and public interpretation of the Spanish colonial archaeological site of El Presidio de San Francisco, and to the Presidio of San Francisco National Historic Landmark District. The environmental planning documents can be reviewed on the Presidio Trust website: http://www.presidio.gov/trust/projects/mp/mpdocs.htm. Public comments are due by the 19th of September. Send them to the Presidio Trust (mainpost@presidiotrust.gov) and to the State Historic Preservation Officer (mwdonaldson@parks.ca.gov)

2008 Annual Meeting Wrap

Stephen Horne

The 42nd Annual Meeting of the Society for California Archaeology was held at the Burbank Airport Marriott Hotel in Burbank from April 17 through April 20, 2008. These meetings were a lively reprise of prior successful meetings, bringing together archaeologists with an interest in the archaeology of California and adjacent, related regions. Above all, we hope that you made new friends and established new connections while in Burbank.

The Burbank Annual Meeting was an extraordinary event. Attendance and income to the Society far exceeded expectations; the papers and posters reflected the continuing growth and maturity of California archaeology, the growing role of CRM firms and agencies in producing high level work was apparent, and the speakers at the Plenary Session helped to reset the corners of traditional archaeological practice. And we partied at the Silent Auction until the Autry Center shut down.

The Annual Meeting of our Society runs on the efforts of its volunteers and the staff of the Business Office. Several people took on an extraordinary level of responsibility to ensure this year’s success. The Meeting Chairs, Matt Des Lauriers, Local Arrangements, and Dustin McKenzie, Program Chair, are owed the appreciation of the entire Society for their efforts. The responsibilities laid on the shoulders of this team were substantial and critical. Among the challenges they faced were coping with hotel construction and a change in hotel ownership and, most remarkably, bringing off the Silent Auction in style despite the high cost and logistical difficulties of making arrangements in Los Angeles. Rarely, if ever, has the work of the AM Chairs been a
cross-generational family operation. This year was different. Matt’s mother and father, Richard and Pamela Des Lauriers, cheerfully helped to manage the endless minutiae of the Meeting: stuffing reg packets, running the Book Room, and solving problems with laser efficiency and reassuring calm.

2008 is a transitional year for our Society, bringing changes in the business model and staffing of the Business Office. Our new Business Office Manager, Denise Wills, rose to the challenge of running the Registration Desk without having Greg White’s experienced hand to provide guidance. This was a daunting task and far too much to ask-- but Denise stayed in position and faced down the problems with intelligence and a serene competence. Thank you, Denise, for a job done well under difficult circumstances.

Public outreach and professional development were a theme this year--expect an even greater emphasis on this at the Modesto Annual Meeting. The Meeting began with a public talk by Brian Fagan centered on his new book, *The Great Warming: The Medieval Climate Anomaly from a Global Perspective*. On Friday afternoon, the Society sponsored a session chaired by Michael Newland and Shannon Tushingham that addressed educational advancement and career preparation for students. On Thursday, early registrants had an opportunity to learn about writing and publishing in archaeology from Brian Fagan and Mitch Allen of Leftcoast Press. Our Native American Programs Committee sponsored a “mini-training” on protecting sites from artifact theft and vandalism chaired by Martin McAllister, Shannon Tushingham, Cassandra Hensher and Janet Eidsness.

The Plenary Session formally initiated the Meeting by taking a look at work that pushes the limits of traditional archaeology. Matt and Dustin put together a disparate group of speakers on a wide array of topics in a session titled “New Directions in California Archaeology.” After opening messages from President Stephen Horne and Local Arrangements Chair Matt Des Lauriers, attendees were treated to vividly illustrated talks on rock art and the environment, landscapes as spiritscapes, pathways to power, genetic evidence for population interaction in the southwest, southern and Baja California, gender and California archaeology, and prehistoric warfare among hunter-gatherers. The presenters were David Robinson, Jennifer Perry, Lynn Gamble; Cara Monroe, Brian Kemp, and David Smith; Sandra Hollimon, and Mark Allen. Michael Jochim adeptly wove the strands of these disparate talks into an engaging summary.

Non-traditional activities are becoming an integral component of the arc of the Annual Meeting. The Society’s active Native American Programs Committee (NAPC), co-chaired by Cassandra Hensher and Janet Eidsness, continues to bring the Native American and archaeological communities together for mutual benefit in three separate sessions. The Committee sponsored a session on Friday geared to communication between these communities entitled, “What Did You Say?” Steven Haberfeld, Joyce Burel, Eidsness and Hensher were discussants. This was followed by a Saturday morning Open Meeting geared to free exchange of ideas for future collaborations and the “mini-training” dealing with the prevention of artifact theft and vandalism and the enforcement of protection laws. Five California Indian Scholarships were awarded by the SCA. This year’s recipients were Frank Arredondo, Randy Yonemura, Tanya Ruiz, Abel Silvas, and Carmen Lucas.

The Bureau of Land Management and the US Forest Service traditionally gather in advance of the Annual Meeting. This year these agencies also assembled during the meetings to celebrate 35 years of cultural resources management on the public estate in California. This session was chaired by Greg Greenway of the Forest Service and Kirk Halford of the Bureau of Land Management. The wide-ranging papers underscored the
importance of agency-sponsored research to California archaeology.

