

**2009 CTA Fall Meeting, October 23, 2009**

**Business Meeting—Ramada Del Rio, 2101 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, Texas**

**CTA Careers in Archaeology Social—Red Oak Ballroom, Civic Center**

**Agenda**

**Registration** – 9:00 AM

**Call to Order** – 9:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes, Spring 2009 Meeting**

**Officers' Reports**

- President (*Nick Trierweiler*)
- Immediate Past President (*Charles Frederick*)
- Secretary (*Carole Leezer*)
- Treasurer (*Marie Archambeault*)
- Newsletter Editor (*Mindy Bonine*)

**Standing Committee Reports**

- Auditing (*Mark Denton*)
- CTA Communications (*Mindy Bonine*)
- Contractors List (*Erin Watkins*)
- Curation (*Pat Clabaugh*)
- Governmental Affairs (*Rachel Feit*)
- Multicultural Relations (*Mary Jo Galindo*)
- Nominating (*Bill Martin*)
- Public Education (*David Brown*)

**Special Committee Reports**

- Academic Archeology and CRM (*Britt Bousman*)
- Archeological Survey Standards (*Marianne Marek*)
- History (*Doug Boyd*)
- Membership (*Becky Shelton*)

**Agency Reports**

- Texas Historical Commission (*Mark Denton*)
- State Archaeologist (*Pat Mercado-Allinger*)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife (*Margaret Howard*)
- Texas Department of Transportation (*Scott Pletka*)
- Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (*Jonathan Jarvis*)

**Old Business**

- Dues – Payment Options
- TAC permits – Hard Copies of Reports

Cemetery Investigation Guidelines—Vote

**New Business**

To Be Announced

**Meeting Adjourns** - 12:00 PM

**CTA Careers in Archaeology Social** – 9:00 PM

Red Oak Ballroom, Del Rio Civic Center  
1915 Veterans Blvd., Del Rio, Texas

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## ***President's Forum***

By Nick Trierweiler

### Final reports for TAC permitted projects

At our meeting in Austin last March, we discussed the recent proposal by the THC to limit the number of hard copies of final reports that are required under Antiquities permits. As the number of permitted projects has steadily increased, the task of receiving, storing, sorting and shipping these reports has become increasingly costly and burdensome to limited THC resources. In January, the THC had reported to the Archeology Advisory Board that the current system would become completely unworkable with a year or two and requested that the CTA explore alternatives and develop some recommendations. This stimulated a lively discussion. Some folks were comfortable with the idea of moving towards electronic reports only while others were adamant about retaining hard copies. After much discussion, and cognizant of the THC warning that the current system was rapidly becoming unworkable, the membership voted and agreed to make the following recommendations to the THC.

We preferred to retain the current system whereby 20 hard copies of final reports are submitted to the THC. However, should that system indeed become unworkable, we recommended that contractors should print a limited number of hard copies and then distribute these themselves to a specified list of libraries. We did not agree on the number of copies, but our discussions suggested more than five and fewer than 20. In order to demonstrate compliance with this requirement, it was suggested that contractors could submit shipping documentation to the THC. While we didn't specify the type of documentation, we discussed FedEx receipts and the like. This cost would necessarily be passed on to clients. In addition, contractors should submit two different electronic copies of final reports to the THC; one copy should contain the confidential site information and the other should not contain this information. Finally, we recognized that infor-

mation storage and retrieval technology will continue to change rapidly and we recommended that the THC retain the flexibility to move to a better solution should one become available in the future.

