



**2013 CTA Spring Meeting, March 22, 2013**  
**Business Meeting—Camp Mabry, Building 8, Austin, Texas**  
**CTA Social—Camp Mabry Picnic Grounds**

**Agenda**

**Registration**—9:00 AM

**Call to Order**—9:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes, Fall 2012 Meeting**

**Officers' Reports**

- President (*Rachel Feit*)
- Past President (*Mary Jo Galindo*)
- Secretary (*Kristi Ulrich*)
- Treasurer (*Carole Leezer*)
- Newsletter Editor (*Mindy Bonine*)

**Standing Committee Reports**

- Auditing (*Mark Denton*)
- CTA Communications (*Mindy Bonine*)
- Contractors List (*Shelly Fischbeck*)
- Curation (*Laura Nightengale*)
- Governmental Affairs (*Nesta Anderson*)
- Multicultural Relations (*Mary Jo Galindo*)
- Nominating (*Bill Martin*)
- Public Education (*David Brown*)

**Special Committee Reports**

- Academic Archeology and CRM (*Jon Lohse*)
- Anti-looting Committee (*Jeffery Hanson*)
- History (*Doug Boyd*)
- Membership (*Becky Shelton*)

**Agency Reports**

- Texas Historical Commission (*Pat Mercado-Allinger*)
- Texas Parks and Wildlife (*Michael Strutt*)
- Texas Department of Transportation (*Scott Pletka*)
- Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (*Jonathan Jarvis*)

**Old Business**

- TAAM Award Recipients
- Zac Seldon, Student Research Grant Recipient

**New Business**

- Chapter 26 Rules Changes
- 2013 Budget
- "Giving Back" to CTA Members
- Grant for The Archaeology Channel
- Nominating Committee

**Meeting Adjourns**—12:00 PM

Lunch—12:00 to 1:30 PM

**Current Research Presentations**—1:30 to 4:30 PM

**CTA Social** – 5:00 PM

Camp Mabry Picnic Grounds (see map on p. 3)

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A G E N D A

**President's Forum**

By Rachel Feit

Time certainly does fly. It seems like only yesterday that I was writing the newsletter update for the Fall 2012 meeting. I personally have been buried in work and it seems like most other folks I talk to are similarly busy. That is the sign of a healthy industry and we should all be thankful for that.

The CTA is going strong, with new corporate members every year, and an overall budget surplus for operating expenses. This means we have more money in the bank to raise archeological awareness, offer research grants, or use for other purposes. Over the past few months the other CTA officers and I have been discussing how we can use this money to benefit the archeological community and the CTA membership. One idea is to offer a professional grant to working members for extra research on a site or project that may not be fully funded by project sponsors. Another idea is to increase the yearly student grant, or TAAM month grants. We welcome ideas from the larger membership, so come to the Spring meeting prepared to discuss ways the CTA can give back to the archeological community.

At the spring meeting we will also discuss the THC's proposed Chapter 26 rules changes as well as other news that may affect our industry. I hope also to hear from the Government Affairs committee about what's doin' at the Lege this year. Things seem to have been awfully quiet so far. We will hear from the nominating committee about who they propose as the next CTA prez.