The Bureau of Land Management continues to play a central role in SCA programs and again this year supported the participation of archaeologists from Instituto Nacional de Anthropologia e Historia (INAH). Julia Bendimez Patterson chaired a Saturday afternoon session on Baja California archaeology with papers presented by archaeologists from Mexico. Eric Ritter provided the discussion.

Silent Auction

The Autry National Center hosted the successful Silent Auction. The exhibit halls were open and many took the opportunity to browse through the spectacular collections. The Center buzzed with the assembled energy of over 400 attendees and the crowd was rocked by the Dave Daniels Band, anchored by our own Jennifer Perry on drums. Nearly $6000 was generated for the SCA general fund, a sum that will underwrite SCA programs and operations to a significant extent. The Society appreciates the generosity of the Silent Auction item donors, who contributed a remarkable variety of offerings.

Because of the restrictions and costs associated with catering through the Autry National Center, the Silent Auction did not include food. Our membership should be reassured that this was a one-time aberration and that next year’s Silent Auction in Modesto will feature an impressive feed.

Awards Banquet

The Marriott Hotel staff produced a very fine meal this year which was enjoyed by over 150 attendees. The Program began after the first course was served. The audience was reminded of the recipients of awards which were given at the Plenary Session. Melanie Beasley won the Student Paper Award for her dietary analysis at the Ellis Landing Site. The Helen C. Smith Avocational Society Achievement Award was given to the Colorado Desert District Archaeological Site Stewardship Program and the Thomas F. King Award for Excellence in Cultural Resource Management was presented to Trish Fernandez for her work and leadership in the White Papers project.

Past President John Johnson presented the California Indian Heritage Preservation Award to Charlie Cooke, Chumash, for his activist history in the service of preserving archeological sites and traditional culture in Santa Barbara, Ventura, and Los Angeles counties. The James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award went to Terri Joslin to support dissertation research on the exploitation of red abalone along the Central Coast. Beth Padon presented the Mark Raymond Harrington Award for Conservation Archaeology to Janine McFarland for her leadership in developing and managing a pioneering and complex site stewardship program for Los Padres National Forest. That program became one of the principal models for SCA’s own California Archaeological...
Site Stewardship Program. The 2008 Martin A. Baumhoff Special Achievement Award was conferred on Terry Jones and Kathryn Klar for their contribution, *California Prehistory: Colonization, Culture, and Complexity*. A generational statement, this contribution brings together the views and knowledge of many experts and, in doing so, embraces not only academia but also the work of private consultants and government agency archaeologists. Jones and Klar in turn expressed appreciation and gratitude to the volume’s many contributors. President Stephen Horne conferred the 2008 Lifetime Achievement Award on his friend and BLM colleague, Eric Ritter. The Society recognizes that Doc’s contribution to agency archaeology; to teaching, training, and inspiring of archaeologists; to research; and to dissemination of archaeological knowledge is an important and enduring legacy for California Archaeology.

The evening’s keynote speaker, E.C. Krupp, Director of the Griffith Observatory, was introduced; this was his second appearance as our keynote speaker. With characteristic energy, Dr. Krupp took the audience on a witty, fast-paced, globetrotting tour of the use of the symbols of celestial power in the design of prehistoric and modern spaces.

**Annual Meeting Team**

Program Chair Dustin McKenzie and Local Arrangements Chair Matt Des Lauriers would like to express appreciation for the support and effort for the many volunteers that made the Annual Meeting a smoothly run success. Several sponsors of this year’s Meeting were not included in the printed Program’s acknowledgement of sponsorships. The Annual Meeting Team would like to express appreciation to these underwriters: EDAW, ASM, and the California Department of Parks and Recreation. Assisting throughout the awards ceremony were Garry Gillette, photographer, and Gina Jorgenson and Melanie Beasley who helped keep festivities moving smoothly ahead. The Silent Auction Coordinator was Kelli Brasket. Sherri Anderson, SCA’s Volunteer Coordinator, did a nice job bringing volunteer resources to the Meeting, her first as Volunteer Coordinator. As mentioned earlier, Pamela Des Lauriers coordinated the Book Room. Kristina Roper provided an invaluable service by pulling together an impressive list of Underwriters—underwriters help to ensure the financial success of the Annual Meeting. To all of these volunteers and to all of the many volunteers not mentioned here, the Annual Meeting Team would like to express sincere appreciation for their hard work and dedication to SCA and to the success of the Annual Meeting.

Finally, special appreciation is due to efforts of our Society’s Native American Programs Committee. Co-Chairs Cassandra Hensher and Janet Eidsness along with the assistance of many—-including Gregg Castro--planned and pulled off three separate non-traditional events this year. This is a tremendous effort and one that helps to build understanding. This effort, and the vision behind it, deserves the appreciation of our Society.
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Plan on Participating in the 2009 Annual Meeting

Kathleen L. Hull

Since the 2009 Annual Meeting in Modesto is scheduled relatively early next year—mid-March rather than late March or even April—it’s time to start planning your participation now! Perhaps you heard an interesting presentation at the recent annual meeting in Burbank that has inspired you to either follow up on a topic or challenge data presented. Or maybe it’s time to report on recent work by your firm, agency, or institution that makes a significant contribution to archaeological knowledge in a region or demonstrates productive partnerships with descendant communities. Whatever you have in mind, now is the time to start seeking out partners to develop stimulating and informative symposia and papers that will, in turn, inspire future research or enhance management strategies. The official call for papers will come out in the fall and the deadline will likely be in early December, but you are welcome to submit ideas for sessions before the official call.