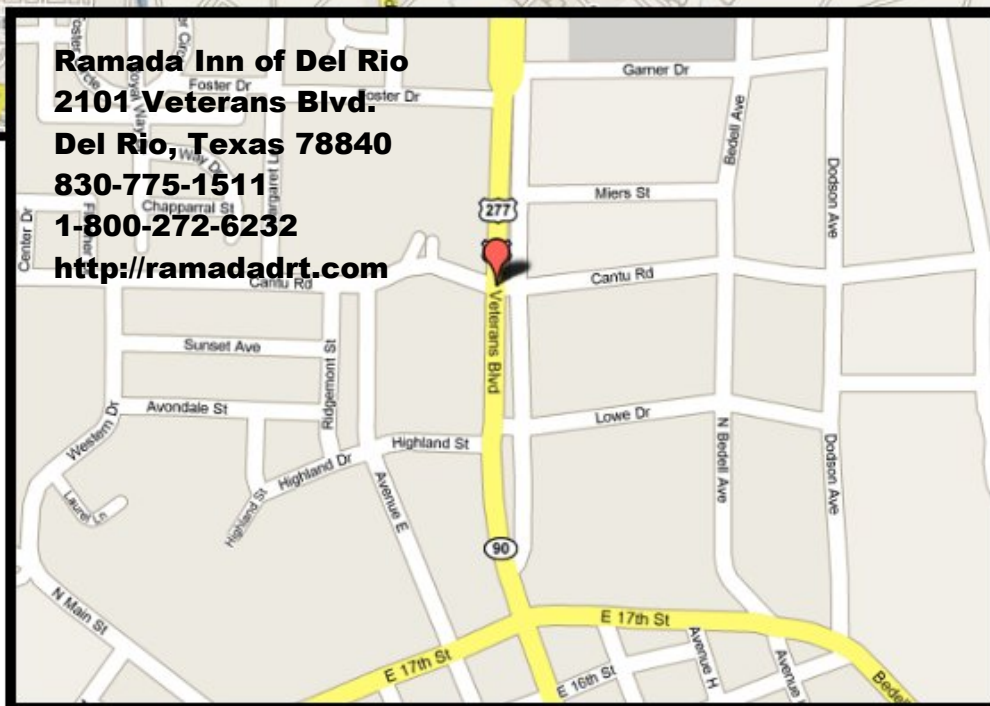
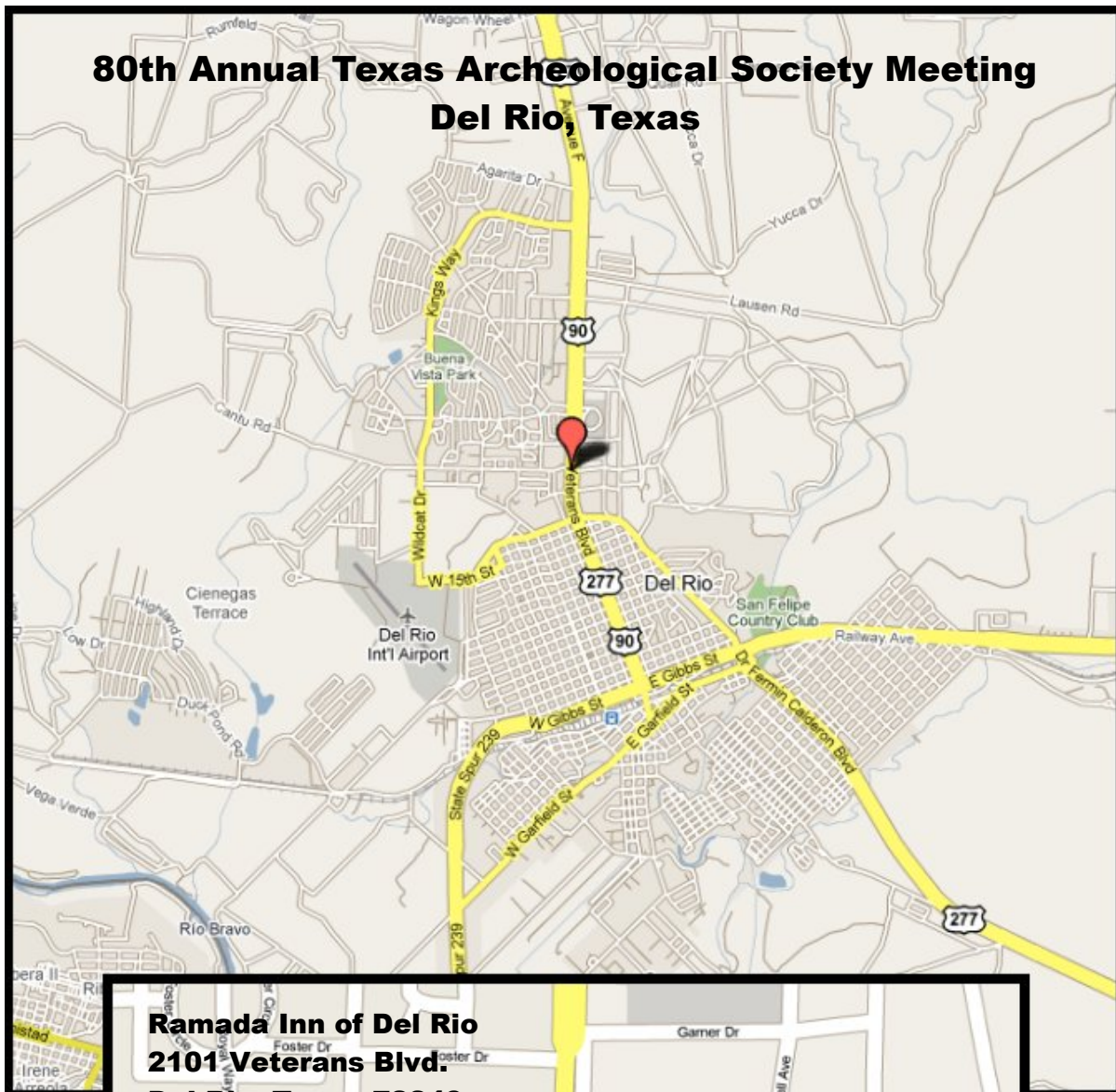
At the direction of the membership, I formally communicated these recommendations to the THC. Subsequently, the THC published proposed changes to the Antiquities Code which substantially follow our recommendations.

