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On the cover: Jay C. von Werlhof (right) receiving the Mark R. Harrington Award from President Russell Kaldenberg and Past President Paul H. Ezell. Photograph courtesy of Russell Kaldenberg.
President's Column: Late Autumn Update
C. Kristina Roper, President

I am always so thankful for late autumn. The hot dusty days of summer are long over and cooler temperatures (and rain if we are lucky) have settled in. This time of year those of us in the academic world, on both sides of the podium, are gearing up for finals and end-of-term papers. For the SCA, fall brings data sharing meetings, Executive Board elections, and the call for organized symposia and contributed papers for the spring Annual Meeting.

The Fall SCA Executive Board Meeting was held the following day at Pomona College. Southern Vice President Colleen Delaney-Rivera, with the assistance of former SCA Southern VP Jennifer Perry, hosted a great meeting! I was particularly impressed with the quality of student presentations—you SoCal instructors should be proud! Although I was unable to attend, I hear Jennifer Farquhar pulled off another stellar Northern Data Sharing Meeting at the USACE Bay Model Facility in Sausalito. You will find more about both the Southern and Northern Data Sharing Meetings in this Newsletter.

By now I hope most of you have already cast your vote in the SCA Election. Open offices include President-Elect, Secretary, and Northern Vice-President. I appreciated the chance to vote online this year; many thanks to SCA Executive Director Denise Wills and Webmaster Stella D’Oro for making this happen. You may have noticed that we have only one candidate for President-Elect—Jennifer Farquhar—who admits she can’t seem to kick this SCA habit. Although I know Jennifer is an excellent candidate, I am a bit disappointed that she is the only candidate on the ballot for this office. The SCA will only succeed if its members take an active interest in the Society, and this includes holding office. We have an excellent Board, and I am thoroughly enjoying being a part of it; I know you would as well. So next year, please consider running for office. You will not regret your service!

Another fall event that has become a regular stop on the fall circuit for many SCA members is the Instituto Nacional de

C. Kristina Roper, SCA President
President's Column: Late Autumn Update, continued

Antropología e Historia (INAH) Binational Meetings focusing on the anthropology and history of Baja California. This year’s meeting, sponsored in part by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management and the SCA, was held in Mexicali in the Imperial Valley just south of the U.S.–Mexico border. President-Elect Glenn Gmoser and I attended, along with many SCA members. SCA Lifetime Member Claude Warren gave the keynote address, focusing on Holocene lakes in the California deserts (or as he subtitled it, “Look—there’s water out there”). SCA members giving presentations at the meetings included Don Laylander, Matthew Des Laurier, Andrew Pigniola, William Eckhardt, Eric Ritter, and Roy Pettus. Many thanks to Julia Bendímez Patterson (Director of INAH for Baja California) and her staff for an interesting and entertaining meeting.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to Terry Jones and the editorial and managing staff of the new SCA journal California Archaeology. What a great first volume! We look forward to many more.

Dr. Terry Jones, editor of the SCA’s journal, California Archaeology.

A rock painting from Sierra de San Francisco, a UNESCO World Heritage Site on the Baja Peninsula. Photo courtesy: http://www.newworldencyclopedia.org/entry/Baja_California

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Historic Archaeology News Report
Submitted by Jenny Haggar

Golinsky Mine Receives Cleanup Funding
The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) is funding several projects aimed at improving safety on public lands in California. A total of $895,000 was recently awarded to the Shasta-Trinity National Forest to mitigate physical and environmental hazards at the historic Golinsky Mine, part of the Shasta Mining District. The former copper mine has been abandoned for nearly 100 years. Besides the physical danger to forest visitors caused by open mine shafts and adits, the mine is generating runoff that leaks heavy metals into Lake Shasta. The ARRA funding will allow for the construction of a drainage treatment system in 2010 that will neutralize acid runoff and prevent heavy metals from entering Lake Shasta, providing safer water for wildlife and the public. Although current small mining claims are subject to environmental stipulations, there are many historic mines on public lands that are still contaminating the soil and groundwater (U.S. Forest Service, Shasta-Trinity National Forest).

Thirteen Properties Up for Nomination to State and National Registers
The California State Historical Resources Commission is nominating several properties to the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP), including the underwater remains of the USS Macon, historic theaters in Los Angeles, Humboldt, and San Bernadino counties, and four properties in San Francisco. The Commission is also nominating Camp Lockett for listing as a California Historical Landmark. Camp Lockett was the last camp to house “Buffalo Soldiers,” African-American cavalry units (California Department of Parks and Recreation).
New Listings on the NRHP in California
Nine new historic sites in California have been listed on the NRHP, including two homes in San Francisco, La Laguna Park in Los Angeles County, Commercial Row in Truckee, the Sonora Youth Center, and the Jackson Building in Riverside. The Jackson Building is associated with Japanese history in Riverside County, and with Mr. Jukichi Harada, who opened a restaurant in the building in 1905, challenged the California Alien Land Law of 1913, and died while living at an internment camp during World War II (California Office of Historic Preservation).