Although much planning lies ahead, we can report that the 2009 Annual Meeting will begin with a public session on the evening of Thursday, March 12, featuring Dr. Maurizio Forte of UC Merced. Dr. Forte is the founding faculty member in the new World Heritage program at UC Merced, and is a leading authority on the use of “virtual heritage” for preservation and interpretation of heritage resources for a global audience. His research in Italy, China, Syria, and elsewhere draws on cutting-edge digital techniques to produce 3D reconstructions of monuments, sites, and landscapes from archaeological data. Thus, his talk promises to be both technologically informative and visually captivating. Other sessions still in the planning stages include a return of the very successful, adrenalin-pumping “Instant Archaeology” first unveiled in Burbank; a celebration of 50 years of Caltrans-sponsored archaeology, including a retrospective look at key investigations that continue to influence regional work; a symposium on the archaeology of Uto-Aztecan speakers in southern California; and a session organized by the Native American Programs Committee wherein Indian Monitors, archaeology students, and entry-level professionals will explore and exchange information about ways to better communicate and collaborate. Look for updates and other announcements in the next Newsletter, as well as on the SCA website and in SCA Newsflashes.

The meeting will be held from March 12 -15 at the Doubletree Hotel in Modesto. If you have a possible symposium, forum, or workshop in mind, please contact Program Chair Kathleen Hull via email at: program_chair_09@scahome.org. Additionally, if you have an idea for the meeting arrangements, or would like to volunteer your time and/or efforts please contact Local Arrangements Chair Mandi Martinez via email at: local_arrangements_09@scahome.org. Let’s make the 2009 annual meeting great!
Proceedings News
Stephen Horne

If I look over my right shoulder at the books and journals in bookcases along my office wall, I can see a tidy, moderately extensive of dusty SCA Proceedings—the swag in bookcases along my office wall, I can see a tidy, If I look over my right shoulder at the books and journals Stephen Horne Proceedings News
Day concerning the Sierra Madre Ridge in Santa Barbara about everyone else, I recruit Google to help. I pick a author, or subject of papers might produce. So, like just wondered what Proceedings hits searching for a topic, author, or subject of papers might produce. So, like just about everyone else, I recurit Google to help. I pick a paper that I coauthored for an Annual Meeting back in the day concerning the Sierra Madre Ridge in Santa Barbara County. I type in “Sierra Madre Ridge+Stephen Horne”—and there it is, a link to SCAHome: “The Sierra Madre Area: Boundaries, Site Catchments, Archaeology Old and New”. Clicking the link, there it is again: the title, the authors, an abstract, and . . . nothing else. No date, no provenance, no article. When I Google “Cuyama Valley,” a location both mentioned in and central to the paper, the reference to the paper does not appear. Check out JSTOR, Highbeam, IngentaConnect and the like. No matter how hard you search, you are unlikely to find online text of a paper published in the SCA Proceedings. SCA is the largest archaeological society in the United States after SAA, and our members showcase outstanding research at our Annual Meetings, year after year. How come few can find papers presented at our Annual Meeting unless they have access to one of the few extant hard copies?

This question and others were considered by the SCA Executive Board in an extended discussion in 2007 and 2008 concerning how best to continue the Proceedings as a central program of the Society. The issues that the Board confronted included the steeply rising costs of editing, layout, printing, and distribution; the environmental footprint of printing a hard copy; the difficulty of recruiting and maintaining a consistent number of volunteers to assist in the various phases of production; and, as considered above, the limited distribution and availability of the Proceedings in the trappings of its traditional format.

By now, many SCA members will have heard the Executive Board has decided that the Proceedings from the 41st Annual Meeting in San Jose will be the last that will be printed and distributed as a hard-copy document. The Proceedings from the Burbank Annual Meeting and all subsequent volumes will be produced and posted on the web in a digital format as a searchable pdf document with the capability to download individual papers. Submissions will still be sent to the Business Office, will still be edited and will still conform to the style and format standards articulated in SCAHome [these standards are under revision]. Key formatting differences are an increase in the word limit (from 6,500 words to 8,000 words) and the capability to produce photographs and other illustrations in color.

A digital Proceedings is not necessarily the greatest thing since sliced bread—there are good and bad features, just as there are good and bad features of a printed Proceedings. It is not my intention here to revisit the entire discussion over the past year, but I would like to revisit a few of the more salient pros and cons.

A few members have held forth on the negatives of the shift to digital. One consistently raised point is that a digital Proceedings flies in the face of tradition—and indeed it does. Another is that it is undeniably easier for some to flip through, scan and read a hard copy. Some simply prefer something that can be held in the hand and, of course, there is a unique pleasure in seeing one’s own work in print. Others worried over the possibility that specific site location information might be revealed; the Board considered this point early on. No specific site location will be posted. But perhaps the greatest negative is one of perception—some saw the migration to digital format as a downgrading of the Proceedings, or worse, a backdoor attempt by the Board to eliminate the Proceedings altogether.

