

**2014 CTA Spring Meeting, March 21, 2014**

**Business Meeting—LCRA Redbud Center, 3601 Lake Austin Blvd., Austin**

**CTA Social—Pease Park, 1100 Kingsbury St.**

**Agenda**

**Registration – 8:30 AM**

**Call to Order – 9:00 AM**

**Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes, Fall 2013 Meeting**

**Officers' Reports**

- President (*Rachel Feit*)
- President elect (*Melissa Green*)
- Secretary (*Kristi Miller Nichols*)
- Treasurer (*Carole Leezer*)
- Newsletter Editor (*Mindy Bonine*)

**Standing Committee Reports**

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

**Special Committee Reports**

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

**Agency Reports**

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

**Old Business**

- Proposed Bylaw Changes
- Please Renew your Memberships!

**New Business**

- 2015 Budget
- SAA's Task Force on Metal Detecting and Reality TV
- Steve Davis—*Journal of Texas Archeology and History*
- Welcome Melissa Green

**Meeting Adjourns—12:00 PM**

**Lunch—12:00 to 1:00 PM**

**Current Research Presentations—1:00 to 5:00 PM**

**CTA Social—5:30 PM**

Pease Park Picnic Area (see map on page 4)

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

By Rachel Feit

This is the last update I will write as CTA president. In March Missi Green will take over the reins. Let's just hope I remember to bring the gavel this time. I promise not to wield it with over-enthusiasm.

My two years as president seemed to fly by. I must say, I enjoyed sitting on the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) because it offered the opportunity to view historic preservation efforts at a macro level across the state. During the eight quarterly meetings I attended, the AAB approved more than 20 State Archeological Landmark nominations. Among these are the Levi Jordan Plantation (41BO165), Camp Logan in Houston (41HR614), La Villita (41BX677), and Santa Cruz de Cibolo (41AK26).

Looking back at the last two years, we accomplished some important business. Members of the archeological community, myself included, had input into significant revisions to Chapter 26 Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Antiquities Code of Texas; the CTA and Texas State University sent out its first ever salary survey, the results of which are now published on the CTA website; and we are working on revising the by-laws to allow presidents to serve more than one consecutive term. The CTA is giving more money in grants and scholarships to preservation organizations and students than ever before, allowing us to make a greater impact statewide. Now if we can only get *Diggers* off the air!

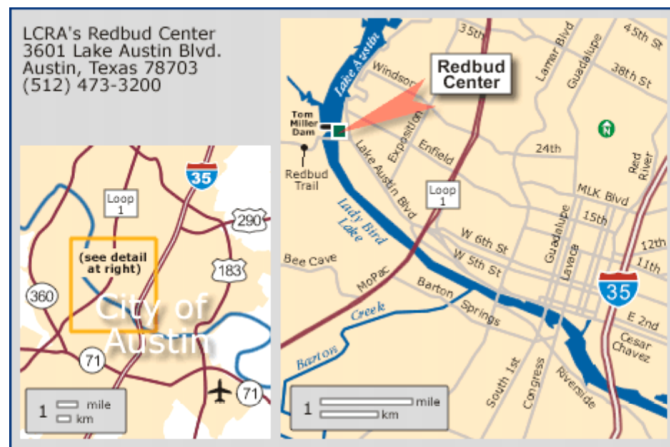
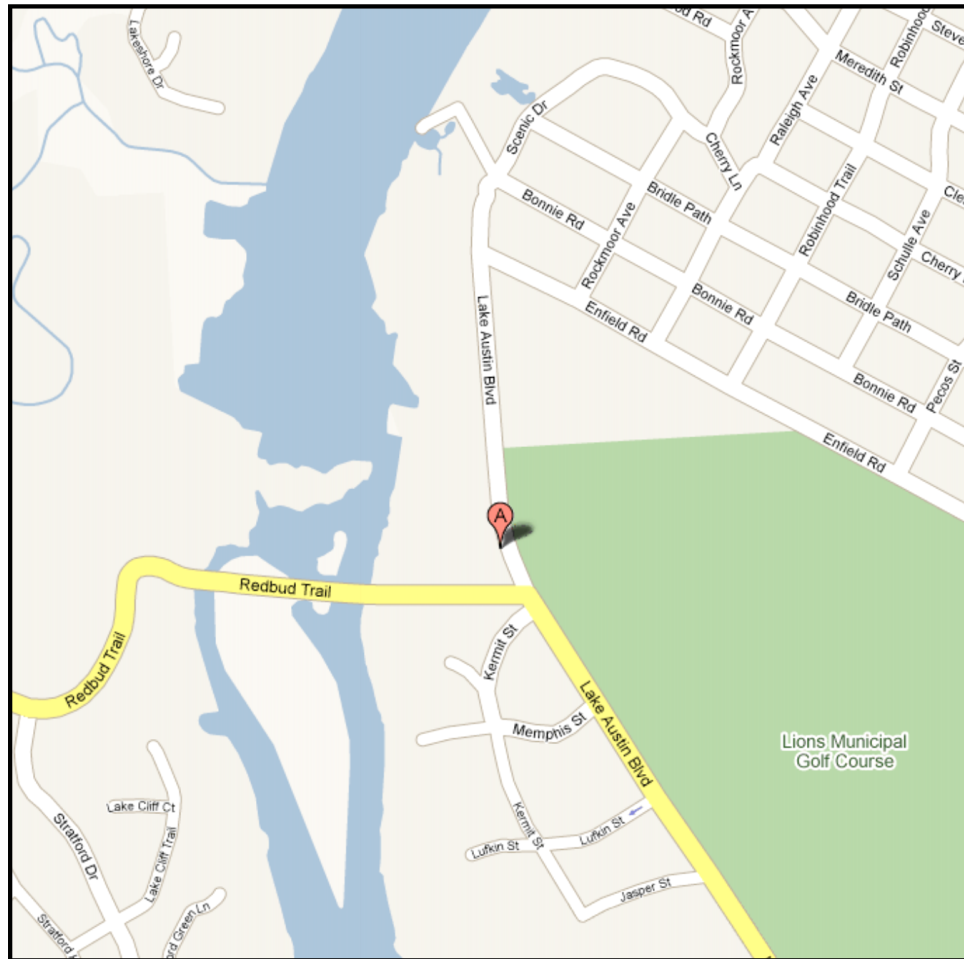
I hope to see you all at the Spring meeting, which will be held in Austin at LCRA's Red Bud meeting center on Lake Austin Boulevard on March 21, 2014. The business meeting starts promptly at 9 am, followed by afternoon talks. As of this writing, this year's program is still open, so send me your ideas if you have them. Meeting and talks will be followed, as usual, by the ever-*fab* CTA social, which will be at Pease Park this year.