Bureau of Land Management Records Audio Tour of Cultural Resources
The BLM, El Centro Field Office, in cooperation with the Student Conservation Association (SCA), has recently completed a podcast tour of cultural resources found in the Yuha Desert, a portion of the southern Colorado Desert located in Imperial County. Three SCA interns, under the supervision of the El Centro Field Office archaeologists, designed an audio tour of the Yuha, which included information on the Yuha Geoglyph, the Anza Overlook, and the Yuha Well as well as on plant and animal life and paleontology. The Overlook and Well are interpretive sites associated with the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, which was established in the 1770s to move livestock, settlers, and military infrastructure from Mexico to the new mission system in California. The tour was funded as part of the BLM’s “Take it Outside!” program, and will soon be available for downloading at the El Centro Field Office website: http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/arch_cult.html (BLM).
Liaison Reports, continued

The Society for American Archaeology News Report
Submitted by Arleen Garcia-Herbst (ASM Affiliates, Inc.), SCA Liaison to the SAA

NAGPRA News
On October 7, 2009, the House Natural Resources Committee met to hear about the Administration’s goals for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), and to explore possible improvements to the implementation of the program. SAA Repatriation Committee Chairwoman Susan Bruning testified at the oversight hearing; her testimony is available at http://tinyurl.com/yeew64p.

Who is Archaeology’s Active Audience?
The National Survey of Recreation and the Environment (NSRE) interviewed approximately 120,000 Americans aged 16 and older to learn about approximately 85 specific outdoor recreation activities in the United States. This SAA report looks specifically at those people who visited an archaeological or prehistoric site.

One-fifth (e.g., 20.1%) of Americans visited a site at least once last year. Furthermore, the number of Americans visiting an archaeological or prehistoric site also rose by 2.4% from 1999 to 2008. In general, a roughly equal number of men and women visited an archaeological or prehistoric site. Visitors were predominantly white followed by Hispanic, were mostly between 45 and 54 years of age, had at least a college education, earned between $25,000 and $74,999, and lived in a metropolitan area.

Read the full SAA report from the NSRE at http://tinyurl.com/ybtgyfb.
2009 Northern Data Sharing Meeting
Submitted by Jennifer Farquhar, Northern Vice-President

This year’s gathering was held at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Bay Model in beautiful Sausalito on October 17, 2009. The meeting had an impressive turnout, with nearly 80 people in attendance. The USACE sponsored the event, graciously providing the conference venue.

The meeting began with a lively coffee social, followed by a tour of the Bay Model, a working hydraulic model of the San Francisco and Sacramento–San Joaquin River Delta System. The model itself is the size of two football fields, and simulates a 24-hour tide cycle in 15 minutes—an impressive sight indeed.

Following the brief tour, a welcome and announcement portion of the meeting commenced, followed by a raffle, sponsored by the SCA Student Affairs Committee. Five lucky students each received a one-year SCA membership. The winners were Stefanie Adams (CSU Sacramento), Kristin Converse (Sonoma State), Karen Reichardt (Sonoma State), Chelsea Rose (Sonoma State), and Nathan Stevens (UC Davis). Congratulations to all of you!

The day’s presentations were divided up into broad geographic or topical categories, beginning with a set of papers concerning advances in archaeological methods. Christopher Lloyd opened the meeting with a paper describing ongoing research involving GIS analysis of Central Pomo travel corridors and paths. His presentation outlined procedures and results of predictive modeling to identify these elusive features. Nathan Stevens (UC Davis) presented findings on use-wear analysis employing laser-scanning confocal microscopy to ascertain function of Monterey chert tools. Research shows that this method is indeed useful for discriminating between various contact materials. Jelmer Eerkens and Jenna Santy (UC Davis) presented data involving analysis of soil chemical attributes (pH, total nitrogen, total carbon, ratios of carbon and nitrogen stable isotope) against visible archaeological features in the Owen Valley. Soil chemistry data successfully identified additional features not identified during fieldwork, meaningfully expanding our understanding of use of domestic space, and possible changes in use over time.

The next set of papers highlighted recent research in the San Francisco Bay and Central Coast regions. Stella D’Oro (Albion Environmental) presented research conducted for her M.A. thesis, in which she examined the effects of the Medieval Climatic Anomaly (MCA) (1100–750 BP) on populations in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her study used evidence for settlement disruption, interpersonal violence, malnutrition, and resource intensification as proxy measures to assess effects of the MCA. Data suggest that, in contrast to Southern California populations, prehistoric occupants of the Bay Area were not significantly affected by the MCA. Turning to the Monterey Bay Area, Ryan Brady and Tom Garlinghouse (Albion Environmental) presented data from excavations at two coastal locations (Monterey peninsula and Carmel River mouth). Results of the limited test excavations were compared with regional land use models to assess changes in resource procurement and settlement in coastal habitats.
Data Sharing Meetings

2009 Northern Data Sharing Meeting, Continued

Next was Erik Zaborsky of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), who reported on a variety of agency research projects and activities on public lands in the Southern Diablo Mountain Range. Activities were wide-ranging, including an investigation of magnesite artifact forms, a study on Valley Fever, and research involving the archaeoastronomy of Joaquin Rocks and Birdwell Rock.