I would like to address this last point directly. The Executive Board firmly supports the continuation of the Proceedings as one of SCA’s “family” of publications. The Newsletter and a refereed journal, still in the planning stages, complete the family.
The weight of tradition pressed down on the Board during the decision process, but ultimately the benefits to the SCA membership and to the wider archaeological community weighed far more. For example, we plan to provide an opportunity for others to submit short commentaries and rebuttals to papers in the Proceedings. I have already mentioned the greater allowable length, the color feature, the benefits of reductions in cost and environmental impacts, but I would like to emphasize the features that were most important to the Board: the digital proceedings will be searchable and they will be available to any researcher, anywhere in the world, who has access to the web. These features will make the Proceedings a vastly more valuable research tool for a much larger community of archaeologists.

A digital Proceedings will raise the profile of our Society, increase the visibility of our work, and elevate awareness of the work we are doing here in California. This is the right decision at the right time for SCA.

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**Minutes**

**Society for California Archaeology**  
**Annual Business Meeting, Burbank, CA**  
**April 19, 2008**

Outgoing SCA President Steve Horne opens meeting at 5:07 pm

**Election Results**

Twenty percent of the SCA membership participated in the election. New officers are as follows:  
Secretary: Jamie Dotey  
Northern Vice-President: Jennifer Farquhar  
President-Elect: C. Kristina Roper

**Meeting Committee Reports, Announcements**

Annual Meeting Chairs Matt Des Laurier and Dustin McKenzie were unable to attend the Business Meeting but report through Steve that this has been one of our most successful meetings. All Silent Auction money (~5K) goes to the SCA. The purchased tickets paid for the venue costs.

**Business Office Manager Report**

The SCA wishes to welcome Denise Wills as the Assistant Business Manager. Greg White (Business Manager) was unable to attend the Annual Meeting due to project conflicts.

The SCA has terminated the contract with the Chico State Foundation and has instead moved to a contract with Pacific Legacy. Denise will work for the SCA as an employee of Pacific Legacy; Pacific Legacy will, in turn, bill for costs. One of the problems with the Chico State contract was the difficulty in hiring employees. All work was done by volunteers and this is neither sustainable nor acceptable. Greg will not do the Proceedings but will continue with the Newsletters and provide institutional memory.

At present, membership is ~1,010.

**Treasurers Report**

Leigh Jordan, SCA Treasurer, is unable to attend. The SCA has incurred expenses related to moving the business office from Chico State to the new Pacific Legacy office in Chico. Other monetary shortfalls stem from difference between projected and actual costs of the Proceedings (12-13K greater than expected). Because the Proceedings were thin last year, the SCA lobbied to get more authors, which resulted in over 500 pages.

**Proceedings**

Beginning in 2008, the Proceedings will be published online. This move has been voted on and approved by the SCA Board. For the past few years, SCA has relied on Greg White to prepare Proceedings, which represents an enormous amount of volunteer time equaling about $7,000-8,000 of donated time. Web-based proceedings will be much more accessible and searchable. This move places the Proceedings at the forefront of research. At present, the Proceedings are not refereed. Digitally we can
provide for comments and criticism. Graphs will be higher in quality and of course the Proceedings will be much cheaper to produce. This changes the identity of the SCA and makes the SCA accessible nationally and internationally.

The SCA is also in the process of developing a refereed journal. This represents a move toward professionalism. The process is in the initial planning stages. More information regarding the proposed journal will be provided in upcoming Newsletters.

**Future Annual Meetings - Committee for Advanced Annual Meeting Planning (CAAMP)**

Next year’s Annual Meeting will be held in Modesto, March 12th-15th, 2009. Kathleen Hull is Program Chair and Amanda Martinez will serve as Local Arrangements Chair.

The 2010 Annual Meeting will be held in Riverside at the Convention Center, with accommodations provided at the Marriott Hotel and the Mission Inn as in the past.

In 2011 the Society for American Archaeology will hold its annual meeting in Sacramento; this has made a change in venue necessary for the SCA, since a joint meeting with the SAA is not acceptable. Donna Gillette has taken over from Tom Origer as the CAAMP Chair. Donna has been researching dates and venues. The meetings will tentatively be held March 9-12, 2011, at the Holiday Inn/Red Lion in Redding. Another possible venue is the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park, as well as San Jose. Visalia is a new idea which will be researched. Donna is working to update the process. She is also working on finding a venue for the 2012 meetings.

**Committee Chair and Liaisons Reports**

*CASSP (California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program)* – Beth Padon wishes to thank everyone for their participation in CASSP and she invites the SCA Board to attend future workshops. Two mapping workshops are planned. Dates for future workshops can be found on the CASSP website at [http://www.cassp.org/](http://www.cassp.org/).

A new venture involves SCA cooperation with Wild Places, Inc. and the Owens Valley Career Development Center, in planning a 3-day event for high school Native American students. In cooperation with Sequoia National Forest, students will visit sites in Kennedy Meadow and will prepare site maps and forms for 1-2 archaeological sites. More information is forthcoming in a workshop flyer.

**New Business / Open Discussion**

**Student Assistance:**

Rob Edwards, Cabrillo College – Rob has expressed his concern for the costs of meeting attendance and rooms, and asks the SCA Board to find ways to cut costs for students.