During the CTA business meeting, plan to go over the proposed 2015 budget that is published in this newsletter. The budget looks like it may be tight and this has a lot to do with declining membership numbers. Looking at the membership list for the past five years, I can see that many active CTA participants have simply not renewed their

dues. If you have been a member in the past, and attend meetings regularly or even semi-regularly, I urge you to take a few minutes to renew your memberships. Also, if you are a program manager of a CRM firm, consider sponsoring memberships for your employees, especially some of the junior employees; they are the future leadership of the CTA.

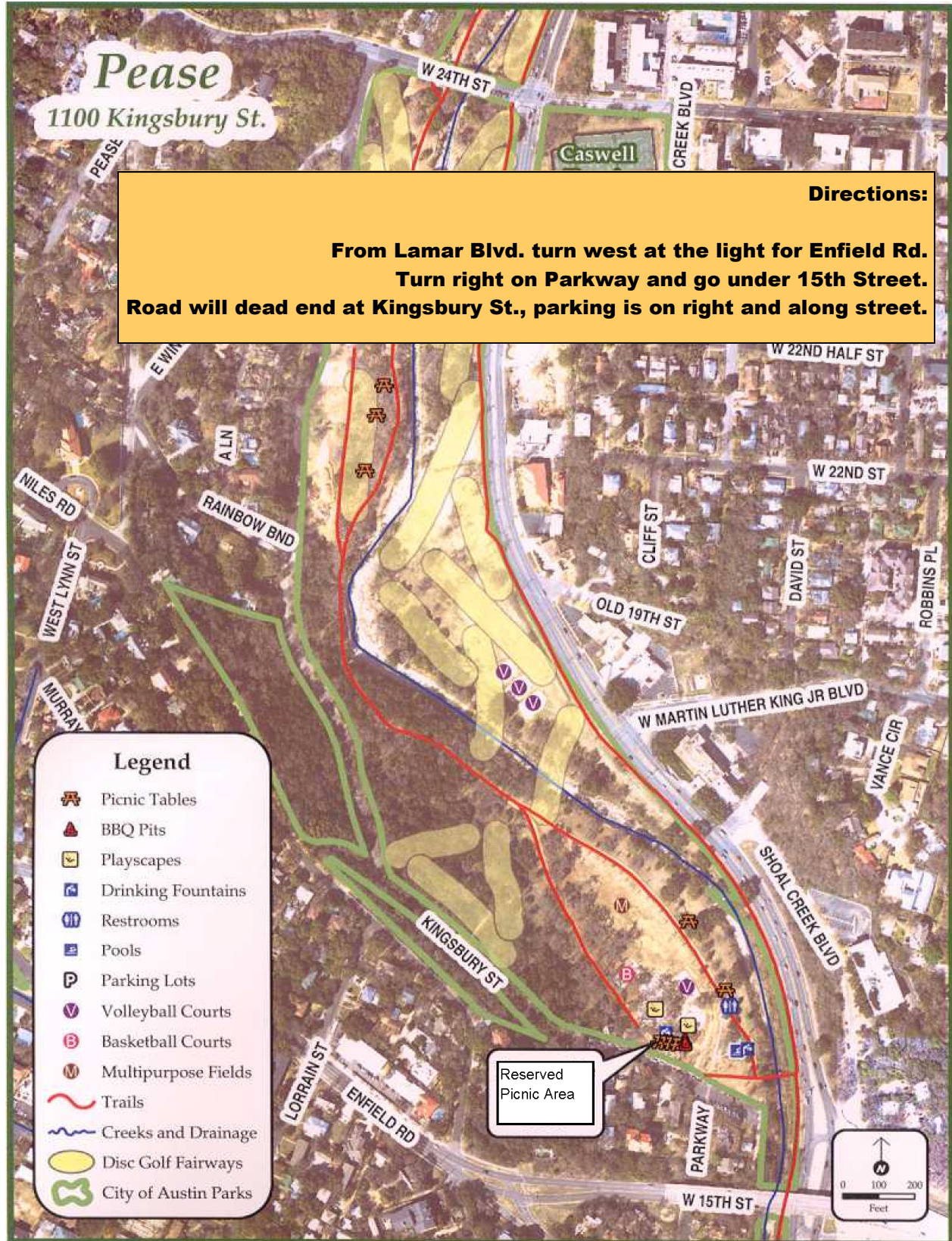
Finally, remember that SAAs will be held in Austin this year April 23-27<sup>th</sup>. Those of you who can make it, mark your calendars for the *SAA Council of Councils*, hosted by the CTA. This takes place on Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-10am. Missi Green and I will lead the discussion about archeological issues and practice in Texas, and other councils will fill us in about issues and concerns in their states.