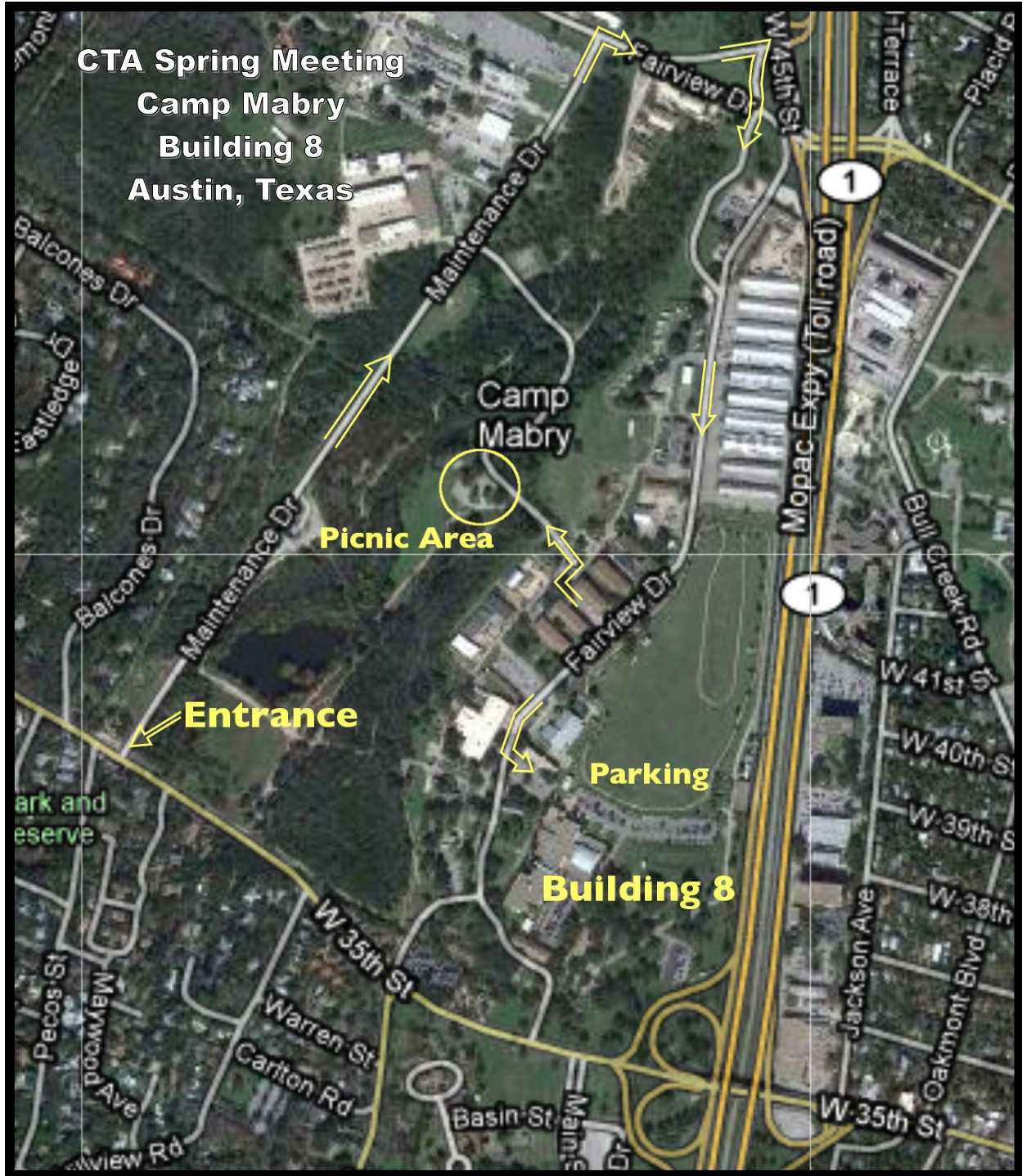
During the afternoon sessions we have some great papers lined up and are hoping to get a few more. Although ideally I would like the session to focus on recent projects at eighteenth through twentieth century sites in Texas, we already have a few presentations that deal with other topics. One presentation I am particularly looking forward to is Rich Weinstein, Roger Moore, Jason Barrett and Charles Frederick's paper on 41HR796. This prehistoric site is located on Cypress Creek in Harris County and contains Late Prehistoric and Archaic occupations, along with a buried Paleoindian component and several prehistoric interments of unknown age. The site was at the center of intense controversy when the Harris County Historical Commission initiated a lawsuit against

TxDOT over alleged mishandling of the site. At the most recent Antiquities Advisory Board meeting, the board voted unanimously to include it as a State Archeological Landmark. Unexcavated portions of the site within TxDOT's ROW have since been covered with a cement cap and are now protected. The media circulated a lot of misinformation about this site during the controversy and I know I am eager to hear from some of the principal players not just about the site, but also what really happened.

I have a feeling that it will ignite another discussion about some of the provisions the Health and Safety Code and other matters. Therefore, I am leaving this presentation for last.

Another presentation that I suspect will spark some discussion is from Digital Antiquity. These folks are based in Tempe, Arizona and will be flying in to talk to the CTA about their non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing preservation and access to archeological information and research. Their presentation will be first on the agenda.

See you at Camp Mabry!



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**Instructions:**

Everyone who comes to the meeting at Camp Mabry must bring a **photo ID**. Tell the guard that you are attending the CTA Spring Meeting in Building 8 or that you are attending the CTA Social on the picnic grounds. Please do not park in the small parking lot at the west entrance of Building 8, but continue on to the large parking lot to the east. Anyone who is NOT a current member and plans to attend the meeting or social will need to contact Kristi Miller Ulrich ([kristi.ulrich@utsa.edu](mailto:kristi.ulrich@utsa.edu)) to register. Lunch can be purchased on site or there are several restaurants nearby.

**Share Your Current Research with Members of the  
Archaeological Community!**

# Call for

CTA is looking for short 10-20 minute long presentations to be given at our Spring 2013 Meeting at Camp Mabry. Your presentation may be either formal or informal, with a PowerPoint presentation or without.

The topic for this year's paper session is historical archaeology in Texas. Those of you who have worked on historical archaeological projects recently—eighteenth to twentieth century sites—are particularly welcome to present a paper. Of course, other interesting papers would be accepted if time slots are open.

# Papers!

The presentations will begin at 1:30 PM right after the business meeting and lunch on March 22, 2012 in Building 8 of Camp Mabry.