Steve Horne, Outgoing SCA President – The SCA must provide avenues for greater student participation. The SCA Board had assumed that the Burbank Meeting would be under attended, thus there existed a great concern regarding the cost of this meeting, and students’ needs were neglected. He recognizes that this is a bad strategy.

Mark Allen, Incoming SCA President – Students are his first priority and focus this coming year. He will explore ways to get more students to the Modesto meetings and is interested in all suggestions and ideas anyone may have.

Further discussion followed, including the mention that the Society for Historic Archaeology encourages student participation by subsidizing banquet attendance for students. Suggestion was made from the floor that the meetings include a greater emphasis on ethical topics in archaeology.

**Getty Conservation Institute of Los Angeles:**

Michael Sampson – Mentioned that the Getty Conservation Institute of Los Angeles should become more involved with putting on courses – they previously held a 1-week Rock Art Course. He suggested that the SCA Board should approach the Getty to do this in the future. Further discussion ensued regarding the benefits of a relationship between the SCA and the Getty.

**SCA Audit:**

Steve Horne – Notes that this year there was to be a line item cost for an audit. This was removed due to budgetary constraints. He suggests that the SCA Board needs to reconsider eliminating this necessary task. In order to obtain grant funding, the SCA must show that it is fiscally sound. This year funding for the CAASP program, which is provided from SHPO, was nearly eliminated. The SCA needs to seek out more diverse and secure funding sources for its various programs.

Outgoing President Steve Horne closes the meeting at 6:06 pm.
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California’s Flightless Duck, Its Demise Undermines “Pleistocene Overkill Hypothesis”? 

By Christina S. Johnson, California Sea Grant

Flightless birds are something of an evolutionary oxymoron, right up there with nonswimming fish or vegetarian carnivores. They are painfully vulnerable to extinction, right up there with nonswimming fish or vegetarian carnivores. They are painfully vulnerable to extinction.

As it turns out, California once had its own version of a dodo bird, a flightless duck known in scientific circles as *Chendytes lawi*. Like the dodo bird, which inhabited the Indian Ocean island of Mauritius but not the African continent nearby, *Chendytes* escaped terrestrial predators, two-legged and four, by colonizing the Channel Islands. Unlike the dodo bird, *Chendytes* could dive and swim, which may partially explain its longevity as a species under prehistoric fire.

Archeology professor Terry Jones of Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, Judith Porcasi of the Costen Institute of Archeology at UCLA and Jon Erlandson of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Oregon have shown that prehistoric coastal peoples in California began hunting the duck about 11,000 years ago. More significantly, they hunted it for fully 8,000 years before it finally went kaput, that is extinct, about 2,400 years ago. The details of this finding, based on carbon dating of archeological remains from 14 prehistoric settlements spanning San Diego to Sonoma County, are published in the current issue of the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*.

“The duck could not fly and the people were able to collect their eggs,” said Jones, whose research was funded by California Sea Grant. “This is a ‘perfect storm’ for driving an animal to extinction. I would never have thought it would take 8,000 years to wipe them out.”

Yet, it did and the duration of the duck’s demise has led Jones to doubt the validity of the “Pleistocene overkill hypothesis” – the theory that iconic Ice Age megafauna such as the ground sloth and mammoth were pushed to extinction in a blitzkrieg fashion by Clovis hunters about 13,000 years ago. In this theory, 35 genera of Pleistocene mammals are wiped off the planet in the span of 400 years.

Why would it take 8,000 years to wipe out one species of flightless bird, and why would there be virtually no archeological evidence for human hunting of extinct Pleistocene megafauna, save the mammoth, Jones said.

“We make the case it must mean the Pleistocene megafauna were wiped out some other way besides having been hunted,” he said. “If the overkill hypothesis were true, we would expect to see a more substantial record of exploitation in the archeological record. That record is not there.”

Others caution about drawing too many conclusions about Pleistocene terrestrial mammals from the history of one semi-marine duck. Paul Koch, chair of isotope biogeochemistry and vertebrate paleontology at UC Santa Cruz, said “there might not have been enough people living on the coast to drive the bird to extinction. I’d want to know the number of people living on the coast.”

Koch also believes the duck was really only vulnerable when nesting, and that it might have had some nests in remote places that effectively served as refuges for the species. “Yes, people had boats and could get to the islands but were the ducks worth going after,” he said. “They might not have been worth the effort. These people were obviously not *Chendytes* specialists. Otherwise, they would have gone extinct with the bird.”
NOAA’s California Sea Grant College Program is a statewide, multi-university program of marine research, extension services, and education activities administered by the University of California. It is the largest of 31 Sea Grant programs and is headquartered at Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego. The National Sea Grant College Program is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

Sacramento District, Army Corps of Engineers Provides Archeology Field Technician Training To Washoe Tribal Members

By Richard Perry District Archeologist

Beginning June 23rd the Sacramento District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) provided an intensive 36-hour training program in archeology survey techniques to eight members and employees of the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California in Gardnerville, Nevada. The purpose of the training was to train tribal members who either work for the Washoe Cultural Committee, or the Environmental Protection Department to be able to identify cultural materials in the field. The course was conceived by Sacramento District Archeologist, Richard Perry, in concert with Washoe Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Darrel Cruz who helped to implement the training. The funding came from a special fund that the Corps uses for projects in the Lake Tahoe Basin, and the authority for this type of program came under Section 203 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2000. Section 203 gives the authorization for the Corps to provide natural and cultural resources assistance to Indian tribes.