The San Francisco Bay and Central Coast section concluded with a lively, unique presentation by Breck Parkman (California State Parks) called “Hippies and Marines: Toward an Archaeology of the Sixties.” The presentation described ethno-archaeological investigations at two California state parks: an analysis of artifacts and ecofaces recovered from fire debris of a 1969 house fire at a hippie commune in Olompali State Historical Park in Marin County, and an analysis of artifacts from a former Vietnam War-era military training site at Annadel in Sonoma County. Both studies are part of a broader study of the Bay Area’s Cold War cultural landscape.

The group broke for lunch, with almost everyone picnicking beside the beautiful Sausalito waterfront and exploring the Bay Model facility.

Presentations continued after lunch, with a section centered on research in the Sierra Nevada and Eastern California. Joe Griffin (USACE) presented data from investigations at Middle Archaic sites (4200–1100 BP) at Martis Creek Lake. His paper outlined efforts to test hypotheses concerning site size, location, and artifact composition, part of a larger study aimed at reconstructing the range of Middle Archaic activities in the region.

Next, Adie Whitaker reported on findings from three buried sites in the Sonora area, spanning the Early and Middle Holocene. A presentation of chronological data and site constituents was followed by a discussion of implications for broader patterns involving settlement, subsistence, and trade during this interval.

The last paper of this section was by Bill Larson (CSU Sacramento), who discussed prehistoric riverine adaptations in the Owens Valley. Part of Larson’s M.A. thesis project, the study involved a non-site survey of the Owens River drainage. The study revealed continued use of the area throughout the early Holocene, with significant variation in the distribution of archaeological remains. Findings suggest important shifts in procurement of resources in riparian and adjacent desert scrub habitats through time.

The final section of the program highlighted recent research in Northern California. Kim Carpenter (Far Western Anthropological Research Group) demonstrated the difficulties and hazards associated with urban archaeology, presenting preliminary data from excavations at CA-YOL-27, located on a natural levee along the Sacramento River. Despite a range of impacts from historic and modern development, researchers unearthed intact features such as hearths, shell dumps, and human interments, possibly dating to the Upper Archaic and Emergent periods.

Andy Lydecker (Panamerican Consultants) reported on intensive submerged resource investigations of the Clarksburg Ferry, which sank in the Sacramento River in 1928. The project is part of a larger environmental review project for the USACE in support of the Sacramento River Bank Protection Program. As a result of the study, the Clarksburg
wreckage was determined eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. Data recovery efforts to mitigate unavoidable impacts are currently under way.

The last two papers presented recent research by Far Western Anthropological Research Group. Bill Hildebrandt and Jeff Rosenthal, along with Glen Gmoser of Caltrans, presented a paper titled “Shellfish Transport, Caloric Return Rates, and Prehistoric Feasting on the Laguna De Santa Rosa.” Finally, Pat Mikkelsen, in conjunction with Jim Nelson (Pacific Gas & Electric [PG&E]) and Shelly Tiley (Tiley Research) reported on efforts to update the National Register nomination for the Lake Britton Archaeological District in Shasta County, part of the larger relicensing effort for the PG&E Pit 3, 4, and 5 hydroelectric project.

Upon completion of the presentation, SCA Standards and Ethics Committee Chair Christine McCollum (Ecology and Environment) moderated a lively discussion on professional standards and ethics issues facing the SCA and California archaeology today. A detailed accounting of this forum is located elsewhere in this newsletter.

The meeting concluded around 5 pm, after which many attendees ventured out to the Marin Headlands for the after-party, held at the Fire Barracks at Rodeo Beach. Attendees were treated to delicious appetizers, drinks, dinner, and dessert, all provided by local business and agencies.

As expected, the food was great (thanks to Michael Newland!!!), and the company was exceptional! A grand time was had by all, and I am honored to have had the opportunity to preside over such a great event. A sincere thank you to the individuals who pulled this event together, and made this, my last act as Northern Vice President, so memorable: Stella D’Oro, Denise Wills, Christine McCollum, and Michael Newland.

Finally, I (and the entire SCA) would like to express a sincere thank you to the following sponsors for their generous support of the Northern Data Sharing Meeting. Please remember that the overall health of the SCA and success of our meetings depends largely on the contributions of its members.

- USACE (Sannie Osborn and Richard Stradford)
- Albion Environmental, Inc.
- Archaeometrics (Tim Carpenter)
- Far Western Anthropological Research Group, Inc.
- Michael Newland
- Steve Horn

Mark Hylkema and Richard Perry at the Northern California Data Sharing Meeting after party at the fire barracks.