To submit your presentation idea and reserve a slot, contact the CTA President, Rachel Feit, at [rfeit@amaterra.com](mailto:rfeit@amaterra.com), and be sure to forward your abstract by March 15!

## **Officer's Reports**

### **Secretary Report**

Kristi Miller Ulrich

Happy Spring!! I just wanted to take a moment to remind you all that it's time to renew your membership with CTA. Memberships are on yearly bases from January to December, so your 2012 membership expired on December 31, 2013. Currently we have two student members, 62 professional members and 23 contractors who have renewed or recently joined CTA for the 2013 calendar year. You can pay online via PayPal through the CTA website ([www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org](http://www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org)) or by completing a membership renewal form (also on our website) and mailing it with a check to Council of Texas Archeologists c/o Kristi Ulrich, Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249. Please review our membership fees, as contractor's fees have changed for the 2013 year.

Also, please take a moment to join the CTA\_org Yahoo! Group. All notices to the CTA membership are posted to this email list and this is our main way of communicating with the CTA membership. If you are not currently on this list, please forward your current email address to Mindy Bonine at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com) and she will see that you are added to the list server.

### **Treasurer Report**

Carole Leezer

In this issue of the CTA newsletter, you will find a proposed 2013 budget. Please review and be ready to discuss and vote on the proposed budget at the Spring meeting. As of February 18, 2013, our Checking account contains \$7,049.86; the Money Market account contains \$18,899.97; and our Scholarship Fund contains \$8,763.02.

Thank you to Nancy Kenmotsu for her donations to the Scholarship Fund!

### **Newsletter Editor Report**

Mindy Bonine

I would like to remind everyone again that this newsletter has an announcements section that can be used by anyone in the membership to get the word out on current activities. I do not emphasize it enough in my "Calls for Articles" on the CTA Yahoo! Group, but ANY topic that might be of interest to our membership is welcome in the announcements section of the newsletter. This includes, but is not limited to, fieldschools, conferences, workshops, symposia, website launches, etc.

## ***Committee Reports***

### **Communications Committee and Ad hoc Committee for CTA Website Update**

Mindy Bonine

Akismet is alive and kicking! I have paid the dues for a one-year subscription for the spam blocking program, thanks to a generous contribution from an anonymous member. As a result, comments can now be posted to any page on the CTA website. Here is how the comments work:

You can click on “Leave a Comment” at the bottom of any post or page, and write your comments after entering your name and email. Your first comment will be approved by me—to make sure you are a real person. Afterwards any additional comments will not need to be approved before they are posted.

I will be the moderator for the comments to the website, and I will strictly enforce a professional decorum in all responses. Fell free to disagree, but please write as if you were submitting a review to a professional journal. Anyone not adhering to these standards will get one warning, then they will be prohibited from posting in the future.

In short, play nice!

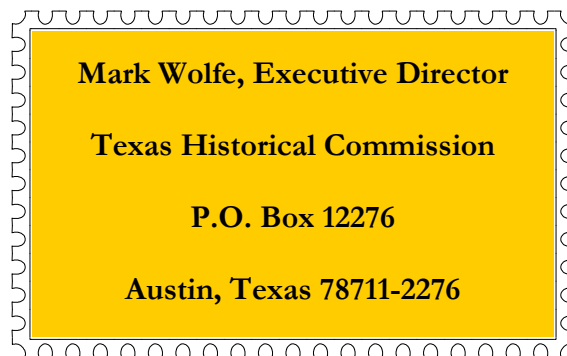
## THC Rules Review, Revisions & Adoptions Update

As reported in the fall 2012 issue of the CTA newsletter, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) has undertaken a systematic review of its current rules in the Texas Administrative Code (Title 13 Cultural Resources, Part 2 Texas Historical Commission). Revisions to Chapter 24 (Restricted Cultural Resource Information) have been approved without changes to the text as published in the November 28, 2012 issue of the *Texas Register*. The March 1, 2013 issue of the *Texas Register* will include notice of adoption of revisions to both Chapter 28 (Historic Shipwrecks), and Chapter 29 (Management and Care of Artifacts and Collections), without changes to the text as published in the November 23, 2012 issue. In all three cases, no public comments were received during the 30-day comment period.

Proposed changes to Chapter 25 (Office of the State Archeologist) and Chapter 26 (Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Antiquities Code of Texas) are more substantial, warranting the repeal of the existing rule and replacement with the new rule. In the case of Chapter 25, the new rule eliminates outdated terminology and procedures. It also includes necessary updates, additions, clarifications and streamlining to better reflect the programs and procedures of the Texas Historical Commission's State Archeological Program, formerly known as the Office of the State Archeologist. Additionally, the Chapter 25 title will be changed to State Archeological Program.

In the case of the Chapter 26 rules, there has been a major reorganization of sections, with subsections associated with historic structures being substantially amended. Updates and changes to the sections that apply to archeological resources and permits are relatively modest. Subchapter E, Memoranda of Understanding with Other State Agencies includes newly updated MOUs with the Texas Department of Transportation (Section 26.25), Texas Water Development Board (Section 26.26) and Texas Parks & Wildlife Department (26.27).

