

# Newsletter

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2015 CTA Fall Meeting  
October 23, 2015  
Business Meeting and CTA Careers in  
Archaeology Social:

At TAS 86th Annual Meeting  
OMNI Houston Hotel at Westside  
13210 Katy Freeway, Houston, Texas



OMNI Houston Hotel at Westside

## President's Forum

By Missi Green

Although it's been a busy summer for everyone I've talked to, it's been quiet for this office. Not much activity other than posting some interesting job and work opportunities and the reading numerous interesting items on TxArch-L and the internet in general. Otherwise it's been quiet.

There were twelve applications for CTA grants in support of TAM activities this year, quite the watershed over the few number of requests from last year. All of the applications were extremely interesting - it's exciting to see what type of activities are being presented across the state. Awards were sent to McKinney Falls State Park for an atlatl range and program; the Chappell Hill Historical Society Museum for new historical and archeological exhibit panels; Texas A&M-Central Texas in collaboration with Fort Hood-Cultural Resources for their first ever multi-activity archeology fair; the El Paso Museum of Archaeology's multi-day archeology programs; and Mary Christian Burleson Preservation and Development Foundation for a community survey and assessment of the Mary Christian Burleson homestead. Based on what the committee reviewed, every single applicant and awardee has put a lot of hard work into the development of their TAM activities and will be presenting very positive, interactive, and educational programs that enhance the vision of excellent public outreach that the grant represents. We wish them all great success!

The MAP project has not been proceeding nearly at the pace the committee and I had hoped by this point. We sent in our proposal in May and got comments. We addressed those and sent it back in for what we hoped would be a "final" review in June but didn't hear back until early August. It still had some comments but the



review committee was good with our idea. Since then however, there has been no activity. As I mentioned above, we, the Texas MAP committee, have been extremely busy in other ways (real jobs and life in general) and have not been able to get back on it. I have been in contact with the committee and we're still discussing and hope that we can still create a short film that we are all proud of. We have not given up on this project!