Michael Newland’s meat lasagne.
Our southern data sharing meetings this fall were generously hosted by Jennifer Perry at Pomona College in Claremont, California. It turned out to be an excellent autumn day where 70 to 80 of us met with friends and colleagues to share our archaeological experiences. The day was off to a good start with brief introductory remarks by President C. Kristina Roper as well as coffee and pastries. In the morning, we started with archaeological investigations on a larger scale. Mark Allen discussed Cal Poly Pomona’s work in the western Mojave at Sage Canyon, and Bill Sapp summarized survey and excavation work associated with the historic mining in the Holcomb Valley of the San Bernardino National Forest. Erik Zaborsky finished up with an overview of archaeological and paleontological resources on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands in the southern Diablo Mountain range. After a break with more yummy pastries, participants were fortified as they listened to Barbara Tejada discuss the damage that had occurred yet again at a site in the Santa Susanna Pass State Historic Park. The damage was discovered during a CASSP training class in January 2009. Michael Glassow then rounded out the morning with a discussion of red abalone middens on the western end of Santa Cruz Island and the augering methodology Mike and his students are using to locate these middens.

After a nice walk into the “village” of Claremont for lunch, the afternoon session started with examples of specific analytic techniques and their application to California research. Deborah Roman and Isabel Cordova discussed developing proxies for Baja California to determine climate and other environmental data. Kristin Hoppa discussed how starch and phytoliths can be extracted from archaeological materials, and John Eddy presented the preliminary data associated with his soapstone chemical sourcing project. After a brief break to recharge our batteries, gears were shifted to issues of curation and repository collections. Wendy Teeter discussed the issues that archaeologists need to consider for the long-term curation of materials to ensure their usefulness to future archaeologists, and Emma Slayton and Claire Wilbert discussed the Pomona College Museum of Art’s Steffa Collection of Cahuilla basketry.

The presentations were finished up with a screening of “Six Generations: A Chumash Family’s History.” This documentary by Paul Goldsmith and John Johnson tracks the history of Ernestine De Soto’s family, a Chumash family from Santa Barbara. Paul Goldsmith attended the data sharing meeting and answered questions from the audience at the end of the screening.

The day ended with a reception at the courtyard outside the Pomona College Museum of Art. SCA members were able to meet and mingle as they enjoyed beverages and snacks, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to tour the Museum of Art and view a selection of baskets from the Steffa Collection of Cahuilla basketry. The success of the reception is owed to many people. Many thanks to Statistical Research, Inc. for their support of the reception, and to Kathleen Howe (Museum Director) and Steve Comba (Assistant Director) for opening the museum for visitors. Students Emma Slayton and Claire Wilbert picked the Steffa Collection baskets on display, and remained on hand for SCA members to view the collection.

All in all, it was an excellent data sharing meeting, made especially so by the wonderful assistance of Jennifer Perry and her cadre of students from the Claremont Colleges. If you have any thoughts on topics or locations for next year’s southern data sharing meeting, please contact Southern VP Colleen Delaney-Rivera at colleen.delaney@csuci.edu.
Recap from the Ethics Discussion at the SCA Northern Data Sharing Meeting in Sausalito, October 17, 2009
Submitted by Christine McCollum

Professional Standards and Ethics: Issues Facing the SCA and California Archaeology

The opening of the discussion began with a promise of good things to come—the tapping of a keg. It was an old-fashioned approach to engaging the crowd in a pleasant thought before unleashing the controversial subject of some professional problems plaguing our industry. Because I had never facilitated a prior discussion on the matter with a large group, I predicted the presentation would evoke either blank stares or outright violence. I am pleased to report that the discussion was neither sleep-inducing nor violent; instead, an involved crowd expressed their frustrations, ideas, opinions, and recommendations. Further, the discussion did not end at the Bay Model facility, continuing throughout the evening back at the barracks.

Participants at the Northern Data Sharing Meeting ranged from private consultants sharing recent data from the field to graduate students practicing the art of presentation. The array of participants from various aspects of the discipline provided a good foundation for the discussion of a subject that affects everyone involved, regardless of one’s professional standing as an archaeologist. One of the first comments shared was that the issues are not new; they are just yet to be dealt with.

Problems Discussed

No Universal Set of Standards
One of the problems presented was a lack of set standards across the board for California archaeologists. Some commenters clarified that some entities, for instance the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), do have a set of standards—in fact rigorous standards. However, the existence of well-defined standards for some agencies or private companies does not compensate for others having conflicting standards, poor standards, or no standards at all. The implications of this lack of uniformity or concurrence of professional standards are affecting the California archaeological community as a whole, not to mention the cultural resources for which the standards are supposed to exist. Participants unanimously agreed that issues regarding professional standards come in to play most when CEQA is applied. Regarding CEQA, commenters were interested in discussing a lack of state standards and that chronic “abusers” of legal and/or other commonly recognized best practices in the discipline often go unnoticed; unlike smaller local agencies who have “lists” of perpetrators, many bad companies, contractors, and poorly executed projects go unnoticed.
Data Sharing Meetings, continued