Both of the proposed new Chapter 25 and 26 rules were approved by the members of the Texas Historical Commission board on January 24, 2013 for first publication. These rules will appear in the March 1, 2013 issue of the *Texas Register* (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>), triggering a public comment period. Written comments should be sent within 30 days of publication to:



## THC NEEDS SHAPEFILES

By Marie J. Archambeault

As everyone is aware by now, the THC is operating with reduced staff, which has led to a backlog of archeological project areas waiting to be added to the Archeological Sites Atlas. Currently, projects submitted after June 2012 have not been added to the Atlas. As a result, the THC has found it necessary to formally request shapefiles for **ALL** archeological projects at the **DRAFT** stage. This request is being formalized in the new rules revisions.

What is a shapefile? A shapefile is a geographically referenced data set used to represent features, such as a point, line, or area. For more information on shapefiles, please see: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Shapefile>.

**PROCESS:** When a **DRAFT** report is sent to the THC for review, please also submit shapefiles for the Atlas to the following email address: [archeological\\_projects@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:archeological_projects@thc.state.tx.us). It is preferable to combine all of the files into a compressed (zipped) file, and then attach the compressed file to the email. If you do not have a program on your computer to compress files, one free option is <http://www.7-zip.org/>.

Shapefiles can be created and submitted in a number of ways.

The preferred method is ArcGIS shapefiles. A shapefile actually consists of multiple files. In order to import the data correctly, please be sure to include all of the necessary files, such as files with the extensions “.dbf”, “.prj”, “.shp”, and “.shx” (other extensions will be accepted also).

We recognize that the full ESRI ArcGIS software is expensive. We have identified several alternative programs which are **free**, including ArcGIS Explorer, Quantum GIS, and Google Earth. Each has advantages and disadvantages.

**ArcGIS Explorer** is a basic program that allows you to directly import your GPS data, create survey boundaries, and provides you access to background imagery for free. Your data will be exported as an “.lpx”, which then must be zipped to send to the THC. The program works with CSV, XLS, KML, WMS, shapefiles, and more. This program can be downloaded onto your PC at <http://www.esri.com/software/arcgis/explorer> or can be used online with your PC or Mac at: <http://www.arcgis.com/explorer/>.

**Quantum GIS** is a free open source GIS system that runs on Linux, Unix, Mac OSX, Windows and Android. <http://www.qgis.org/>

**Google Earth** uses “.kml” files and will allow you to directly import your GPS data. Please visit Google Earth tutorials at: <http://www.google.com/earth/learn/>. These files will be imported into ArcGIS.

Please be sure that your draft report includes the following data, which will be used to populate the attributes table on the Atlas: Project Type, Fieldwork Date, TAC Permit, Report Author, PI, Sponsoring Agency, Investigating Firm, and Project Planner. An attribute template is available by request.

Please send all questions to either Marie Archambeault at [marie.archambeault@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:marie.archambeault@thc.state.tx.us) or Dan Julien at [daniel.julien@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:daniel.julien@thc.state.tx.us).



## Fall 2012 Meeting Minutes

### CTA Fall 2012 Meeting October 26, 2012 Tyler, Texas

October 26, 2012 Tyler, Texas

Registration started at 9 am. The meeting was called to order at 9:31 am.

#### Announcements:

Mary Jo Galindo announced the CTA Social will begin at 8 PM. No additional announcements were made.

#### Approval of Minutes:

The first order of business was the approval of the Spring Meeting minutes published in the Spring 2012 Newsletter. Mark Denton motioned that the minutes be approved. The motion carried.

#### Officer Reports:

**President (Rachel Feit):** President, Rachel Feit, had nothing new to report.

**Secretary (Kristi Miller Ulrich):** Secretary, Kristi Ulrich, reminded the members that memberships are on yearly bases from January to December. Thus, 2012 memberships were going to expire on December 31, 2012. At the time of the meeting, we have 13 student members, 149 professional members and 59 contractors who had renewed or recently joined CTA during the 2012 year. CTA also had two professionals that have extended their memberships through 2013. To renew you membership for the 2013 year, you can pay online via PayPal through the CTA website or by completing a membership renewal form (also on our website) and mailing it with a check to:

Council of Texas Archeologists  
c/o Kristi Ulrich  
Center for Archaeological Research  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
One UTSA Circle  
San Antonio, TX 78249.

Please review our membership fees as contractors fees will change for the 2013 year.

In addition, there looks to be several changes in email addresses and names of some of the officers in this coming year. Please take a moment to join the CTA\_org Yahoo! Group. All notices to the CTA membership are posted to this email list and this is our main way of communicating with the CTA membership. This will be the quickest way to be up to date on changes and upcoming events and issues. If you are not currently on this list, please forward your current email address to Mindy Bonine at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com) and she will see that you are added to the list server.