### Texas Archeology Month Grants

I've discovered that one of the more rewarding aspects of the role of CTA president is the opportunity to review the applications for TAM grants. Our grants, while modest, are greatly appreciated by their recipients and thousands of Texans benefit from the outreach.

This year, we formalized the application process a bit and developed actual application guidelines to facilitate the awards process. You can view these guidelines on the CTA website. We also moved up the deadline a bit to July 31. This allowed us to make the awards sooner, thus allowing the successful (and unsuccessful) applicants adjust their respective plans for October. Finally, we have requested that, following the event, grant recipients submit a short report for publication in our spring newsletter.

CTA received six excellent applications this year. The decision was tough, but we awarded \$500 grants to the Annie Riggs memorial Museum in Fort Stockton, The Caddo Mounds State Historic Site in Alto, and the Hill Country Archeological Association in Kerrville. All three organizations are planning wonderful archeological outreach activities in October, including professional and avocational archaeologists, interpretive speakers, and hands-on activities. With CTA assistance, these outreach events are sure to be successful and on behalf of the recipients, I thank each of you.



# Don't Miss the 5th Annual CTA-TAS "Careers in Archeology" Social!

Please join us on

**Friday, October 23, 2009, from 9:00-10:30 pm**

**(after the Public Forum) at the TAS Annual Meeting**

**Red Oak Ballroom Foyer, Civic Center, Del Rio, Texas**

The Council of Texas Archeologists (CTA) and the Texas Archeological Society (TAS) (organized by the Membership Committee) have joined forces to provide students, TAS members, CTA members, and the general public opportunities to meet with professional archeologists and learn about potential archeology careers and to check out what's happening in Texas archeology and cultural resource management (CRM) around the state.

**Cash bar and free hors d'oeuvres included!!!**  
(generously provided by the CTA)

If you have any questions or would like to sign up to participate in the Social, please contact Tiffany Osburn (512-463-8883)  
[tiffany.osburn@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:tiffany.osburn@thc.state.tx.us)



## Officer's Reports

### Secretary Report

Carole Leezer

I hope everyone had a fantastic summer and are gearing up for a busy fall and winter project season. It's also time to think about the upcoming Fall meeting in Del Rio and getting together with old and new friends. I look forward to seeing you all there! I am excited about my new position as Secretary of the Council of Texas Archeologist and all the potential that lies ahead. It is important to keep your membership current so please make sure your dues and contact information is up to date. Remember that membership dues and contractor's fees are for the calendar year. Get a jump on your 2010 dues by sending cash or checks to Marie, or bypass the paperwork and submit your dues online through PayPal! And while you are surfing the net, don't forget to join the CTA listserv at <http://groups.yahoo.com>! We are always interested in gaining new members also. If you know of any students or anyone new to the area please encourage them to join our organization! We are only as strong as our membership!

### Treasurer Report

Marie Archambeault

The rain and cooler temperatures are a welcome sight! Goodbye summer 2009! Hello... monsoon season? Well, whatever season you want to call it, the Fall meeting is upon us once again. With several pressing matters to discuss, I expect this CTA meeting to be as lively as the Spring meeting... hopefully, it won't be as long.

Please take a minute to check the CTA membership roster published in the newsletter. If your name is not on the list, then you haven't paid your 2009 dues. Please do so now. We need everyone who attends our meetings to pay their dues, or your votes won't count! Remember you can pay online via PayPal through the CTA website ([www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org](http://www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org)) for a nominal fee or at cost by sending a check made out to CTA c/o Marie Archambeault, Texas Historical Commission, P.O. Box 12276, Austin, Texas 78711-2276. Please also NOTE the ADDRESS CHANGE.

Our accounts are doing well. As of September 25, 2009, the Money Market account is at \$8,876.92; our Scholarship Fund contains \$7,985.60; and our Checking account is currently at \$14,577.82.

Please also take this time to join the Yahoo! Groups CTA\_org listserve. All CTA notices will only be sent to the listserve from now on!!! Join the listserve to keep in touch with the Council's news!

The Council of Texas Archeologists boasts a large membership of professional and student archeologists. To date, 161 professional members, 5 student members, and 48 contractors have paid their 2009 dues. Please help us continue to serve the archeological community and the public, join or renew your membership today!

### Newsletter Editor Report

Mindy Bonine

I would like to thank everyone that submitted articles and reports for this Fall 2009 Newsletter. So far, the comments on the new newsletter format have been positive. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns! I can be reached at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com).

## Committee Reports

### 'What's New' from the Government Affairs Committee

Rachel Feit

The legislature was in session in 2009 and not surprisingly it was a busy season for the government affairs committee. Among the bills the committee was tracking this past spring only one, HB 2927, was passed and put into law on Sept. 1.