# LCRA's Redbud Center



## Directions:

**From Loop 1 (Mopac) take the Fifth Street/Lake Austin Blvd. exit. Travel west on Lake Austin Blvd. about 1.5 miles to LCRA's offices. The entrance is on the left just past the traffic light at Redbud Trail.**



# **Presentations Wanted**

**Who: Council of Texas Archeologists**

**What: 20 Minute Presentations**

**Where: CTA Spring Meeting,  
LCRA Redbud Center**

**When: Friday, March 21, 2014**

**Possible**

**Topics: Current Research**

**Experiments with Technology**

**Lessons Learned**

**Synthesis of Previous Research**

**Test Run of your SAA Paper**

**Officer's Reports**

**Secretary Report**

Kristi Miller Nichols

Greetings everyone! Here is your friendly reminder that it is time to renew memberships for the 2014 year. As you know, membership with CTA is on a yearly basis, with each new year starting on January 1. Everyone's 2013 membership expired on December 31, 2013. Membership renewals can be done in several ways. You are able to 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 Miller Nichols, Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249. Please review our membership fees. Contractor fees are \$125 per year. Remember, you **must** be a member as well to be listed on the Contractors list. The other membership level fees have remained the same as stated on the webpage.

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.

As of the end of February, our membership consists of 4 students, 77 professionals, 1 member with an institutional affiliation, and 27 contractors. Our numbers are still down so let's try to get those renewals in. Membership fees are where we bring in the majority of our revenue to use for scholarships, grants, and meetings. Please renew your memberships and encourage others to join CTA.

**Treasurer Report**

Carole Leezer

In this issue of the CTA newsletter, you will find a proposed 2015 budget. Please review and be ready to discuss and vote on the proposed budget at the Spring meeting. As of February 21, 2014, our Checking account contains \$8,979.76; the Money Market account contains \$18,903.74; and our Scholarship Fund contains \$8,784.76.

Thank you to Pat Mercado-Allinger for her donation to the Scholarship Fund!



**Newsletter Editor Report**

Mindy Bonine

Please check the CTA website for some new additions, including the results of the Texas State University survey of professional archaeologists, and a new publication on the Montgomery Hill Cemetery investigations by Rachel Feit and Willa Trask. If anyone would like to submit a publication to be included on the CTA website, please let me know at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com).

The CTA\_org Yahoo! Group is holding steady at 153 members. An average of 12 messages per month were posted to the group in 2013, and 2014 looks to be the same. Important information for the Texas archaeological community is communicated on CTA\_org, so please join CTA and the Yahoo Group!

***Committee Reports***

**Communications Committee**

Mindy Bonine

I would like to announce the first publication of the proposed changes to the CTA bylaws, on page 11 of this newsletter. The proposed changes include the lengthening of the term limits for the office of President and the establishment of the office of Vice President. These proposed changes will be published once again in the Fall 2014 newsletter before they open for vote. Please direct any comments to the new president Missi Green at [mgreen@geo-marine.com](mailto:mgreen@geo-marine.com), Jon Lohse at [jonclhse@gmail.com](mailto:jonclhse@gmail.com), or myself at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com).

## ***Texas Historical Commission Reports***

### ARCHEOLOGY DIVISION STAFF CHANGES

Pat Mercado-Allinger  
Archeology Division Director & State Archeologist

The makeup of the Archeology Division team is in transition with the departure of two valued staff members and the recapture of one of the four archeologist positions lost during the 2011 budget cuts. Marie Archambeault resigned to become a full-time mom to her (and Waldo Troell's) two young sons, Teddy and Ben. Curatorial Facilities Certification Program Coordinator Elizabeth Martindale left our employ in order to embark on a new career path. We wish Marie and Elizabeth every success.

At the time of this writing, we have successfully filled one of the job vacancies. Rebecca (Becky) Shelton has joined our ranks as of February, assuming responsibility for the same East Texas region that had previously been assigned to Marie Archambeault. Becky, no doubt known to many CTA members, fills the aforementioned "reclaimed" archeological position. Her duties include review and compliance, as well as steward and Texas Archeology Month coordination for the region. In addition, Becky will be assisting with management of both the TASN and TAM programs. She comes from the private sector, having worked in the archeological consulting world for several years.

Once all the positions have been filled there will be some adjustments made to the regional review and non-regulatory assignments. CTA members and archeological contractors will of course be informed of these changes once finalized.