Recap from the Ethics Discussion at the NCDSM, Continued

No Mechanism to Ensure Archaeological Projects Are Executed Properly
Another issue raised was how to ensure archaeological projects are being conducted and completed adequately, and how to ensure a sufficient review process is being implemented on the deliverables. In many respects, this problem ties in with the issue of standards and the need for a mechanism to ensure archaeologists know what to do and do it to the best of their abilities. For example, one commenter mentioned a basic, yet prevalent, problem occurring regularly on various projects: disclosure of confidential site information. Too often, specialists unfamiliar with the legal implications of site confidentiality have released sensitive information to project proponents and others not qualified to receive the information. Commenters raised some important points in response to this problem, including how budgetary constraints can complicate or hinder good archaeological work, including allowing planners the time to adequately learn or train others in archaeological standards.

No Infrastructure to Blow the Whistle on Bad Work
Perhaps the most sensitive area of discussion involved the lack of repercussions for those who practice unethical archaeology. Even with professional certification programs such as the Register for Professional Archaeologists (RPA), most participants agreed that the threat of filing a grievance against another archaeologist is not effective to prevent bad practices. Although the RPA may receive several complaints or grievances, the punishments do not appear to be effective deterrents. Although some agencies require archaeologists to have standing as an RPA, what are the real consequences of not being registered, or of having a registry revoked?

Solutions

Statewide Standards
Many acknowledged that the state does have a number of standards; however, it is lacking universal statewide standards. There was a general consensus that the central problem is with CEQA, and that the laws must be changed in this regard to promote universal compliance at all levels of state government down to private companies. Many commenters were concerned that the guidance offered through the state Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) is not being followed by all entities. One participant expressed concern about guidance needed for local entities hiring archaeologists and that there needed to be a concise list of professional standards to help managers determine which archaeologist is adequate, or if an archaeologist is even needed at all. Once commenter suggested that the California Historic Resources Information Centers could help this process by providing guidance to planners, including OHP guidance materials and examples of acceptable deliverables.

White Papers
The State Historical Resources Commission, Archaeological Resources Committee (ARC) is in the process of publishing a series of “white papers” concerning archaeological issues raised in the OHP’s Five-Year Plan, which covers the period from 2006 to 2010 and includes a strategy to promote preservation archaeology in California and aims to define areas in which professional archaeological practices may improve.

In her call for help to the California archaeological community to assist with the development of the “white papers,” ARC Chair Trish Fernandez, M.A., RPA, said the papers are “now part of the long-term administrative record of the public’s efforts to effect change in the State’s policies on the aspects of preservation archaeology discussed in the papers to inform and guide the public or the legislative or executive branches of government on subsequent attempts...
Data Sharing Meetings, continued

Recap from the Ethics Discussion at the NCDSM, Continued

to affect change in these policy areas.” She further stated that the papers would help the ARC “establish clear standards and guidelines for the performance of archaeological investigations in California, disburse these standards and guidelines to groups responsible for and affected by these standards and guidelines, and effect enforcement of these standards and guidelines.”

In the Archaeological Standards and Guidelines position paper, written to define and establish concerns of the archaeological community that can guide the development of the “white paper” on the subject, Adrian Praetzellis, Ph.D., RPA, Professor of Anthropology at Sonoma State University in Rohnert Park, presented a number of deficiencies in the current situation regarding archaeological standards and guidelines in that the practice of cultural resources management (CRM) archaeology in California. Praetzellis argues that CRM archaeology has evolved into “a semi-regulated industry with two parallel tracks: an often-deficient system practiced under CEQA, and studies that are held to federal standards.” Further, Praetzellis said, “CEQA-mandated archaeology is practiced within a highly competitive business environment, has few widely accepted and enforced standards, has no professional qualifications criteria, and is subject to little oversight by qualified professionals. Furthermore, the project-by-project structure of CRM archaeology has undermined the field’s traditional scholarly bases—comparison, regional research, and synthesis.”

In the final drafts of the white papers, which are expected to be released in January of 2010, we can learn what the ARC, with assistance from Praetzellis, has determined are the best ways to address the deficiencies in the current situation and how the gaps can be bridged.

SCA Involvement

Overall, participants at the Northern Data Sharing Meeting agreed that the SCA should be more involved. One commenter suggested a process by which a complaint can be filed and reviewed by the SCA and submitted as an organization to the OHP and/or the RPA. Others suggested that SCA needs to have guidelines printed and distributed involving all practitioners of California archaeology, including students, so there is a greater understanding across the board of what standards, education, and training is expected to properly comply with the guidance.

SCA has been and will continue to be involved, as much as possible, with promoting appropriate and ethical archaeological practices. How involved, and to what degree, depends on the leadership of our organization and especially on the support of the membership. SCA’s Professional Standards and Ethics Committee has made it a goal to work with the OHP to find practical means to serve as a liaison between the State of California and the archaeological community so that a better process of informing, educating, and enforcing archaeology becomes common practice.