#### H.B. 2927

HB 2927 amends the Texas Health and Safety Code Sections 711.010 and 711.011. These sections outline general provisions for dealing with cemeteries. Among the changes to Health and Safety Code are many that are relevant to archeologists and archeological practice. These include:

- provisions that allow the Texas Historical Commission to become a consulting party in the event that unmarked graves are located and/or disinterred. This applies to ALL unmarked graves, not just historic period European cemeteries, but also native American and prehistoric cemeteries.
- A provision that allows an archeologist to remove burials under the Health and Safety Code
- A stipulation that if an unmarked cemetery is found a notice must be filed with the county clerk of the county in which the burial(s) is found within 10 days, and the county clerk shall send a notice to the THC.
- An amendment that defines a cemetery as one or more human burials
- A provision that gives the Texas Historical Commission power to make rules for implementing Sections 711.010 and 711.011 and also some enforcement authority.

This is a very important piece of legislation for the archeological community! The fact that it covers all burials makes function effectively as an unmarked burials law, something that Texas has regrettably lacked for many years. The Historical Commission is currently working with the Funeral Services Commission and the State Registrar to develop the rules for implementation. Look for

more updates later this fall or early spring. The full text of the bill can be found online at <http://www.legis.state.tx.us/tlodocs/81R/billtext/pdf/HB02927F.pdf>.

#### THC's Proposed Rule Change for Reporting Requirements under Antiquities Permits

As many of you already know, the THC is proposing to remove the requirement for 20 final copies of reports prepared under Antiquities Code Permits. This change would be an amendment to Chapter 26, 13 TAC 26.24, concerning reports relating to archeological permit. The proposed rule change would change the requirements of submittal from 20 paper copies of the final report to one paper copy of the final report. That report would be unbound and contain at least one map showing the plotted location of all sites recorded or visited. Two electronic, tagged .pdf copies of the final report would replace the 20 paper copies. One copy would contain site locations and the other would not. The requirements for a copy of the report's abstract, and an *Abstracts in Texas Contract Archeology Summary* form have been removed.

Under this new amendment it becomes incumbent on the contractor producing the report to distribute 10 or more printed copies of the report to various libraries and archeological facilities throughout the state. This requirement will be completed on the honor system and permit completion will not be contingent on proof that reports have been distributed. A list of suggested facilities is included in the proposed rule change. The proposed rule change is scheduled to be adopted in October and go into effect on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Comments can be made until October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

#### Changes to the Antiquities Advisory Board

There is no longer a requirement that at least one specialist in archeology be among the permanent commissioners who sit on Texas Historical Commission. Previously there was requirement for an archeologist to sit on the commission. This requirement was changed when Steve Tomka's term as commissioner expired.

**Communications Committee Update**

Mindy Bonine

I am pleased to inform the membership that the issues revolving the inability to upload files over 2MB to the website have been resolved, and we can now upload files of any size. This means we can accept any submissions to the publications section of the CTA website, as well as post documents, PowerPoint presentations, and images at any time.

Also, the committee has been working on a form to ask permission from authors and agencies to publish archaeological reports on the CTA website. The draft document is on page 10. The Communications Committee will be working with the Publications Webpage Committee and the rest of the membership to make any necessary improvements to the form. We welcome any suggestions!

**DRAFT CTA GUIDELINES FOR IDENTIFICATION OF HISTORIC CEMETERIES AND UNMARKED HISTORIC GRAVES**

Guidelines for identification of historic cemeteries and unmarked historic graves have been drafted by the ad hoc committee appointed at the Fall 2008 CTA meeting, including Margaret Howard, Duane Peter, Rachel Feit, and Doug Boyd.

Our goal is to foster respectful treatment of human graves, including unmarked cemeteries and graves currently not protected by state law. We have attempted to obtain a consensus among Texas professional archeologists on the best practices for historic cemetery and grave identification, paralleling the existing CTA Guidelines for Performance, Curation, and Reports that are referenced in Texas Historical Commission Rules.

Comments on the draft guidelines have been sought through peer review, and by posting them on the CTA list serve and website. Additional comments are welcome and should be emailed to [margaret.howard@tpwd.state.tx.us](mailto:margaret.howard@tpwd.state.tx.us). The working group will review and address all comments under advisement of the CTA Executive Committee.

This constitutes the second publication of two publications in successive issues of the CTA Newsletter, required for documents slated for inclusion in the CTA Guidelines. Now, the document must be approved by two-thirds of the members present at the Fall 2009 CTA meeting, and may then be incorporated into the Guidelines.

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These guidelines recommend a course of action for archeological identification of historic cemeteries and unmarked graves in areas where investigations are required by federal and/or state law,

due to the likelihood that such features are present. These areas include:

- locations where known historic cemeteries or graves extend or may extend into the area of potential effect (APE) of a project; and
- locations where historic cemeteries and/or graves are suspected to fall in or near a project APE, even if there is no visible evidence of them.