# Announcing The Council of Texas Archeologists Student Research Grant

## Application Deadline: March 15, 2014

*Two Grants of \$1,200.00 Each Will Be Awarded*

### Requirements:

- Currently enrolled graduate or undergraduate student at an accredited college or university;
- A member of the CTA—the applicant's membership dues (\$25) must be paid for the year in which he/she is applying for the grant (subject to verification);
- All majors are eligible and encouraged to apply.



Your proposed research project must be relevant to Texas archeology, and may include prehistoric and historic archeological research topics from Texas and surrounding states (including Tamaulipas, Nuevo Leon, Coahuila, and Chihuahua) that have some bearing on the archeology of Texas.



### To apply for the CTA grant, please submit the following:

- A cover letter;
- Proposal (no more than two pages, double-spaced);
- Budget (no more than one page);
- A letter of recommendation from an advisor or professor;
- A copy of the current semester's fee statement or other record verifying the eligible member's enrollment. Enrollment is subject to verification by the CTA Membership committee.

All application materials should be sent to:

**James Hughey - Regional Manager**  
HRA Gray & Pape, LLC  
110 Avondale Street, Houston, Texas 77006

For more information go to <http://counciloftexasarcheologists.org> and click on the Awards and Grants link

**Southwestern Federation of Archeological Societies  
50th Annual Symposium**

**Saturday, May 3, 2014 from 9:00 - 4:30**

Friday evening social, informal Saturday dinner, Sunday tours to Alibates Ruin 28 or Adobe Walls

Hosted by the Panhandle Archeological Society at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas. Proposals for individual papers are now being accepted on any topic relating to the cultural or natural history of the Federation region of western Texas and eastern New Mexico. Presentations will be 20 minutes in duration with five minutes between presentations. Papers accepted for presentation will be published in the Transactions of the 50th Regional Archeological Symposium for Southeastern New Mexico and Western Texas, available in 2015.

**Abstract deadline is March 1, 2014.**

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE BYLAWS OF THE COUNCIL OF TEXAS ARCHEOLOGISTS

ARTICLE IV. Officers, Election and Terms, Qualifications, Nominations

Section 1. Officers

The officers of the Council shall be a President, a ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President**, an Immediate Past President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Newsletter Editor. These officers, who comprise the Executive Committee, shall perform the duties prescribed by these Bylaws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by the Council.

Section 2. Election and Terms

a. Officers shall be elected by ballot at the regular Spring Meeting. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Newsletter Editor shall serve terms of two years or until their successors are elected. ~~Presidents-Elect shall be placed on the ballot every other year, serving the year before their term as President begins.~~ **Vice President and President shall be elected in alternating years.** Immediate Past Presidents shall ~~hold~~ **assume** this office the year following their Presidential term(s). ~~All T~~ **Terms** of office shall begin at the close of the meeting at which they are elected.

c. No member shall serve ~~two consecutive terms~~ **more than three consecutive terms** in the office of President **or Vice President**.

e. In the event an office is open or an officer is unable to complete his/ her term, the remaining members of the Executive Committee will meet (either in person, by email, or by telephone) and appoint a person to fill the vacant position until an election can be held at the next regular or specially-called meeting. If the office of the President is vacant, the ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President** will become the President for the remainder of the term; the position filled would be that of ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President**. Should both the President and the ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President** positions become vacant before an election can be held, the office of President will succeed first to the Secretary, and if that office is vacant, to the Treasurer, and if that office is vacant, to the Newsletter Editor. Members of the Executive Committee will retain their elected offices except to serve as needed in the position of President following the above outlined order of succession.

ARTICLE V. Duties of Officers

Section 2. Duties of the ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President**

The ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice President** shall:

a. Maintain continuity of the Council by working closely with the President and other elected officers.□

~~b. Assume the office of President at the end of the Spring Meeting one year after being elected.~~

~~c. Call meeting in absence of President~~

~~d. c. Represent CTA as necessary in the absence of President.~~

~~e. d. Convey all records, correspondence, and property of the Council to his/her successor.~~

**e. Assist the President by helping to coordinate the efforts of sitting Committee Chairs of the Council, and in other matters as requested by the President.**

Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

f. Call the meeting to order in absence of the President and ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice-President** and preside over the election of a temporary presiding officer.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer

d. Call the meeting to order in absence of the President, ~~President-Elect~~ **Vice-President**, and Secretary and preside over the election of a temporary presiding officer.

Section 5. Duties of the Newsletter Editor

The Newsletter Editor shall:

**d. Call the meeting to order in the absence of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer and preside over the election of a temporary presiding officer.**

~~d. e. Convey all records, correspondence, and property of the Council to his/her successor.~~

Section 6. Duties of the Immediate Past President

The Immediate Past President shall:

a. Assume the office of the Immediate Past President at the end of the Spring Meeting following ~~two years~~ **his/her term(s)** as President.

P R O P O S E D B Y L A W C H A N G E S

## **Spring 2013 Meeting Minutes**

### **CTA Fall 2013 Meeting October 25, 2013 Del Rio, Texas**

Registration started at 8:30 am. The meeting was called to order at 9:11 am.