As always, your thoughts and suggestions on these matters are appreciated and crucial to the future of our practice.
Mission Inn, Riverside

Attendees: C. Kristina Roper (President), Mark Allen (Immediate Past President), Glenn Gmoser (President Elect), conference call, Colleen Delaney-Rivera (Southern VP), Jennifer Farquhar (Northern VP), conference call, John Burge (Treasurer), Adie Whitaker (Secretary), conference call, Denise Wills (Business Office Manager), Gwyn Alcock (Local Arrangements), Georgia Fox (Program Chair).

Meeting brought to order at 11:00 am.

Previous Minutes: Board unanimously approved minutes from previous meeting.

Conference center looks good. Representatives are very accommodating.
- Hotel reservations are due by February 15, 2010.

Treasurer’s Report: All is well.

Data Share Meetings

Northern
- 15 Talks scheduled; 25 spaces booked for after-meeting party.
- Good financial support.

Southern
- Poor participation by CRM firms.

Archaeology Month Poster
- Board discussed future directions for the Archaeology Month Poster, including a possible contest for the future.

Committee Reports

ARC meeting – end of October. Responses to comments have been prepared by paper authors and are being distributed to ARC members for review.

CAASP (Site Stewardship)
This past two months CASSP has conducted two initial training workshops for site stewardship, published the Fall CASSP newsletter, and held a one-day site stewardship workshop for Native American youth with the Owens Valley Career Development Center (OVCDC).

CAAMP (Advance Meeting Planning)
- Conference Direct (CD)
  Jennifer moves to contract with Conference Direct, a private conference negotiations company to take care of arrangements for 2012 (CD makes its money from the venue, no cost to SCA), given Glenn’s concerns with contract wording are answered. John seconds. Aye vote from all. The motion carries.

Business Office Update
- We have 1049 Members (238 students)
- BLM Grants discussed
- Membership renewal and election materials will go out by mid-October.

Newsletter
- Posting on the public side of the website ended at the end of Greg White’s term as editor. Denise will get files to Stella to post to the site.
- New newsletters will remain in the Members Section until the next issues posts, after which it will be moved to the Public Section of the site.
  Place a note under the archival newsletters: Members, for the current Newsletter, go to www.scahome.org and sign in to the Members Only section.
- Better vetting of the Newsletter is needed. The Board must review the Newsletter prior to release. If there is anything questionable, it will be put out to a broader audience.

Old Business
- Michael Sampson and Susan Hector will seek legislative support via ARPA. They are working to identify a state legislator that will shepherd legislation. Updates on their progress will be provided.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 pm
Native American Programs Committee Seeks Applications for California Indian Sponsorship Program for 2010 SCA Annual Meeting in Riverside
Submitted by Janet Eidsness

In 2005, the SCA Executive Board granted the request of the SCA Native American Programs Committee (NAPC) to establish the California Indian Sponsorship Program, which is designed to raise monies, establish selection criteria, and offer funding to California Indians wishing to attend and participate in the SCA Annual Meeting. Since 2006, the NAPC has funded 10 California Indians’ attendance at the Annual Meetings.

The SCA NAPC is proud to announce sponsorships offered to California Indians interested in attending the SCA Annual Meeting in Riverside on March 17–20, 2010 (for updated information, see www.scahome.org).

Sponsorship Awards for 2010 Annual SCA Meeting Participation (per individual)
For the 2010 Annual Meeting to be held in Riverside, we will support up to five California Indians. Each sponsorship award will be valued at approximately $810.00, as detailed below:

- Travel Stipend: $100.00
- Lodging (at host meeting hotel, 4 nights at special rate incl. taxes): $440.00
- Per Diem-Meals (3 days): $105.00
- Pre-registration for Special Events (Silent Auction, Banquet): $75.00
- SCA Meeting Registration Fee (variable depending on status): $90.00

Total value per scholar: $810.00

Selection Criteria and Process
Applicants must submit a written statement that addresses how their attendance at the Annual Meeting will benefit them, their community, and the SCA at large with reference to the Selection Criteria below.

Criteria for Selection of California Indian Sponsorship Awards

1. The applicant proposes to formally present a paper, participate in and/or organize a symposium, or submit a poster for a poster session.
2. The applicant expresses a specific interest in attending the Meeting because a particular issue or topic is being presented.
3. The applicant proposes to represent and inform their community by learning more about the SCA and its Annual Meeting.
4. The applicant is interested in exploring possible career opportunities in archaeology, anthropology, cultural resources management, academia, heritage tourism, or other related field.

Additional Selection Criteria for Previously Sponsored Repeat Applicants

5. Repeat sponsorship awards will be considered by the NAPC Subcommittee after new sponsorship applications are reviewed and screened as qualifying for available Sponsorships (per general Terms and Conditions, below) for a given year. For example, if five sponsorships are available for the year and five new applicants submit statements meeting selection criteria, then repeat applicants will not be considered. If five sponsorships are available, but only four “new” applicants apply, then “repeat” applicants will be considered.
6. The NAPC Subcommittee may elect to offer repeat applicants support at a less-than-full-value sponsorship amount (<$800).