It should be assumed that unmarked graves may be present in every historic cemetery, both within and beyond its known boundaries.

These guidelines do not address situations where historic graves, marked or unmarked, must be exhumed and relocated. Such situations must be addressed on a case-by-case basis in consultation with project sponsors, descendant groups, and regulatory authorities.

To identify the presence and estimate the extent of cemeteries or graves within a project APE in areas where they have been reported or are suspected:

1. Conduct deed and oral background research in an attempt to establish the extent, age, and demographic representation of any cemeteries or graves within the APE, searching the following sources at a minimum:
  - Historic maps, including USGS topographic maps, soil survey maps, county road maps, and Sanborn maps (in urban areas);
  - Modern and historic aerial photographs;
  - Texas Historic Sites Atlas and Archeological Sites Atlas;
  - Public records including city and county deeds, tax records, and cemetery records; and

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- Oral information from local churches, cemetery associations, and descendant groups and individuals.

Additional sources of information may be consulted if the situation warrants, including Tobin maps and other cartographic sources, the TxDOT Historic Map Overlay, tax assessor-collector maps, death records, and county groups that have recorded cemeteries. A common sense approach should be employed to determine the extent of research; all of the sources enumerated above may not be necessary to meet the goals of particular projects. Ultimately, a good faith effort to gather information about the likely presence/absence of unmarked graves, their approximately age, and ethnic representation should be demonstrated through research.

2. Meet with project sponsors, regulatory authorities, and descendant communities and individuals to discuss the proposed field investigations. Do not assume that you know how descendant communities and individuals want the situation to be handled. Conduct further agency coordination and obtain permits as needed.
3. In the field, inventory any marked graves in the APE based on surface evidence. Assess the potential for unmarked graves based on surface evidence and oral/archival research. Unless it can be proven otherwise, assume that unmarked graves may be found outside designated and fenced areas. Estimate the extent of the area that may contain graves within the APE.
4. Where conditions are suitable, contract with experienced professionals for remote sensing, e.g., ground penetrating radar and/or magnetometer surveys, to identify possible locations of unmarked graves.
5. Propose avoidance as an option to prevent disturbance to areas known or suspected to contain graves.
6. If graves must be located, develop a written plan for cemetery investigations that outlines how the search for unmarked graves will be conducted with respect to the project APE and, if applicable, beyond it. Conduct further coordination and obtain permits as needed.
7. Employ machine-aided excavation (e.g., grade-all, backhoe, track hoe, front-end loader, maintainer, or belly scraper) to move sediment overlying graves. Remove all overburden, including any intrusive fill, and excavate to the depth where graves are likely to be evident, based on background research. Minimize the possibility of damage to graves by heavy machinery through evaluation of the soil texture and likely thickness of overburden, and design excavation practices accordingly. All machine-aided excavations must be directed and monitored by archeologists experienced in cemetery investigations.
8. Stop mechanical excavations and use hand excavations to investigate all anomalies revealed by machine-aided excavation. Indications of graves include differences in soil color and texture, presence of coffins and other funerary items, and presence of human remains. Graves may vary considerably in size, shape, orientation, and configuration within a cemetery, and human remains may be associated with features other than formal graves. Grave shafts may not be evident. Record and map the locations where graves are indicated. If human remains are accidentally exposed they must be fully documented, then covered with a protective layer of sediment. If excavation of graves is necessary, procedures for those investigations should be developed on a case-by-case basis, and are not covered in these guidelines.
9. Record the extent and depth of the area investigated, and any graves identified through machine and hand excavation, to a sub-meter level of accuracy via GPS or TDS. If the delineated cemetery is on private land and needs to be protected from future development, the plot will need to be recorded by a certified land surveyor to register any deed restrictions.
10. Compile a detailed report of investigations summarizing the archival and oral information on the history of the cemetery, and the field investigations. The report should include:
  - A description of the methods of archival research and field investigations, including an explanation of how possible cemeteries or graves were identified;
  - A depiction of the extent of cemeteries or graves on maps and aerial photographs;

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- Information on the extent and depth of the area investigated, and depiction of the excavated area relative to the APE;
  - Description of the geology, geomorphology, and stratigraphy encountered during the search for graves;
  - An account of the level of effort expended, including the names and number of persons conducting the investigations, and the number of person-days spent in the field;
  - An explanation of any constraints that limited the investigations;
  - A justification explaining how the extent and methods of investigations constitute a good faith effort to identify unmarked historic graves within the APE; and
11. Photographs, drawings, and other documentation to illustrate and support the findings; professional judgment should be used to determine when inclusion of photographs of human remains in public documents is necessary and appropriate.
  11. When required, excavate graves and remove human remains according to a written plan for cemetery investigations. Coordinate with project sponsors, regulatory authorities, descendant groups and individuals, and other parties as appropriate.