#### **Announcements:**

There were no announcements.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mark Denton motioned to approve the Spring 2013 meeting minutes. Scott Pletka seconded the motion. The membership voted and approved the minutes.

#### **Officer Reports:**

**President (Rachel Feit):** President, Rachel Feit, had nothing new to report. Rachel did touch on the decline in membership and noted that there appeared to be 42 members from 2012 who should be members but had not renewed.

**President Elect (Missi Green):** Missi had nothing to report. Missi wanted the membership to know that she is looking forward to a year of exciting challenges and developments. She hopes that we will have a good one.

**Secretary (Kristi Miller Nichols):** Kristi reviewed the current membership at the time of the meeting. There were 131 professional members, 11 students, and 56 contractors. She noted that the total membership was still down from last year. Please remember to renew for the 2014 year. Membership is how we get our budget to fund donations. We are down about 40 members and 12 contractors from last year.

**Treasurer (Carole Leezer):** It has come to my recent attention that we have been a year behind in our budgeting. According to the CTA Bylaws "an annual budget for the **coming year** [not current year] will be presented at the Spring Meeting of the CTA". In order to "catch-up" the 2014 Proposed Budget will be presented today, at the Fall Meeting of the CTA. The 2015 Proposed Budget will then be presented at the 2014 Spring Meeting of the CTA. A copy of the 2014 proposed budget

has been handed out for your review and reference during the budgeting discussion.

As of October 23, 2013, our checking account contains \$7,489.51. The money market account contains \$18,902.47, and our scholarship fund contains \$8,764.17.

Please be aware that contractor listing fees have increased to \$125 per listing; membership dues remain the same - \$30/\$15 for professional members and \$25/\$15 for students.

**Newsletter Editor (Mindy Bonine):** Mindy was not present and there was no update.

#### **Standing Committee Reports:**

*Auditing (Mark Denton):* Mark noted that the committee did not meet so there was nothing to report.

*Communications (Mindy Bonine):* Mindy was not present and there was nothing to report.

*Contractors List (Shelly Fishbeck):* Shelly was not present. She requests help with the Contractors List. If anyone would like to lend a hand, please shoot her an email.

*Curation (Laura Nightengale):* Marybeth Tomka spoke on her behalf. Laura is retiring in January. Marybeth has been nominated to take her place. There is a need to replace Laura as Chair and Marybeth will be looking into that over the next few months. There needs to be a balance between contractors and repositories on the committee. Repositories are coming up for recertification, and they need to fix deficiencies to be recertified. This could be a problem for TARL. CAR could fix deficiencies before the deadline, but the committee is not sure about TARL. Margaret Howard asked for an example of a deficiency. Marybeth gave Building 33 as an issue that needs addressing. It is not climate controlled. A discussion of other deficiencies continued for a few moments.

*Government Affairs (Nesta Anderson):* Nesta was not present, and there was nothing to report at the moment. The last legislative session wasn't

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as bad as it could have been.

*Multicultural Relations (Mary Jo Galindo):* Mary Jo was not present but it was noted that committee members will talk during the budget discussion. Margaret Howard and Marie Archambeault talked about what funds are used for and showed the piece in the newsletter.

*Public Education (David Brown):* David had not much to report. He planned to announce nominations for the E. Mott Davis Award at the next meeting. There were no nominations this year. This is the second time this has happened. Please get in touch with David if you are doing something that you are not sure qualifies, or need information on how your project could meet the requirements for nomination. David also asked for people to join the committee. Please get in touch with him if you are interested. If you want to nominate a project, please get in touch with him as well.

*Nominating Committee (Bill Martin):* There was nothing to report. Currently we have a full slate of officers.

### **Special Committee Reports:**

*Academic Archeology and CRM (John Johse):* Jon is asking to resign his position as he is no longer employed as Academic institution. Rachel asked if there is someone is interested in taking over the roll. No one offered. The question was asked if CTA needed the committee. Jon stated that the committee hasn't produced much. Just one article was put in the newsletter. Jon feels that there are other committees that might address the needs of explaining the distinction between academic archaeology and CRM. Marybeth Tomka said she thought the committee was supposed to try to encourage academic institutions to teach students techniques so they could be hired. Mark Denton said we don't have many academic members of CTA. Rachel noted that she thought that the committee was to foster a good relationship between academics and CRM. She asked if it was useful. Tim Pertulla said he thought we had enough committees. Marie Archambeault voiced that she thought that there should be someone from CTA to represent academic institutions. It seems that a several in the conversation felt that CTA should not dissolve the committee. Pat Mercado said she thought it war-

ranted further investigation and maybe it should be discussed at the spring meeting. Someone asked if it was within Rachel's authority to appoint a new Chair to the committee. She stated that she preferred not to. She suggested putting it up on the listserve to announce that we needed to research the committee and gather members for the committee. Jon Lohse suggested we get a small group together to talk about what the committee needs to do. Margaret Howard wanted to suggest that Alston Thoms and Steve Black might be people to join the group. Rachel noted that she would make contact.

Jason also suggested asking Alston why he was not as active in CTA anymore. Steve Black explained that its been hard for him last couple years. Marie Archambeault noted that he had brought in students to CTA. Tim Pertulla asked if this was an important consideration. He also agreed with Jon that the committee was not necessary. Rachel noted that others have voiced the opinion that it was important. Johnathan Jarvis said it was important but needed to be repurposed. Missi noted that the committee was started to get local universities involved with CRM. But there hadn't been a whole lot of activity recently. She suggested the committee needed to remain, but it needed to be focused.