7. Repeat applicants must include in their application a statement that addresses the benefits of prior SCA Meeting Sponsorship to them personally, to their community, and to the SCA (i.e., how the benefits of SCA Meeting attendance were realized).

General Revised TERMS AND CONDITIONS for Consideration of All Sponsorship Awards (in Addition to Above)

- Sponsorship recipient must join the SCA for the calendar year of the Meeting at the appropriate membership level/rate.
- Sponsorship recipient must decline the award if unable to attend the Meeting for at least two full days. Recipient’s application would be welcomed in another year when Meeting participation can be more fully realized.
- If Recipient’s plans change and he/she cannot attend the Meeting, he/she must notify the Contact* at least four days before Recipient was expected to arrive at the Meetings Hotel.
- All Recipients must fill out an evaluation/questionnaire that will be provided by the NAPC at the Meeting.
- Cash stipends for travel ($100) and per diem/meals ($105) will be delivered by Contact* to Recipients upon arrival at the Meeting. Advance payments may be considered, but in any event, if stipend is advanced and Recipient’s attendance is cancelled, then the stipend amount must be reimbursed by the Recipient to the SCA NAPC.
- Recipients are expected to attend the annual NAPC Open Meeting held at the annual SCA Meeting.

* “Contact” means the NAPC designated point-of-contact for coordinating with selected Sponsorship Applicants (for 2010, this is Janet Eidsness).

Sponsorship Applications must be postmarked and/or submitted by February 1, 2010, to be considered for the 2010 Annual Meeting. Send written statement (per selection criteria below) to NAPC Co-Chair, Janet Eidsness, 2488 Sonnenfelt Road, Bayside, CA 95524, or email jpeidsness@yahoo.com. For questions, call Janet at (707) 825-0460.

All applicants, including the selected recipients, will be notified in mid-February 2010. Each recipient will be expected to become a member of the SCA at the appropriate category (see fee rates for Regular, Senior, etc. at www.scahome.org) before the 2010 Annual Meeting.
Jay C. von Werlhof-Past
President of the SCA:
A Visionary, Dreamer and Icon for our discipline (1923-2009)
Submitted by Russell L. Kaldenberg, ASM Affiliates, Inc.

Jay passed away December 10, 2009 in his beloved El Centro, California surrounded by the well wishes of his family and friends. Jay was 86. On October 24 a symposium was held in Ocotillo honoring his accomplishments. He was thrilled by the papers and attendance as well as by those who had gathered to honor his accomplishments, which were phenomenal. Most of us associate Jay with his accomplishments in the southern California Deserts. But, Jay did not come from Imperial County, but he came to the County bringing an enthusiasm for native culture and archaeology he learned beginning early in his childhood. He was born in Red Bluff, California in September, 1923, the son of a successful newspaper editor. Jay was sickly through most of high school with various illnesses such as rheumatic fever. He survived a rifle wound as a result of a childhood accident, all of which prevented him from graduating from high school. He says he was very shy when he was in high school, yet he was elected senior class president. Jay was drafted from high school at the age of 20, he served in the US Army during WWII as a Sergeant. Most of his time was spent in Europe, often behind enemy lines, intercepting, decoding and translating messages during many battles including the Battle of the Bulge.

He came home as a seasoned warrior but without a high school diploma. In 1946, after passing correspondence school classes he entered the University of California, Berkeley majoring in History. He was a student of famed historian Herbert Bolton, and renowned archaeologist Robert Heizer. Jay worked on archaeological sites along the Sacramento River, in the San Joaquin Valley and the Sierra Nevada Mountains. He taught college at the San Francisco School of Fine Arts, Chico State University, California Poly, San Luis Obispo, and several California community colleges and high schools. Jay received his Masters Degree in 1954, never receiving another degree. He enrolled at UCLA working on his PhD in Intellectual History, but because of philosophical differences with a committee member, it was not signed. Jay was irritated at the inequity in the scholastic system but said that he never looked back. “They could keep the @$%* PhD if that is how they want to behave” he said. He made close friends with Clem Meighan at that time, a friendship which lasted the rest of their lives. Jay has documented this in his many professional articles but two publications he wrote, The Spirits of the Earth, and That They May Know and Remember, are must-reads for scholars of California anthropology and archaeology.

Over the years Jay was frustrated that many archaeological sites have been destroyed as a result of competing activities; fish traps were removed due to sand and gravel needs, geoglyphs have been destroyed by recreational or border protection activities, and aboriginal trails were erased by OHVs. His astonishment at the lack of money to protect these important places was evident at some of his spirited presentations during public meetings. He, though, was always a gentleman. It was rare to hear him use any but the most professional of language.