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## **Spring 2009 Meeting Minutes**

### **CTA Spring Meeting LCRA Redbud Center, Austin, Texas March 27, 2009 9:30 AM**

President Nick Trierweiler called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

#### **Announcements**

Nick thanked Dan Prikryl for hosting the Spring Meeting. Nick also acknowledged and thanked new members and announced that the afternoon paper session will occur between 1:00 and 5:00 PM. Mark Denton announced that the CTA social will be held at 5:30 PM at Pease Park, 1100 Kingsbury St.

#### **Approval of Minutes from the Fall 2008 Meeting**

The first order of business was the approval of the Fall 2008 meeting minutes as published in the Spring 2009 Newsletter. Nick entertained a motion that the minutes be approved; the motion was seconded and passed.

#### **Officer's Reports**

##### President

Nick's report was short. He stated that the Archeology Advisor Board's meeting to discuss the requirement of twenty reports to be submitted to the Texas Historical Commission as per Permit requirements will be discussed under New Business.

##### Past-President

Charles Frederick had no report.

##### Secretary

Carole Leezer had no report.

##### Treasurer

Marie Archambeault reported that the past IRS Tax issues had been resolved. The membership all cheered! She also announced that the membership will be voting on the 2009 Budget later in the meeting. Marie brought to the attention of the membership that there has been a fall in membership and donations. She stressed that the membership needed to make sure their memberships are up-to-date. The IRS situation was resolved in June 2008 and no new issues have arisen. The accounts are doing well. As of March 19, 2009, the Money Market account is at \$8,866.31; the Scholarship Fund contains \$7,851.15; and the Checking account is currently at \$16,527.26. Prior to the Spring Meeting, there were 92 members who have paid their dues for 2009, including 89 regular memberships and 3 student memberships. 29 contractors have also paid their dues for 2009. There were 79 regular members who paid their dues in 2008, but have not paid dues for 2009. 24 contractors, who paid dues in 2008, have not yet paid for 2009. Marie asked that if anyone was unsure about whether or not they paid their 2009 dues to contact her.

##### Newsletter Editor

Mindy Bonnie stated that the yahoo group now has 84 members. The membership was reminded to update their email addresses as needed.

#### **Standing Committee Reports**

##### Auditing

Mark Denton, chair, reported that the books look great, every-

thing looks fine and the accounts are in good order. He also thanked Marie for taking care of the IRS Tax problem.

##### CTA Communications

Mindy Bonnie, Chair, report a need to improve communication lines. She would like to try to implement new ideas to boost the web page, including updating committee content and other pages. There is currently a snag with large format files inhibiting web pages that she working with the server provider to correct and will possibly upgrade to enable receipt of at least 2MG files.

##### Contractors List

Erin Watkins, Chair, reported that the Contractors List serves as the primary form of contact for contractors. She asked that updates be sent to her, as the list contains some old contact information. Please check the web page for errors and contact her for changes.

##### Curation

Pat Clabaugh, Chair, reported that the committee is still working on the guidelines and they are not yet ready for distribution. She stated that the Texas Historical Commission's Curatorial Facility Certification Program accomplished a lot of the efforts of the curation committee. Some of the concerns the committee has been discussing include concerns with digital preservation. She also stated that the committee needs to update its web page and that they are looking for new recruits.

##### Government Affairs

Mary Jo Galindo reported that the Texas Historical Commission has been following the following bills: HSB 2927 which concerns the regulation of cemeteries by local and state governments due to concerns over new cemetery guidelines; SB1828 concerning the collection of artifacts from public waterways; and HB 619 relating to the state acknowledgement of Native American Tribes. A short discussion on CTA support of this bill followed that included the recommendation that the multicultural committee make a general statement in support of HB 619. Mary Jo also reported on HB 7 concerning the transfer of historic sites from TPWD to the THC. She stated that 90% of the sporting goods tax will go to TPWD while 6% will go to the THC.

##### Multicultural Relations

Mary Jo Galindo, Chair, continued the discussion of support for HB 619 presented during reporting for the Government Affairs Committee. Mary Jo also reported acting as a liaison between the Texas Archeological Society and native field school students and plans to attend a Powwow to be held in September. Margret Howard distributed a wish list of item for a dig kit to be given to TAS native field school students. She also thanked Prewitt and Associates, PBS&J, Ecomm, and GeoMarine for their donations.

##### Nominating

Bill Martin, Chair, reported that two candidates have been nominated for election to President. This is an historic event in which both candidates are women: Mary Jo Galindo and Rachel Feit.

##### Public Education

David Brown announced that there were two nominations for the E. Mott Davis Award: Nick Trierweiler and Rachel Feit for

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their San Antonio, Corps of Engineers Project and UTSA for their Mission Concepción Courtyard Project. Winners will be announced during New Business. David also reported that comments regarding the state board of education's regulations concerning science teaching in Texas will also be discussed under New Business.