Discussion continued on whether the committee was needed to help grow membership, and also to give sense of community. Some noted that there was a need for a tie between universities, CRM, and CTA. Steve Black agreed that we needed the community, but didn't think the committee would do that. Marybeth suggested that academic departments were already making opportunities for students.

Brittany noted that there was no direction to the discussion. Subsequently, Mark moved that CTA discuss the topic online with final full-fledged committee decision at the spring meeting. The motion was seconded by Marie Archambeault. Jon spoke more, and asked that the President Elect oversee the discussion.

The motion to table the issue and speak about it at the next meeting was voted on and passed.

*History Committee (Doug Boyd):* Doug Boyd had no report.

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*Membership Committee (Becky Shelton):* One of the major tasks of the committee was to get students to apply for the Student Research Grant, but it was difficult to get students to apply. The Membership Committee has same goals of reaching out to the academics and get students involved. The committee has five people, who have received some feedback from their efforts but not much student participation. We need to look at why.

Pat talked about diversity internships that pay money for work, but also had same thing happening. She has noticed that once information gets to the right social group, it works. It just seems that people are not disseminating the information. Going to anthropology clubs might be good way, although social media seems to be the best avenue.

CRM firms might be one hit wonders, which may be the reason why they do not re-up. We need to look more at the professional members and students rather than the firms.

*Anti-Looting (Jeffery Hanson):* Jeff was not present. He had sent Rachel an email to put together a motion to produce letter to National Geographic to protest the TV show Diggers. Rachel told him just to do it and put the letter in the newsletter.

A slight explanation of the show, NG TV is not owned by National Geographic but by Fox. The show attaches a monetary value to the item found. Diggers may be scripted but it sends the wrong message about archaeology and relic hunting. Relic hunting for profit is not the message we want. Although there is an archaeologist on the show, it is still sending the wrong message. Jeff wants to produce a brochure to inform people about the laws that are in place.

#### **Agency Reports:**

*THC (Mark Denton and Pat Mercado-Allinger):* Pat Mercado-Allinger spoke. She said thanks to those who are submitting shape files. To all those who received a permit issued as of May 20<sup>th</sup>: the shape files are a requirement to fulfill the permit. Marie Archambeault has offered information on where to get free ware to produce the shape files. But things are looking up with many more shape files on the Atlas. There are new enhancements on the Atlas with mapping in connection with the

Bankhead highway project with TXDOT. THC is getting toward electronic submission for review. There is a task force that meets regularly, and they are making progress. The benefit of submitting electronically is to be able to get stuff to THC quickly and be able check on the status of submissions.

Jenny McWilliams has been hired as the cemetery specialist at THC. This relieves some of the work load for THC. The THC is also going to hire an educational specialist.

The legislative session was not as harsh as the previous one. The THC received some funding to add a few positions back. There will be an archaeological position added. Initially THC lost six positions, and are now gaining back one.

November 22-24 is the annual meeting of French colonial studies group. Various experts will be speaking from all over the United States and Canada.

The SAA annual conference is coming up in April. This means we need to look at how we schedule the CTA spring meeting.

There are two major awards the agency is still issuing. There is one award per year. The Governor's Award is very prestigious. There is also the John Now Museum Award. Deadlines for nominations is December 6. This is strictly for repositories.

*TPWD (Michael Strutt):* Margaret Howard spoke on behalf of Michael Strutt. She reported on Devils River. It is still not fully open to public. There may be water in the river now.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife has now been working with TPWD. This is viewed as a step in right direction. TPWD did not suffer during the recent legislative session. Tony Lyle is now the Cultural Resource Coordinator for a very large section. The section includes a new property of approximately 4,000 acres. This park is within 1 hour drive from major metropolitan areas.

Due to some mishaps, Aina Dodge informed the membership that the requirements for artifacts collections have changed. The collections will now be due to TPWD two weeks prior to draft submission.

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**TxDOT (Scott Pletka):** Jason Barrett spoke for Scott Pletka. TxDOT anticipates 800 new projects in next four years. TxDOT will take over FHWA roles.

**TARL (Jonathan Jarvis):** Laura Nightengale is retiring and the position will be posted soon. Requirements will be normally what is needed for the position, but TARL also wants someone to publish and disseminate information. TARL wants to get back in the public eye. Look for the posting in the next few weeks and be up for a while. The person hired will spend time with Laura learning the ropes. Someone on the floor asked who makes the hiring decision. Jonathon said he was not prepared to discuss it at the moment.

There was a discussion of deficiencies found at the TARL facility. Jonathon noted that TARL may get money to build a new climate controlled facility. Artifacts are being removed from Building 33 to Building 5 for now. There are designs for the new building, but they are unsure as to the funding for construction.

Got some exciting potential activities are in the works that may mean that TARL reaches out for assistance. These things will be of great value to Texas Archaeology. Tim Pertulla had recommended getting old WPA reports out to the public. TARL may do that, digitize them, and get them online for free. There are problems associated with the process, and there would be some costs associated.