Colin Busby of Basin Research Associates, Inc., (San Leandro, California) developed the actual curriculum and training with the assistance of Rod McLean, former Los Angeles District archeologist, now with LSA Associates, Inc. in Carlsbad, California. I asked Colin to bring Rod on since he has helped Pat Martz teach mapping to her Cal State, Los Angeles field school students on San Nicolas Island for the last 14 years. Colin, with some input from Rod and myself developed a comprehensive five day course that was designed to take the participants through the laws and regulations that guide cultural resource management, compass and map reading, artifact recognition, field recording and finally survey techniques. The class included two guest speakers, Jim Carter, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) archeologist from the Carson City BLM District, and Mike Rondeau who gave an extended flint knapping demonstration. One of Colin’s employees from Reno, Bob Harmon, joined us in the field on Thursday to teach site mapping.

Originally scheduled to be taught in Truckee, and Martis Valley on Corps owned property, we moved the course location to Gardnerville to allow the participants to travel easily from home every day. Darrel Cruz arranged for us to meet at the Washoe Housing Authority
conference room in Dresslerville. We needed a location to hold the field exercises, and Jim Carter and Darrel Cruz found two nearby sites for us to use. Jim found a previously recorded site for us on BLM property right off Highway 395 close by the Dresslerville training location, and Darrel knew of an unrecorded site on nearby reservation property.

In a relatively short period of time, Colin Busby was able to pull together a five-day agenda, comprehensive PowerPoint presentation, and find enough public domain articles, and information on artifact recognition to fill a three-inch binder. As part of the training, we encouraged the students to participate in an open forum format. The course participants readily engaged us with high quality questions and freely offered their own personal experiences. Our lectures were interspersed with anecdotes and our own observations that were gained over the course of our respective careers.

During introductions on Monday morning we learned from our course participants that almost all of them were keenly interested in keeping Washoe culture and traditions alive and wanted to pass the knowledge on to younger tribal members. Most of them had professional job related reasons for attending the class, but all of them expressed a general interest in archeology. Tribal elder Jo Ann Nevers commented that she had had a life long interest in becoming an archeologist. One student, Andy Hettrick, is a non-tribal member who works for the Washoe Tribe as a Ranger. His main interest was in the laws, and how to identify cultural resources that he may encounter on his rounds on tribal land.

The Monday lectures were based on the various laws and regulations that we are obligated to work with, and some pertinent definitions. We covered Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, the Archeological Resources Protection Act, and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA). To set the tone for one of the reasons that we are archeologists, Colin began with a slide with a quote from America’s favorite pop culture archeologist, Indiana Jones. The quote said, “We are interested in the facts, not the truth.” Colin continued with definitions that covered the differences between archeology, history, ethnography, and ethnology. Rod McLean followed Colin with presentations on site types, field gear, and safety in the field while surveying. He pointed out one difference between Nevada and California in doing survey work is that the Nevada BLM has identified 30 meter transects as being the optimal distance between surveyors, while in California 15 to 20 meter intervals is the standard distance.

The more practical aspects of archeology fieldwork were the main topic for Tuesday’s lectures. Rod took the helm and taught topographic map reading, compass, and GPS use, and reading and preparing site record forms. Since the students may be prone to work either in California or Nevada, we covered both the DPR 523 forms and the IMACS forms that are use in Nevada. On Tuesday morning Jim Carter spoke for two hours on the role of the BLM in Nevada, and their rules and expectations for archeologists working on their property.

On Wednesday morning Mike Rondeau gave a very well received four hour-long flint knapping demonstration. He brought along his extensive tool kit as well as various previously manufactured tools that he used to show and explain the various elements of flaked tool technology and typology. The students were keenly interested in his demonstration and plied him with a steady stream of questions and observations. One of the students, Ike Bennett from the Woodsford Community, who is an accomplished flint knapper, brought some of his own work to show Mike. Mike, very generously, presented Ike with what appeared to be about a 10-pound chunk of mahogany obsidian.
We made our first field visit on Wednesday afternoon. We drove a short distance to an unrecorded site that Darrel Cruz knew about on the Dresslerville property. Rod briefed everyone on what we planned on accomplishing in the field, and how we would achieve that goal. We measured everyone’s pace for field measurements, and handed out pin flags.

The field exercise went very well. We lined the class up at 10-meter intervals and put a student, Joe Bryan, in charge with the three instructors following behind them offering correcting comments. We surveyed from one end of the field to the other, which was about 100 meters. The class did very well as they maintained their transect interval spacing and orientation and they identified and flagged most of the flaked materials as well as the historical period cans and bottles. We walked one transect down then Colin, Rod, and myself critiqued the results on the way back.