### Special Committee Reports

#### Academic Archeology and CRM

Britt Bousman, Chair, was not present. Steve Black, representing Texas State University San Marcos provided a report on the graduate program there. Steve Tomka, representing University of Texas at San Antonio provided a discussion of the undergraduate and graduate program there. Alston Thoms, representing Texas A&M also present a report on the program there, while David Brown reported on the AA degree in archaeology offered at Austin Community College.

#### Archeological Survey Standards

Marianne Marek, Chair, had no report.

#### History

Doug Boyd, Chair, asked that all relevant records be gathered and submitted to him.

#### Membership

Becky Shelton, Chair, and Jim Hughey, Committee Member, announced the candidate for the CTA Student Research Grant is Bob Wishoff, of Texas State University San Marcos. The grant to be presented to Bob will enable him to complete his research on Alibates lithics. A discussion followed on the need to increase the grant amount and whether this would include CTA membership and travel funds for the recipient to present his research at a CTA meeting within one year of receipt of award. The change in award amount was moved to be moved to New Business as an amendment to the proposed budget.

### Agency Reports

#### Texas Historical Commission

Jim Bruseth reported on the THC's interest in following the progress of SB 1828 which would allow the collection of artifacts from public waterways. Under this bill THC would issue permits to private individuals who in turn would have to report to the THC and the THC would have the right to purchase artifacts from the individuals. Jim requested that the CTA send representatives to testify against this bill. Jim also commented on HS 2927 concerning the regulation of cemeteries by local and state government. Jim expressed the hope that the bill would pass. Jim also reported on Nathan Smith, who has lately come to national attention as a treasure hunter who has used Google Earth to identify the remains of a Colonial Spanish Ship. Mr Smith claims the remains are located within a navigable waterway and is claiming salvage rights. Jim also spoke on needs for contributions to La Belle conservation, funding issues concerning the Courthouse Program and the belief that stimulus finding would increase Section 106 processes within the state. Jim also stated that the Historical Commission has lost its archeologist slot and that CTA should lobby the Historical Commission to add an archeologist to the commission.

#### State Archeologist

Pat Mercado-Allinger reported that due to lack of available funds, there will be no funding for the Preservation Trust Fund Grant this year and therefore expects an increase in applications for Texas Archeology Month grants.

#### Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

Michael Strutt reported on HB 7 and associated funding from the sporting goods tax has enabled TPWD to do well financially. Additional archaeology contracts will be announced in the coming weeks. The Cultural Resources Department is now at full staffing. Michael also spoke about Chris Lintz and his role with the Wildlife Division's landowner incentive program in addition to new data on the San Jacinto Battlefield.

#### Texas Department of Transportation

Jason Barrett reported on the expected effects of the stimulus projects on archaeology contracts and the TxDOT analytical protocols. A response to comments on the protocols was distributed to the membership which was followed by a discussion on improper analysis that requires a standardization of protocols. Jason stated that TxDOT will go forward with the protocols and will seek continued input from the membership.

#### Texas Archeological Research Laboratory

Jonathan Jarvis reported all database files have been migrated to NAD 83 and this is now the preferred coordinate system.

### Old Business

#### Historic Sites Survey Standards

Rachael Feit reported that survey standards are still a work in progress.

#### TAM 2009 – Award Guidelines & Funding Amounts

Guidelines concerning TAM grant are being developed. A discussion followed on the need to increase total funding to \$1,500.00. A motion was moved to move the discussion to New Business to be included as a line item increase in the proposed budget.

#### CTA Bylaws changes – Separation of Secretary Treasurer Position

A discussion at the Fall meeting to separate the Secretary and Treasurer Position has resulted in a change to the CTA Bylaws. This change has been posted in the CTA Newsletter, both in Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. A motion was made to pass the change, the motion was seconded, and the changes were put to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

#### Dues – Payment Options

This discussion was tabled for discussion at a later time.

### New Business

#### E. Mott Davis Award

The E. Mott Davis Award was presented to Steve Tomka, Susan Snow and Antonio Figueroa for their Mission Concepción Courtyard Project.

#### Texas Board of Education Science Curriculum Changes

David Brown led a discussion of the Texas Board of Education's changes to the science curriculum. The SAA made a statement that supported the original guidelines and opposed amendments to teach weakens of scientific theories. The Board appears to be divided on the issue and a bill was introduced to put the strength and weakness language back in the curriculum. David asked for the CTA membership to take a stand similar to the SAA. A motion was made to have the President write a letter to the Public Education Committee, to the Board of Education and to Representative Christian stating CTA's support of SAA position. The motion was seconded, and the request was put to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

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At this point the membership adjourned for lunch, 12:30-1:50PM, upon returning continued with New Business.

#### Budget

A motion was made to increase the Student Scholarship Fund to \$750. The motion was seconded and the request was voted on and passed. A motion to approve the line item increase of the TAM grant to \$1,500 was made. The motion was seconded and the request was voted on and passed. A motion was made to approve the 2009 Budget. The motion was seconded, a vote was taken and the budget was approved.