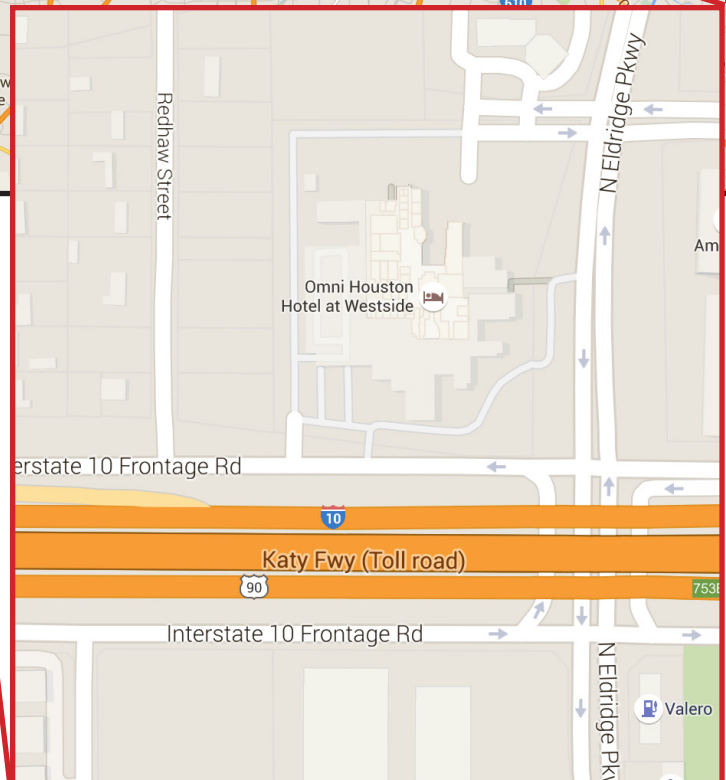
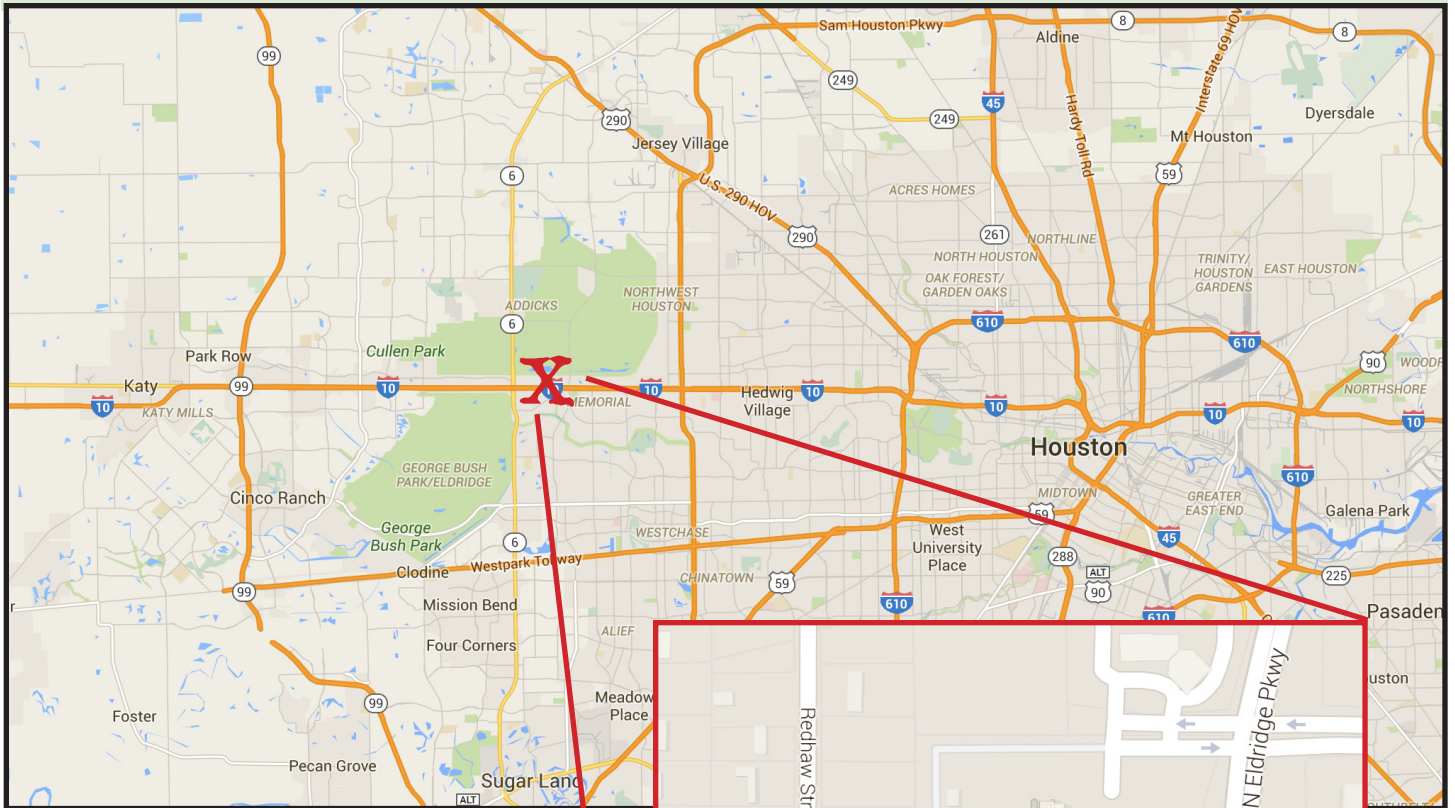
I've been able to attend two of the last three Antiquities Advisory Board meetings this year, and am planning to attend the one on October 29 in Abilene. The THC has been extremely busy bringing a number of properties to the Board for approval as SALs. Resources that have been presented and approved are five historic sites at the Palo Pinto Mountains State Park in Palo Pinto County and two prehistoric sites in Gillespie County. A survey conducted at the Palo Pinto Mountains State Park identified 40 sites of which 8 were considered for SAL status. Five of these (41PP391, 41PP392, 41SE316, 41SE318, and 41SE319) were presented at the April meeting because they are considered a likely target of vandalism or relic collecting and include ranch complex features, concrete building, dry-laid rock wall, a stone kiln or oven, and the Wiles siding and community.

The prehistoric sites are on private property and are maintained by the owner. Site 41GL442 is a burned rock midden thought to be 80% intact and 41GL471 is a small rock shelter with associated artifacts and faunal materials. Other items on the meetings agendas included approval of the SAL site name change for the “Acosta House” at San Antonio’s HemisFair Park to “Longini-Hermann House (formerly Acosta House)” with full support from the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation, HemisFair, the San Antonio Conservation Society, and County Judge Nelson W. Wolff. At the January meeting the Board was asked to consider the de-designation of SAL for the Old Algerita Hotel in Post. In late 2014, THC was notified that the hotel was to be demolished due to neglect and that the building was structurally unsound. By the time the owners were identified and contacted, demolition was mostly complete. Staff recommended that since

the building no longer retained historical integrity and had lost its association with C.W. Post, it no longer met SAL criteria. Though the vote passed to have the designation removed and the loss of the resource evident, it brought to light that cities don’t always know but need to know their responsibilities to buildings and sites that have SAL designations, and that a plan of action would be developed for THC staff to help see that the loss of resources, SALs in particular, can be curtailed in this manner. THC and cities can work together to see that the correct processes for dealing with SALs and other historical properties are worked through completely and easily.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Houston, catching up, and enjoying the camaraderie of friends and colleagues, and lots of great archeological discussions!