Thursday we spent the entire day at the site that Jim Carter set up for us. The main site was on a knoll-overlooking Highway 395, which descended into a valley with drainage on the east side of it. Susan McCabe (BLM) recorded the site in 2001 for a piñon nut survey and the day’s goal was to update the site record. The hike up to the the site on the knoll was on a 20-degree slope on rocky terrain. This was beneficial because it provided the students a glimpse into the type of terrain they could end up surveying. They appreciated our requirement to wear good sturdy boots for the fieldwork.

We concluded that the site in the valley below should be recorded separately. We divided the students up into two four-person teams. One stayed on top with Bob Harmon to learn site mapping, and the other team dropped down below with Rod McLean to survey and start to record the new site (with Colin). Both sites proved to be excellent training grounds. They had a mix of prehistoric lithics, a five-meter diameter rock ring, and historic period artifacts.

Friday morning was the time to reflect on the week that was now behind us, and go over anything that anybody may not have fully understood, or to hear any new questions that may have come up. We recapped the week’s events, and answered all their final questions. I mentioned that we all arrived on Monday as strangers and were leaving as friends on Friday. We exchanged feedback on the class and the content. We, the instructors, were very pleased with the level of enthusiasm we got, and the total interest in archeology that the Tribal members had. The students told us that they thought the course content was perfect for their various needs and interests. One student, Joe Bryan, said that this was the most interesting thing
he has done in years. After we were finished, two of students’ told me that they would like to work with me sometime.

In one of the opening comments on the first day, I mentioned that between Colin, Rod, and me we have somewhere between 90 and 100 years combined experience in archeology. We were able to condense that somewhat into a 36-hour class. The students gained an appreciation of the complexity of what we do as archeologists, and the amount of training it took to get us where we are today. They also fully appreciated the fact that we came to Gardnerville, and taught them what we know on their land. In return, they taught us traditional plant use, bow construction, and hunting strategies. We all learned from each other and gained a sense of partnership and teamwork for the benefit of the resources and preservation of the past.

We closed the class by passing out certificates of completion to everyone, and ended the morning with a photo session. In a display of appreciation for what we had done for the Tribe, Darrel Cruz presented each of us with custom beaded key chains. The week was clearly a huge success.

The University of California Press is pleased to announce the publication of:

*The Archaeology of Ethnogenesis: Race and Sexuality in Colonial San Francisco*

Barbara L. Voss is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Stanford University and coeditor, with Robert Schmidt, of *Archaeologies of Sexuality*, which received the Ruth Benedict Prize from the American Anthropological Association.

"In her innovative archaeological study of shifting identities in Spanish California, Voss shows that the colonists of San Francisco used diverse material practices to establish a new Califomio identity and legitimize their status as occupiers of a new land. This book will be of considerable interest to scholars of the Spanish borderlands and gender politics." Robert W. Preucel, coeditor of *A Companion to Social Archaeology*

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Full information about the book, including the table of contents, is available online: [http://go.ucpress.edu/VossArchaeology](http://go.ucpress.edu/VossArchaeology)
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summer edition of the Society for California Archaeology Newsletter.

The most vital component of SCA is now our new Business Office Manager, Ms. Denise Wills. I hope that many of you had the opportunity at the Burbank meeting to meet her. We are extremely fortunate to have such a skilled, dedicated, conscientious, and friendly person to keep our organization running smoothly. Look for her self-introduction in this newsletter as well. The Business Office itself is now well established in Chico, sharing space with Pacific Legacy. Major efforts to consolidate the society’s archives, other documents, and procedures are underway. SCA is now a large organization--by the standards of archaeological societies, we are very large indeed. The recent changes in the Business Office should ensure that SCA can continue to follow its mission and serve its members in a professional manner without losing touch with its grassroots origins. We are also better poised to handle further growth in both membership and society activities.

So where is this growth going to come from? Glad you asked! I am pretty confident that SCA can, should, and will attract increased numbers of avocationalists, Native Americans, and professionals. But I see increased participation by students as a particularly important goal for our organization. I ran for President on the platform that SCA needs to brainstorm on ways to better incorporate students into our ranks. One part of this should be how we can better serve their interests and convince even more of them to join. Student membership is the fastest growing segment of SCA and student attendees at the Annual Meeting in Burbank comprised over 27 percent of the total (ummm, and that was just officially registered attendees). This, as the governor would say, is fantastic and shows that recent efforts over the past few years (particularly those of Student Affairs Committee Chair Shannon Tushingham and former Northern Vice-President Michael Newland) have paid off. Students are now clearly a major voice of SCA. I would like to see how the organization can better help students achieve their own personal and professional goals. We also need to keep in mind that these folks are the ones who will be doing the business, curation, management, and research of California Archaeology in not so many years. We owe it to them, ourselves, and the cultural resources of the Golden State to ready them for these responsibilities as the future of the past is going to be challenging.

However, we should expect something back from students. I would like the society to better tap the energy, skills, and passion of our student members. My own students constantly remind me why I got into this craft in the first place, and they often keep me going when all else at the university appears to be headed in puzzling or disturbing directions. I could not do my own projects without them (and they would not be as much fun either), and likewise SCA needs its student members to step up, participate, be heard, and keep us all on our toes. One key part of this will be to encourage students to present their original work at the Data Share Meetings and the Annual Meeting. SCA should also encourage students to submit their papers for publication in the new online annual Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology. This new format should especially cater to their expertise with all things digital and colorful. These and other issues like student meeting registration fees, meeting accommodation costs, career development workshops, and membership drives will be major topics of SCA Board discussion at our upcoming meeting this October in Santa Cruz right before the Northern Data Sharing Meeting. Please send along any ideas, comments, or suggestions that you might have by the first week of October. Students, I particularly want to hear from you—please email me your ideas or comments (mwallen@csupomona.edu). I am confident that the Annual Meeting in Modesto from March 12th-15th will be one that students will want to attend, so start saving up gas money.