**Treasurer (Carole Leezer):** Treasurer, Carole Leezer, reported that as of September 19, 2012, our checking account contained \$8,764.55; the money market account contained \$18,898.49; and our Scholarship Fund contained \$8,556.31. Please be aware that Contractor Listing fees were increasing

to \$125 per listing for 2013; membership dues remain the same - \$30/\$15 for professional members and \$25/\$15 for students.

**Newsletter Editor (Mindy Bonine):** Newsletter Editor, Mindy Bonine, was absent from the meeting but an update was presented. Mindy was going to subscribe to the Akismet program. This was to allow people to post comments on our website. Mindy was busy having a baby and plans to work to get that all set up.

#### Standing Committee Reports:

**Auditing (Mark Denton):** Mark Denton of the Auditing Committee had nothing to report. The committee had not met since the audit for the Spring Meeting.

**Communications (Mindy Bonine):** Mindy Bonine was to speak about the CTA Communications Committee, but an update was given in her absence. She has been maintaining the website. The Buckeye Knoll Report had just been posted on the CTA website. If anyone has other reports to be posted, please submit them. It was asked to make sure the report is vetted in some way and meets professional standards.

Mark Denton asked about the Buckeye Knoll Report, and whether we appropriate agencies were contacted because maps of the site location were published. Rachel said that the property owner was in favor of making the report available to the public. Bill Martin stated that he didn't think that Corp of Engineers was needed to be involved with making the decision. Rachel believes that we are ok with publishing it.

**Contractors List (Shelly Fishbeck):** Shelly Fiscebeck reported for the Contractors List. She reminded everyone that her email address had changed.

**Curation (Laura Nightengale):** Laura Nightengale, Curation Committee, reported that the committee had not met and had nothing to inform the membership. She suggested that they needed to meet.

**Governmental Affairs (Rachel Feit):** NESTA Anderson was to report for Governmental Affairs but was not present. Rachel spoke on her behalf. The legislative session is coming up soon. She didn't know about what is going on with THC, or if there are bills that may be introduced to cut funding. She said she was cautiously optimistic. THC, as well as other agencies, will likely be facing some cuts. Hopefully these will not be as steep as the previous session. There may be a move to reintroduce amendments to cemetery bill coming from farm association.

**Multicultural Relations (Mary Jo Galindo):** Multicultural Relations was reported on by Mary Jo Galindo. Mary Jo continues to be the liaison with TAS and Native American scholarship fund. She attended a powwow in San Marcos and will attend one in Austin.

**Nominating (Bill Martin):** Bill Martin spoke for the Nominating Committee. If current members were going to continue their positions, they only needed to vote for President Elect at the spring meeting. Bill no longer knew who was on the commit-

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tee. Kathleen Turner Pearson and Tim Perttula offered to be on committee.

*Public Education (David Brown):* David Brown was not present to update on the Public Education Committee.

#### Special Committee Reports:

*Academic Archaeology and CRM (Jon Lohse):* Jon Lohse was not present to speak about Academic Archeology and CRM.

*Anti Looting (Jeffery Hanson):* Jeffery Hanson was not present to report on the Anti-Looting Committee. He had conducted one training outreach program. An email he sent to Rachel spoke of the results of the outreach program.

*History (Doug Boyd):* Doug Boyd had nothing new to report for the History Committee. He did mention that electronic folders with old CTA business should also go to him.

*Membership (Becky Shelton):* Becky Shelton was not present to report for the Membership Committee. It was noted that our numbers are low. We encourage people to join CTA.

#### Agency Reports:

*THC (Pat Mercado-Aliinger):* Pat was not present to speak, but Mark Denton spoke on her behalf. THC was going through rule reviews right now. Most of the rules are going to be modified, and Chapter 26 is going to be completely reorganized. The architects want their stuff compiled in one area. All three of the MOUs with TxDOT, TPWD, and Water Development Board will be redone. The TxDOT revisions will be extensive. In the new version, the language about federal antiquities code and Section 106 will be removed. The current version will be published and then the new version will be published. Mark acknowledged that this will look confusing. Pay particular attention to the TxDOT MOU changes.

In addition, TxDOT is funding a project with the THC that is going through a backlog of records to find eligibility status and put them on the Atlas. They need more time for Dan Julian to get that information on the Atlas. They are currently working with the data. Mark noted that there are probably not a lot of eligibility calls for sites identified prior to 1983. They are looking for reports in digital form to be able to link them.

In regards to the Health and Safety code, there is a high probability that the Farm Bureau will sponsor the changes. Steve Davis is spearheading an effort to make sure that changes are not too involved.