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## Schedule for the 2015 TAS Annual Meeting Omni Houston Westside

### Friday October 23, 2015

**Registration:** 8:00AM-5:00PM; Paluxy Foyer  
**Silent Auction and Exhibits:** 8:00AM-5:00PM; Texas Ballroom I, II, III  
**CTA Meeting:** 9:00AM-12:00 noon; Paluxy  
**Steward's Meeting:** 1:00PM-2:00PM; Paluxy  
**TAS Executive Committee:** 2:00PM-2:45PM; Permian  
**TAS Board Meeting:** 2:45PM-3:30PM; Permian  
**Concurrent Sessions:** 2:00PM-6:00PM; Paluxy, Woodbine, & Wilcox  
**Book Festival:** 2:00PM-5:00PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
**Public Forum:** 7:00PM-8:30PM; Texas Ballroom V, VI, VII  
**Artifact Identification:** 8:30PM-10:00PM; Texas Ballroom V, VI, VII  
**CTA Careers in Archeology Social:** 8:30PM-10:30PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer

### Saturday October 24, 2015

**Registration:** 8:00AM-12:00 noon; Paluxy Foyer  
**Silent Auction** 8:00AM-4:00PM ; Texas Ballroom I, II, III  
**Exhibit:** 8:00AM-5:00PM; Texas Ballroom I, II, III  
**Book Festival:** 8:00-12:00 and 2:00PM-6:00PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
**Concurrent Sessions:** 8:00AM-12:00 noon; Paluxy, Permian, and Woodbine  
1:30PM-6:00PM; Paluxy, Permian, and Woodbine  
**Poster Sessions:** 8:00AM-12:00 noon; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
2:00PM-3:00PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
**Luncheon & Business Meeting:** 12:00PM-1:30PM; Texas Ballroom V, VI, VII  
**Presidential Reception:** 5:00PM-6:00PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
**Cash Bar:** 5:00PM-10:00PM; Texas Ballroom Foyer  
**Banquet:** 7:00PM-10:30PM; Texas Ballroom V, VI, VII

### Sunday October 25, 2015

**TAS Executive Committee:** 7:30AM-9:00AM; Woodbine  
**TAS Board Meeting:** 9:00AM-10:30AM; Woodbine

Time and Places are Subject to Change

## Secretary Report

By Kristi Miller Nichols

Hello everyone! The summer sure has gone by quickly. By the time of the Fall meeting at TAS, it will be time to start renewing memberships for the 2016 year. As you know, membership with CTA is on a yearly basis, with each new year starting on January 1. Everyone's 2015 membership will expire on December 31, 2015. 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, Raba Kistner Environmental, Inc., 12821 W. Golden Lane, San Antonio, Texas 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 beginning of September, CTA only had a membership count of 172 this year. Our membership consists of 7 students, 126 professionals, and 39 contractors. Our numbers are down from a total of 236 memberships in 2014, so let's try to get those renewals in for the 2016 year. 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

By Carole Leezer

As of September 22, 2015, our checking account contains \$8,504.88, the money market account contains \$18,909.70, and our scholarship fund contains \$9,022.54

I will be stepping down as CTA Treasurer, officially at the close of the Spring CTA Meeting.



## Newsletter Editor Report

By Mindy Bonine

As with Carole, who will be leaving the CTA Officer's Club in Spring 2016, I too am looking for a replacement for CTA Newsletter Editor. I have been at this for nine years, and I feel that it is now time for some new blood and new ideas. In addition, my time commitment is not what it was, and I have cobbled together the newsletter too many times in the last few years.

If anyone is interested in the position or knows someone who would be just perfect for the job, please contact Bill Martin at [Bill.Martin@thc.state.tx.us](mailto:Bill.Martin@thc.state.tx.us).