Let me also take this opportunity to plug the rapidly approaching Data Share Meetings this October. As was intended, both of them will take place during Archaeology Month. Make sure you check out the notice on all these activities in this newsletter by Northern Vice-President Jennifer Farquhar and Southern Vice-President Jennifer Perry. I will be at both meetings and look forward to the opportunity to meet and talk with as many members as possible. Hey students, this will be a great opportunity for you to communicate directly with the Executive Board, so make your plans to join us in Santa Cruz, Camarillo, or even better both! Better yet, plan to present your research as these informal settings are ideal places to develop professionally. Everyone, please coordinate your Archaeology Month events with Coordinator Laura Leach-Palm.

Next, let’s turn to the Society’s publications. First of all, many thanks to Don Laylander for his dedicated work on our web page www.scahome.org. Don made several helpful organizational changes during his tenure and he was extremely quick to post updates or announcements. Our new webmaster is Stella D’Oro, and she has many ideas on how to further improve our main avenue for communication. Members are going to see even more useful information on there very soon as we work on publishing past Proceedings of the Society for California Archaeology online, as well as embark on publishing all future Proceedings online to take advantage of greatly enhanced scholarly access, improved digital capacity, lower costs, and greener practice. Be sure to read Steve Horne’s column on these new opportunities. Lastly, since 2007, the Executive Board has been discussing and consulting about the possibilities of pursuing an additional
publication that might take on some of the roles of the newsletter. Its main purpose would be as a vehicle for our members to publish research, methodological papers, cultural resource management issues, and other types of articles. Stay tuned on this front, I will present an update on this in the fall newsletter.

Plans are well underway for the 2009 Annual Meeting in Modesto. The program committee has been up and running since early this year and has many interesting, informative, and entertaining sessions and events in store for us. The Local Arrangements Chair is Amanda Martinez and the Program Chair is Kathleen Hull. Be sure to see their first announcement elsewhere in this newsletter for further details. Feel free to contact them as they are both working hard to produce an outstanding meeting. Keep in mind that the upcoming meeting is very early: March 12-15, so calls for papers, sessions, workshops, volunteers, and of course donations will be going out early. Modesto has a great central location and costs will be somewhat lower than some of our more urbane settings. Throw in the outstanding program that Kathleen is putting together and the well organized local arrangements that Mandi is providing and we are going to have a great time in Modesto!

Let me also take this opportunity to say thank you to the other members of the SCA Executive Board. The society is very fortunate to have this group of dedicated folks who are willing to work hard to get us through significant transitions as well as develop new programs and activities.

We just had an incredibly productive two day Board Meeting in Chico and it is wonderful to be on such a team. I particularly want to thank Past-President Steve Horne who is working overtime on many important issues for SCA. During a strategic planning session we discussed whether minor changes in the SCA Mission statement might be warranted. We drafted a proposed new version and intend to put this forward to the membership for a vote this fall during the Executive Board elections. The fall newsletter will formally present this proposal to the membership.

Well, I see by the word count tool that I am about at the end of my line. I think I covered the main topics that are hot ones in the world of SCA. The most important message I think is that this is an exciting time for our society and thanks to work of many very smart and dedicated people, we are getting better all the time. Enjoy the rest of the summer, get those reports written, and get set for our upcoming fall and winter activities. Let me end by saying thank you for electing me to serve as President, I am learning so much about the history and practice of California Archaeology, meeting truly awesome people, and hopefully will be able to make some progress on some issues that I strongly believe in. See you in Santa Cruz, Camarillo, and Modesto!

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grow such existing programs as CASSP and to foster creation of such potential new programs as a refereed journal or licensing archaeologists doing CEQA archaeology.

The Proceedings are in layout but will be delayed. Due to the large number submissions, we have chosen to place a few in the Newsletter instead. Remember, next year the Proceedings will be moving to an electronic format. For more information on the migration to digital format, refer to an article on that subject in this Newsletter.

While the silly season of the Presidential campaigns is diverting our attention, it is good to maintain a certain level of vigilance toward the political forces that tend to impinge upon the practice of archaeology. It seems there is always some pressure to amend or, rather, undermine CEQA. But most recently the pressure was on NAGPRA. The Department of the Interior developed proposed rules for disposition of culturally unidentifiable human remains. The proposed rules, which to date have not been adopted, had a number of serious flaws and would have the effect of undermining, through regulatory language, the delicate balance that the NAGPRA statute achieved among the legitimate claims of scientific, public, and Native American interests regarding human remains and other cultural objects. Your Society submitted comments on the proposed rules, largely in support of the detailed comments that had been submitted previously by the SAA and the American Association of Physical Anthropologists.

It has been my great pleasure to serve as your President this past year. I thank you all for the opportunity you extended to me.
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