Mark also spoke about the Harris County Project. Burials were found during the project, and a lawsuit against THC was filed. THC found that there is contradictory language in the Code of Criminal Procedures. If any human remains are found, the Medical Examiner needs to be brought in. The Health and Safety code was cited, but failed to note the professional archaeologist clause. Mark stated that it turned out to be a lot of ego stuff. People from the Medical Examiner's Office showed up to see the forensic archaeologists, and they were old school buddies.

Mark was asked if there could be a summary of the repeal and replace for agencies to better understand the changes. Mark noted that there will be a version that will show what is being added and changed. Hopefully, it will be posted on the CTA

website.

Mark felt that the TxDOT MOU will be impossible, and that we are just going to have to figure that one out ourselves. Pretty massive changes, but will talk to Scott about what those entail.

Marie Archambault spoke about shapefiles. Currently, 10% of her time is dedicated to Atlas updates, so it is critical that you get her all the information at one time. She recommended that you send all the shapefiles that you can. She acknowledged that ArcGIS is expensive, but there are other options. There is a free version online. There are also non-ESRE programs and free software online as well, and those can be used. There is an at-home use version for ArcGIS which is like \$100. Current backlog is going back to April. She reiterated that they need help from us by submitting shapefiles. They are needed at the draft report stage, not at the final report stage. This is because there may be stuff in drafts that was not put in finals. Send Marie emails if you have questions and problems, but may take a couple weeks. She will work with you. Send the shapefiles at the draft report stage and please send those to the group email, [archeological\\_projects@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:archeological_projects@thc.state.tx.us) when you are sending the draft to the reviewer. THC is working with TxDOT to make sure that TxDOT will get the shapefiles to THC. Please ask the TxDOT reviewer if they would like you to send shapefiles directly to THC or if they will do it themselves. Marie re-emphasized the free options. She mentioned that the engineers that hired you will likely have their own program and they can make the shapefiles for you.

*State Marine Archaeologist (Amy Burgdon):* Marine based CRM projects are not currently in the Atlas. That information will soon be incorporated. She proposed additions to the current CTA guidelines. Marine CRM is not addressed in there, and guidelines for data collection methods and additional information are needed for marine sites. Marine CRM firms here are already following standardized guidelines, but if there is an outside or newer firm working in Texas they may not know standards. CTA guidelines will help keep everyone on the same page. Additions to the current guidelines would help. She suggests that maybe a subsection would suffice.

*TPWD (Michael Strutt):* Michael spoke about GIS information. If you are working with them, the shapefiles and draft reports go to them (TPWD), they will review, and will send it forward to the THC. TPWD will insure that the data fits both parties' needs.

During the Legislative session the Graffiti Bill was introduced that would protect historic structures and rock art. They are hoping that the bill remains in play. There is a clause in the bill that if juveniles are caught, the parents or guardians will have major restitution, not just cleaning up.

On the subject of third party projects, Chris Lintz says there are a lot of gas and oil projects going on. Contact him if you know that a project will cross TPWD property. Also contact Michael Strutt. These projects may require additional requirements on TPWD property to finish the project. Contact him prior to the beginning of the project to be walked through the requirements. It will take a little longer to hear back from Chris, so contact TPWD too. You may hear back from TPWD a little sooner. Wildlife Enhancement Projects may have Section 106 triggers. If working on WMA, contact Chris and TPWD.

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It was reported that Logan McNatt retired. They will be advertising the position soon.

*TxDOT (Scott Pletka):* Waldo Troell spoke on behalf of Scott Pletka. There were four contracts awarded this session. In addition, for future applications, streamlining will take burden off of you to prove your qualifications.

*TARL (Jonathan Jarvis):* Good News, bad news, and Goods News. The first bit of good news is that the demise at TARL has been greatly exaggerated. The bad news, though, is that the rates are going up dramatically. University overhead is being added to the fees starting January 1, 2013. TARL will work with some firms if needed. TARL will give a discount on site form fees that will be applied to all sites with GIS data, not just the larger projects. Not everyone is aware of that.

KLM and KMZ files will be accepted, but there will be some give and take involved. These will count as GIS data. Jonathan recommended the Quantum GIS program. Also, he suggested downloading ESRI's ArcGIS Explorer. This allows you to see if the shapefile works. Otherwise you run risk of sending a useless file. Jonathan mentioned that he doesn't have a whole lot of time, but can help to walk you through if you need help. A shapefile is not just one file, usually four to seven files. Please remember to send them all.

TARL has done a training session paid for by THC. It was suggested that maybe CTA should do a training session. To set up a training session, a facility that has an area with computers is necessary. Jonathan will be teaching Huddler's class

in the spring. He suggested to those who could try to audit the class.

A break was taken at 10:35 AM.

#### **Old Business:**

Akismet Activation and Public Access to the website will be activated soon. Mindy will post archaeological reports. Please send those to her.

The Spring Meeting will be held in Austin, though the location is still to be determined.

#### **New Business:**

Five TAAM Grant Recipients were awarded this year.