Sam Wilson is current Interim Department Chair.

#### **Old Business:**

Jon Lohse presented the results of the inquiry concerning CTA presidential term limits.

He produced a copy of proposed changes to bylaw and had a hand-out for the membership to see. Jon discussed the statement of the structure of leadership. The question was: would it be useful to modify bylaws to give the president the ability to serve more than one term in a row? An ad-hoc committee was put together consisting of Carolyn Spock, John Arn, Missi Green, and Bill Martin to further look into the matter.

There was discussion of the benefits of the ability

to serve for more than one term. One of these was that it would provide another officer to help with committees. Jon noted that the election cycle may be a little odd, and he was accepting suggestions.

Marybeth asked if he is proposing that Vice President and Past President will have overlap of a year. Jon replied yes. Jon noted that the Vice President would not necessarily become President. The purpose of the overlap was to guarantee that two new senior members would not both have little to no experience at the time they took office. Past Presidents provides sage advice.

The potential to have a President serve longer would lead to better problem solving strategies. Much change is happening in Texas Archaeology. The field is changing as a business. When CTA first started there were two private firms who submitted reports. The rest of membership consisted of museums and academics. We have seen a flip in that demographic. This creates an opportunity for CTA to work on issues that affect us.

The Vice President could focus work with committees. Charles Frederick asked if that should be in bylaws.

Margaret Howard asked why serving additional terms could be necessary? Jon noted that it could help provide continuity. The President has a hard time getting into the swing of things, and by the time they do they then have to step down.

Discussion of the bylaw changes ensued. Marybeth proposed a change to three terms from two terms. A vote was taken of the floor to see if people were agreeable to changing the presidential terms. Everyone appeared to be agreeable to the change. There was an additional vote to allow for potentially three terms. The majority of the membership voted for allowing three terms. The membership voiced that there needs more definition of the roles of Vice President and President. There were questions about the roles of the Vice President. Again it was proposed that the Vice President could possibly work with committee chairs and then other jobs as tasked by the President. Jon tasked executive committee with determining the way the first year this would go down.

There was a break at 10:55 am and the meeting

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resumed at 11:10 am.

### **New Business:**

**Budget:** A motion was made to increase the Multicultural Program line to \$2,100 on a continuing basis. Marie Archambeault presented reasons as to why. Marybeth Tomka seconded the motion. Pat Mercado noted that we may be in the red.

Jon suggested striking the Archaeological Conservancy line for \$500 to offset for the Multicultural Program. Others argued against striking that donation. The membership was trying to determine where the money will come from. Discussion included the fact that the SAA table will not happen.

Membership voted on the increasing the funding of the Multicultural Program to \$2100 on a continuing basis pending funds. The vote passed.

Marybeth Tomka motioned to form a formal budget committee. Marie Archambeault seconded. It was realized that we needed to follow the bylaws so Marybeth withdrew the motion.

Rachel formed an ad-hoc committee for the budget. She appointed Marybeth as Chair. Committee consisted of Marie Archambeault, Carole Leezer, Rachel Feit, and Kristi Nichols.

Pat Mercado moved to approve the budget as amended. The motion was seconded. Motion carried.

The research project findings conducted by Texas State were presented to the membership. There were 137 responses. Of these 51 women and 85 men participated. One individual did not submit gender. There were 66 respondents under 44 years, and 71 were over 45. There was breakdown of gender versus degree. The breakdown of age versus gender showed that there was about equal numbers of men and women under 45, but there were a greater number of men than women over 45.

Kristi asked about putting results in newsletter or on website.

### **Duane Peter-ACRA**

Duane Peter talked about his recent visit to DC.

On CRM day, he met with senators and representatives. He met with one of the El Paso representatives. There is a cultural heritage partners lobbyist in DC. They are trying to educate what the agency is about.

He noted that there were a few things that we needed to know. One is that the Republicans are going to look at NEPA because they want to make it less onerous.

A nonprofit agency has been developed to do a study of NEPA. The project will be funded by companies that get on board. There is a fee (\$20k to be part of study group).

Other initiatives were discussed: SRI, Paleo-west, Coastal Resource Analyst, Shell, and others have established a nonprofit called Gas and Preservation Partners (GAPP). There is a board membership fee of \$10k. The group researches mid-stream pipeline issues. The working group has no fees to participate. About 9 or 10 firms from Texas are members of ACRA.

Steve Black motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.



**Texas Archeology Month Report**

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October 29, 2013

To the Council of Texas Archeologists,

The Bell County Museum greatly appreciated the Council of Texas Archeologists Public Outreach Grant and applied it toward our living history program which was held on Saturday, October 19, 2013. Curtis Carter, a living history interpreter, brought a Cheyenne tipi with materials that depicted an 1860s Cheyenne household. He dressed in Cheyenne attire and demonstrated toys, tools and other Cheyenne household utensils. Since there was an event downtown as well, many of those participants came to the museum after seeing the large tipi on the museum grounds. Participants were able to enter the tipi and handle some of the items Carter brought while he spoke to them about Cheyenne life. Children also were able to learn basic archaeology skills while digging in our mock digs in two simulated excavation sites, a 1880s farmhouse and a 2000 BC campsite. The Bell County Museum in Belton, Texas, had a great turnout with about 125 visitors in attendance. We appreciate the generosity of the Council of Texas Archeologists in favoring us with this grant.