Jay is the only archaeologist who conducted archaeological surveys in all of California’s 58 counties. As an artist his site records are superb. His philosophy has always been “one can never take too many notes.” California was very fortunate to have had Jay von Werlhof inspiring its archaeologists, anthropologists, native peoples, and residents to understand and preserve our history these past 60 years.

Over 200 people attended the symposium honoring him in Ocotillo at the Museum that he was largely responsible for creating. They were there to honor this icon we all knew and loved, to thank him for dedicating over 60 years of his life to document and
Jay C. von Werlhof, Continued

save our past. Over the years, Jay has received many professional awards including the Lifetime Achievement Award and the Mark R. Harrington Award from the Society for California Archaeology, and California’s BLM Volunteer of the Year Award. During the symposium special recognition was bestowed him by Congressman Filner, President Gould of Imperial Valley College, and Board of Supervisors Chair and member Ed Terrazas. These recognitions were greatly deserved, as were the accolades by Lorey Cachora, Steve Lucas, Willie Pink, Preston Arrow-weed, and Dave Singleton representing some of the feelings of native peoples. Jay’s closest colleagues include Mike Moratto, Claude Warren, David Frederickson, Julie Vendimes, Boma Johnson, John R. Cook, Eric Ritter, Judyth Reed, and numerous other professional and avocational archaeologists all of who he spent quality time with.

We will all indeed miss Jay tremendously. He is survived by his wife Sherilee of Ocotillo, his son Mark Lincoln of Santa Rosa, his son Erik von Werlhof of Sacramento and several grandchildren. A more detailed article on his life and accomplishment will be in the SCA’s journal California Archaeology’s next edition which will be available in Summer 2010.

Summary List of Some Key Publications

- 1950 Report on Wintun Indian Sites around Blue Tent Creek near Red Bluff, Tehama County.
- 1951 Supplemental Report on Wintun Indian Site around Blue Tent Creek near Red Bluff, Tehama County.
- 1960 Archaeological Investigations at Hospital Rock, Tulare County, California. San Francisco: Report to the National Park Service.
- 1961a Aboriginal Trails of the Kaweah Basin. San Francisco: Report to the National Park Service.
- 1961b What We Found at Hospital Rock. San Francisco: Report to the National Park Service.
- 1979 With Sherilee von Werlhof. Archaeological Examinations of the Magma Site, East Mesa, El Centro: Imperial Valley College Museum.
- 2009 The Sky is the Limit. In Papers in Memory of Paul H. Ezell. San Bernardino County Museum Quarterly 54(4).

Hundreds of gray literature archaeological reports by von Werlhof on file at colleges and universities throughout California.
Revving Up for Riverside, 2010!
Submitted by Georgia Fox

The upcoming 2010 Society for California Archaeology Annual Meeting in Riverside promises to be another great event. The charming Mission Inn, one of California’s oldest hotels, built in 1876, provides the backdrop for conference activities, in addition to the adjoining spacious Riverside Convention Center located in the heart of the Historic Downtown District. This year’s conference is jam-packed full of an exciting line-up of papers, posters, symposia, and sessions. Although the Plenary is still in the planning stages, the general theme will focus on the current curation crisis in California archaeology. Hold on! All is not doom and gloom as our panel of illustrious speakers will discuss their collective experiences and ideas for creative collaborative projects and potential solutions for this important issue.

Along similar lines, we will be hosting a pre-conference workshop, First Aid for California Finds: An Introduction, led by Jacqueline Zak and Alice Boccia Paterakis. Zak, Consulting Archaeologist for the National Park Service/Topanga Anthropological Consultants, and Paterakis, Director of Conservation at the Kaman-Kalehoyuk Excavation of the Japanese Institute of Anatolian Archaeology, bring years of experience and overall enthusiasm to this workshop, which will feature guidelines for a non-invasive approach to the preservation of objects typically encountered during excavation at historic and prehistoric sites in California. After a brief overview of the causes of deterioration, discussion will address strategies for the safe recovery, transport, and storage of stone, bone, shell, metals, glass, wood, fibers, and other materials.

From desert to shining sea, recent submissions promise a great round of papers on recent research in California archaeology. The ever-popular “Two Minutes/Two Slides” will be back again, featuring presentations at a breath-taking pace for all of you who missed it last year, and for those of you who will be back again for more.

SCA Calendar of Events
Submitted by Pat Welsh

Upcoming Events:

January 6-9, 2010
Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) Annual Meeting will be held at Amelia Island Plantation near Jacksonville, FL. http://www.sha.org/about/conferences/2010.cfm

January 6-9, 2010

March 17-20, 2010

April 14-18, 2010

May 5-8, 2010


August 23–28, 2010. The International Council For Archaeozoology International Conference. Museum National d’Histoire Naturelle and Pierre Et Marie Curie University, Paris, France. For information, please contact Jean-Denis Vigne at vigne@mnhn.fr (include “ICAZ2010” in the subject heading).

Future Annual Meetings:


Memphis, Tennessee. Photo courtesy of http://memphisrehabproperties.com/deals/fly-n-buy/