The THC rules on depicting site locations on publically accessible records were brought up again in reference to the Buckeye Knoll Report. It was suggested the rules should be reviewed. Kathy Pearson asked about having a "members only" way to access those reports. Rachel said that it may be difficult to deal with and Mindy may not have the time to put the effort into keeping passwords and other information.

Mary Jo noted that if membership was up to date, managing the list may be easier. Rachel reiterated that memberships needed to be renewed.

There was a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was second and the meeting was adjourned at 11:02 AM.

**Texas Archeology Awareness Month Reports**

REPORT TO CTA ON FLINTFEST 2012

FlintFest is an annual event held on the first weekend in October, designed to kickoff Texas Archeology Month. It takes place in the Texas Panhandle at the Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument Contact Station and is jointly sponsored by the National Park Service and the Friends of Alibates support group. It was initiated in 2010 as a one-day event, during which expert and amateur flintknappers demonstrated their skills for the public. In 2011 it was expanded to two days, and atlatl throwing was added as a participatory activity. FlintFest 2012 was trimmed to one and one-half days, but the number and variety of demonstrations and interactive activities was greatly increased.



Flintknapping Demonstration

Flintknapping demonstrations were still the focus of the event, and at least four knappers were present during the entire time. Archery was added to the atlatl throwing this year, although based on the evaluation of the supervisory volunteer it will not be back next year. Interactive activities included:

- **corn grinding, using a basin metate and two-handed mano**
- **pictograph drawing with water-based markers on both paper plates and rocks**
- **bracelet making with leather thongs and large beads**
- **a 'dinosaur dig', consisting of the excavation with mallet and wooden stake of small plastic dinosaurs embedded in sun-dried soil**



Edible Plant Demonstration

Two native plant demonstrations consisted of:

- **pounding yucca stalks to expose the fibers, which were then woven into twine**
- **examples of the edible products made from mesquite and prickly pear**

Each activity or demonstration was supervised by uniformed NPS employees from the Interpretation and Resource Divisions, assisted by volunteers who were members of the Friends group. Including the flintknappers, 16 persons participated in this event. The audience totaled ~ 200 over the 12 hours (9–5 on Saturday and 1–5 on Sunday), with adults exceeding youth by 2:1. Additional support was provided by a local Boy Scout troop, who assisted with

the erection of a shade shelter over the flintknapping area, and by personnel from the NPS Law Enforcement, Fire, and Maintenance Divisions.

In addition to the usual media outlet publicity, a FlintFest 2012 poster was designed by a graphics arts class

from a local high school.

CTA grant funds were used to:

- **purchase supplies for the various activities**
- **replace supplies and repair equipment after the event**
- **obtain a limited amount of Alibates flint**
- **provide a light lunch on Saturday for the uniformed staff and the volunteers**
- **provide water for the visitors**
- **publicity**

Evaluations by uniformed NPS staff and Friends volunteers were positive, offering thoughtful criticisms and valuable suggestions that will be incorporated into the planning for FlintFest 2013.



Atlatl Throwing and Archery



## El Paso Museum of Archaeology

# Honoring Our Ancestors: The Tigua



**Sunday, October 21**  
**9:30 am to 5:00 pm**  
**Free Admission**  
**Donations Appreciated**

**Members of Ysleta del Sur Pueblo, also known as the Tigua Tribe, will showcase their culture and history.**

- **Tigua Tribal representative** shares tribal history and ties to El Paso area
- **Mescalero Apache, Santo Domingo Pueblo and Kiowa** speakers discuss their tribe's ties to the Tigua and to this region
- **Dr. Yolanda Leyva**, UTEP History Dept. Chair, presents **Mesoamerica-Southwest Connections**
- **Performances:** **Tigua Social Dance Group**, adults and youth
- **Pueblo Tacos, Fry bread & Refreshments for Sale**
- **Tigua Arts & Crafts Vendors** - distinctive jewelry, pottery & more
- **Children's Activities** in the Gazebo.
- **Free parking** at the adjacent National Border Patrol Museum

This program is sponsored by the  
**Friends of the El Paso Museum of Archaeology**  
and is supported in part by a grant from the  
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**Editor's Note: Another TAAM Grant was given to the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Above is a copy of the poster they created for their TAAM event last October.**



**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Interpretive Fair Weekend at Hueco Tanks State Park**

Over 800 people attended Hueco Tanks State Park & Historic Site’s 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Interpretive Fair Weekend, held on October 20 and 21, 2012. The fair promotes awareness of archeology, cultural history, and stewardship at Hueco Tanks and throughout Texas. This year’s fair hosted the Mescalero Apache Dance of the Mountain Gods (or Gahe) Ceremony, in addition to many other attractions.