Sincerely,  
Stephanie Turnham

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### Final Report on the Bosque Museum TAM Grant Request 2013

Bosque Museum hosted its twelfth annual archeology day on Sunday, October 27, at the Bosque Museum in Clifton, Texas. On the day of the event and in the following week we had 48 adults and 15 school-age children. Highlights of the event were a display of the museum’s collection of projectile points, escorted tours of the museum Horn Shelter Exhibit and a display of authentic fabricated Indian clothing. Highlight of the afternoon were the retelling of stories about Indian legends and pioneer days.

The demonstration of Indian music making instruments was popular with both children and adults. Museum docents demonstrated the preparation and various Indian foods and the grinding of corn using a metate. The children were given the opportunity to dress in a recreated Indian headdress and Indian clothing and eat various Indian foods inside the museum’s tepee.

Inclement weather and school activities decreased this year’s attendance. In the future we believe a multiday event would increase attendance of this event.

In conclusion we would like to thank the Council of Texas Archeologists for their support of our annual event. We have enclosed children’s pictures for your enjoyment. Sincerely,

George W. Larson, Director  
Bosque Museum  
Clifton, Texas



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2012 - 2013 Budget vs Actuals & Proposed 2015

	2012 Budget	2012 Actual	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	Proposed 2015
<b>INCOME</b>					
Individual Memberships (120-\$30 + 15-\$15)	\$ 4,200.00	\$ 4,275.00	\$ 4,200.00	\$3,825.00	\$ 4,000.00
Student Memberships (11-\$15)	\$ 150.00	\$ 195.00	\$ 150.00	\$165.00	\$ 180.00
Contractor Listing Fees (57)	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 5,900.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$7,125.00	\$ 7,500.00
Individual Membership PayPal Fees (62-\$1.00)	\$ 80.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$62.00	\$ 65.00
Student Membership PayPal Fees(4-\$1.00)	\$ 4.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$4.00	\$ 5.00
Contractor Listing PayPal Fees (25-\$4.00)	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.00	\$ 100.00	\$100.00	\$ 110.00
Checking Interest	\$ 1.50	\$ 1.37	\$ 1.35	\$0.84	\$ 0.90
Money Market Interest	\$ 4.00	\$ 3.97	\$ 3.75	\$3.76	\$ 3.75
Scholarship Fund Interest (\$1.74Y Donations (\$65)	\$ 100.00	\$ 109.25	\$ 100.00	\$67.74	\$ 75.00
Other (Late fees)		\$ 128.00		\$80.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 10,539.50</b>	<b>\$ 10,807.59</b>	<b>\$ 12,135.10</b>	<b>\$11,433.34</b>	<b>\$ 11,939.65</b>
<b>GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>					
Administrative Costs (Kismet)	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$59.00	\$ 100.00
Web Page Registration (bi-annual fee)	\$ 60.00	\$ -	\$ 60.00	\$123.20	\$ 60.00
Spring Meeting/Social Expenses	\$ 800.00	\$ 797.03	\$ 800.00	\$726.96	\$ 800.00
Fall TAS/CTA Social	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 525.00	\$705.00	\$ 525.00
PayPal Fees	\$ 194.00	\$ 152.39	\$ 175.00	\$182.92	\$ 190.00
Executive Committee Expenditures	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL GENERAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 1,979.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,474.42</b>	<b>\$ 2,460.00</b>	<b>\$1,797.08</b>	<b>\$ 1,775.00</b>
<b>COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES</b>					
Curation Committee	50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00
Governmental Affairs	100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
Membership	100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
Multicultural Relations	50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00
Public Education	100.00	\$ 77.83	\$ 100.00	\$0.00	\$ 50.00
General Committee Expenses	50.00	\$ -	\$ 50.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$ 77.83</b>	<b>\$ 450.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 225.00</b>
<b>DONATIONS</b>					
Archeological Conservancy	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$500.00	\$ 500.00
CTA Scholarship Grant	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$ 2,400.00
TAAM Event Grants (divided among 5 applicants)	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$ 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 Multicultural Program	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$ 2,100.00	\$2,100.00	\$ 2,100.00
<b>TOTAL DONATIONS</b>	<b>\$ 7,800.00</b>	<b>\$7,800.00</b>	<b>\$8,800.00</b>	<b>\$8,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,800.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 10,229.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,352.25</b>	<b>\$ 11,710.00</b>	<b>\$10,197.08</b>	<b>\$ 11,800.00</b>
<b>OVERALL BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 410.50</b>	<b>\$ 1,455.34</b>	<b>\$ 425.10</b>	<b>\$1,236.26</b>	<b>\$ 139.65</b>

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**2014 Membership and  
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- Address correction only (see below)
  - I wish to join CTA.
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  - Company/Contractor to be listed \$125.00  
*(Company listing also requires one of the following professional categories.)*
  - Professional (annual income more than \$20,000 per year) 30.00
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  - Student (annual income more than \$20,000 per year) 25.00
  - Student (annual income less than \$20,000 per year) 15.00
  - Contractor listing late fee (assessed after Spring Meeting)** \$16.00
  - Donation to \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Total amount remitted to CTA** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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