#### TAC Permits – Hard Copies of Reports

The THC proposes to change permit rules concerning report submittal guidelines of the number of reports to be printed and submitted to the THC in fulfillment of permit requirements. The THC currently accepts Tagged PDF copies and proposes to do away with paper copies due to the stress on staff time/workload. The THC proposes that the guidelines be modified to 1 paper report copy for archive and 2 digital tagged PDF copies to be available on-line. This will include an electronic

copy with site location information that will be posted on the Texas Archeology Site Atlas and another copy without site location information that will be available to the public. The membership then discussed options and a move was stated and passed to have the President draft a recommendation to the THC for a compromise of digital and hard copy submittals.

#### Cemetery Investigation Guidelines

Guidelines on the identification of historic unmarked graves have now been posted on the CTA web page. Feedback concerning the guidelines is currently being solicited and will be discussed and voted on at the Fall Meeting.

#### New Officer Nominations/Elections

Carole Leezer was officially nominated and elected as Secretary. Mindy Bonine and Marie Archambeault were reelected as Newsletter Editor and Treasurer, respectively. Rachel Feit and Mary Jo Galindo were both nominated for President-Elect. The membership voted via secret ballot and Mary Jo was elected. Congratulations to all!

Nick officially entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting, the motion was seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.



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Council of Texas Archeologists  
Marie J. Archambeault, Treasurer  
Texas Military Forces  
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June 14, 2009

Dear Marie and Members of the Council of Texas Archeologists,

We thank you sincerely for your generous contribution of \$2,000 for *Texas Beyond History*. It is through the continued support of the CTA and other contributors that we have been able to create innovative cultural heritage education exhibits, such as the recently completed exhibit set, "Native and Early Historic Peoples of the Texas Coastal Plains and Marshlands." In the near future, TBH will bring online site exhibits sponsored in part by CRM firms, such as TRC Environmental and Prewitt and Associates, Inc. In addition to building greater understanding about peoples of the past, these exhibits will highlight latest technical analyses and findings which should be of interest to CTA members. At the same time, these collaborations underline the merit of TBH as a means to satisfy public education outreach requirements.

It means a great deal to have this continued expression of support from the CTA. We look forward to continued collaboration in the future.

Cheers and thanks,

*Susan*  
Susan Dial, TARL editor, *Texas Beyond History*

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June 26, 2009

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c/o Council of Texas Archeologists  
CTA Secretary/Treasurer  
Texas Army National Guard  
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Dear Ms. Archambeault:

Thank you for the council's gift of \$2,000 to the Texas Archeological Research Laboratories in the College of Liberal Arts. Your continued support of Texas Beyond History has allowed for the expansion of the online museum that shares Texas's rich cultural history with our citizens as well as scholars across the world.

Your philanthropic vision ensures that we are able to continue this exceptional outreach service that uniquely presents Texas history by enlisting best practices from both history and archeology disciplines. Thank you, again, for your investment in Texas Beyond History and the college.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy L. Diehl".

Randy L. Diehl, Dean  
David Bruton, Jr. Regents Chair in Liberal Arts

RLD:bn

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# The Archaeological Conservancy

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July 6, 2009

Ms. Marie Archambeault  
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Texas Army National Guard  
PO Box 5218 (JFTX-GAR-EV)  
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Dear Ms. Archambeault,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 to support The Archaeological Conservancy's Preservation Fund. Your contribution will provide us with the essential resources to continue to identify, acquire, stabilize, and preserve the most significant archaeological sites in the United States.

In addition to the 375 sites we've protected in the last 29 years, we are always working on the acquisition and permanent preservation of many more. Right now, we are working on the preservation of a Mississippian Period mound site in Illinois and a Paleo Indian bison kill site in Colorado. And our regional directors are always working closely with landowners to secure the permanent protection of many other endangered sites throughout the country.

Again, thank you for your support and generosity. We truly appreciate your continuing commitment to preserving America's rich cultural heritage. It is because of members like you that we are able to continue protecting our nation's cultural treasures.

Sincerely,

Mark Michel  
President

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July 22, 2009

Council of Texas Archeologists  
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Dear Ms. Archambeault:

Thank you very much for CTA's generous donation of \$1,000.00 to support Texas Archeology Month (TAM) 2009. Every October for the past 20 years, TAM has focused public attention on the rich cultural heritage of our state and efforts to preserve our history. But TAM would not be possible without the hard work and commitment of hundreds of donors, organizers, hosts and volunteers. We are grateful for your assistance and we never forget that we could not conduct our celebration without the support of generous contributors like you.

CTA will be honored in all of our TAM publications as a donor during this special anniversary year and we hope to see you during the celebration in October!

Best wishes,

Toni S. Turner  
Development Officer

cc: Ms. Pat Mercado-Allinger

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