Magoffin Home Adobe

Boy Scout Troop 137 opened the fair on Saturday with a flag ceremony. Then, Irma Escontrias-Sanchez, granddaughter of ranchers Silverio and Pilar Escontrias, gave a presentation on her family’s history at Hueco Tanks. Visitors were then treated to performances by Folklorico Cuauhtli and Danza St. Pius Matachines X. The Great American Indian Dancers shared dances from various Plains Indian tribes, and the Mescalero Prevention Program Youth Dancers performed and held social dances Sunday afternoon.

The Gahe ceremony took place Saturday after sunset. With roots in Mescalero Apache legend, it is still practiced today as part of the Mescalero Apache coming of age ceremony for young women and for other special occasions. Hueco Tanks has been fortunate to host the ceremony every fourth year since 2003 as part of the Interpretive Fair.



Gahe Dancers

There were 13 volunteer or staff-led tours over the two-day event, including birding, hiking, rare plant, and pictograph tours.

Between tours and performances, families tried atl-atl throwing at the Mescalero Apache Tribal Historic Preser-

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vation Office's booth. Visitors also learned about archeological techniques, conservation and flintknapping at a booth with Dr. David Carmichael and the University of Texas at El Paso Anthropology Club. Other booths had hands-on activities ranging from insect identification and tracking to adobe construction and water conservation.

Hueco Tanks staff would like to thank the Council of Texas Archeologists for their generous grant, the Texas Wildlife Association Foundation for their partnership, and our many volunteers for making this event possible.

The Interpretive Fair Weekend is a family-oriented event held annually on the third weekend in October, during Texas Archeology Month. The fair is free to the public.



Mescalero Apache Social Dances



Hands-on UTEP Archeology Techniques



## Proposed 2013 Budget

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### Council of Texas Archeologists 2011-2012 Budget and Expenses and Proposed 2013 Budget (Budgets follow calendar year)

	2011 Budget	2011 Income/ Expenses	2012 Budget	2012 Income/ Expenses	Proposed 2013 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Individual Memberships (135-\$30 + 17-\$15)	\$ 4,770.00	\$ 4,110.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 4,200.00
Student Memberships (13-\$15 )	\$ 250.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 150.00
Contractor Listing Fees (59)	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 7,500.00
Individual Membership PayPal Fees (75-\$1.00)	\$ 75.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Student Membership PayPal Fees(8-\$1.00)	\$ 5.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00
Contractor Listing PayPal Fees (28-\$4.00)	\$ 100.00	\$ 104.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 100.00
Checking Interest	\$ 2.00	\$ 1.58	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.35
Money Market Interest	\$ 10.00	\$ 4.32	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.75
Scholarship Fund Interest (\$3.25)/ Donations (\$108)	\$ 100.00	\$ 95.08	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.25	\$ 100.00
Social Donations		\$ 112.00			
Other (Late fees)		\$ 284.00		\$ 128.00	
Contractor Fall Social Food Paymt		\$ 1,361.25			
Atkins check		\$ 275.00			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 10,812.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,580.21</b>	<b>\$ 10,639.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,807.59</b>	<b>\$ 12,135.10</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administrative Costs (2011 expenses: return ck \$30, charge back \$12. )	\$ 200.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Web Page Registration (bi-annual fee)	\$ 125.00	\$ 115.50	\$ 80.00	\$ -	\$ 80.00
Spring Meeting/Social Expenses	\$ 800.00	\$ 777.00	\$ 800.00	\$ 797.03	\$ 800.00
Fall TAS/CTA Social	\$ 525.00	\$ 725.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00
Contractor Sponsored Catering		\$ 1,361.25			
PayPal Fees	\$ 150.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 194.00	\$ 152.39	\$ 175.00
SAA Table					\$ 500.00
Executive Committee Expenditures		\$ 200.00	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 3,414.75</b>	<b>\$ 1,979.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,474.42</b>	<b>\$ 2,460.00</b>
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES</b>					
Curation Committee	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Governmental Affairs	\$ 100.00	\$ 43.50	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Membership	\$ 200.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
Multicultural Relations	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
Public Education	\$ 100.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 77.83	\$ 100.00
General Committee Expenses	\$ 50.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 550.00</b>	<b>\$ 43.50</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 77.83</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>
<b>DONATIONS</b>					
Archeological Conservancy	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
CTA Scholarship Grant	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
THC Texas Archeology Month/Archeology Channel	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 500.00
TAAM Event Grants (divided among 5 applicants)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
TAS Donors Fund	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Texas Beyond History	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
TAS Native American Field School	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 7,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,550.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 9,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 11,008.25</b>	<b>\$ 10,229.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,352.25</b>	<b>\$ 11,710.00</b>
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 912.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,571.96</b>	<b>\$ 410.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,455.34</b>	<b>\$ 425.10</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>					
Checking Account (as of 18 Feb 13)		\$ 7,049.86			
Money Market Account (as of 18 Feb 13)		\$ 18,899.97			
Scholarship Endowment Fund (as of 18 Feb 13)		\$ 8,763.02			
		<b>\$ 34,712.85</b>			

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