## The Long and Winding Road to Consulting Party Status

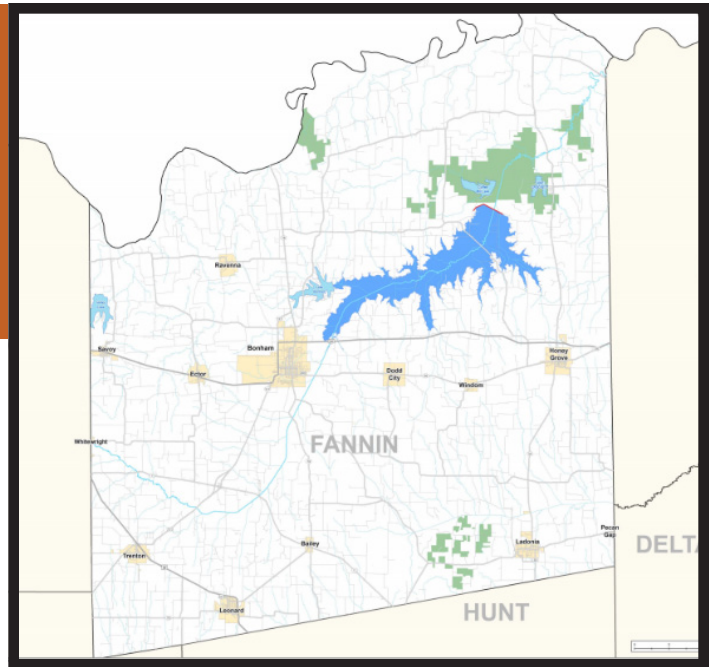
By Timothy K. Perttula and Julia Trigg Crawford

*Editor's Note: Tim asked me to publish this article in the CTA newsletter as it relates to his experiences as a requested consulting party in the Section 106 process for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking. As this is directly related to many of the types of projects that all professional archaeologists in Texas are involved in, I thought it would be an informative addition to the newsletter.*

### Introduction

The proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir on Bois d'Arc Creek in Fannin County in East Texas has been proposed by the North Texas Municipal Water District (NTMWD). The proposed federal and state undertaking consists of a 17,068 acre reservoir, a pipeline to move water to the Dallas-Fort Worth area, a water treatment plant, and a 14,960 acre mitigation area downstream from the reservoir and along the Red River at the Riverby Ranch (U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District 2015).

Our review of the archeological section (Section 3.14, Cultural Resources) of the February 2015 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) led to a number of concerns about the nature of the project archeological investigations being conducted under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and the Antiquities Code of Texas. These concerns arose because the senior author is an archeologist who has worked in East Texas most of his career and is



familiar with the range of archeological sites that should be present in the project area as well as the intensity of work needed to find those sites, and because the junior author is a landowner with land holdings very likely to be effected by proposed downstream water releases along Bois d'Arc Creek—land that has one of the most important Caddo archeological sites in East Texas, namely the Sanders site (41LR2) (Jackson et al. 2000; Krieger 1946; Perttula et al. 2015a).

### Initial Concerns

One concern we had was whether the area of potential effects (APE) for this undertaking will include the effects to archeological sites in downstream areas along Bois d'Arc Creek (in both Fannin and Lamar counties) from releases of water from the proposed reservoir. The draft EIS barely mentions the issue. Another concern we had is that we did not understand why one of the project Programmatic Agreement signatories—the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma—apparently was not involved in determinations of National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) significance of identified sites, but only the NTMWD, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Tulsa District, and the Texas



State Historic Preservation Office (Texas Historical Commission [THC]). This exclusion seemed completely inappropriate, unless the Caddo Nation specifically requested they be excluded from NRHP determinations/consultation.

A third concern was how was it determined that a 20 percent sample of the reservoir area would constitute an adequate identification effort under 36 CFR Part 800. Based on past experience on projects in East Texas, we would have expected a much higher level of survey on all moderate to high site probability areas to be effected by the reservoir and its associated facilities. If this was not done, then the identification effort summarized in the Draft EIS could not be considered reasonable and adequate. We wondered what were the THC-recommended rates for shovel testing in the survey transects, especially for medium and high probability areas. This information was not included in the Draft EIS so it was impossible to assess if the shovel test intensity completed by the archeological contractor was sufficient to identify new sites and define their horizontal and vertical extent. A final concern was that there were only draft reports completed on the archeological survey investigations of the proposed reservoir and the proposed raw water pipeline route, and no report of any kind was available for the archeological survey of the proposed mitigation lands; we wondered if the findings of the archeological work to be done at the Riverby Ranch Mitigation site would be included in a revised Draft EIS or a supplement to the Draft EIS. How would the findings from this work be provided to the interested public and formal consulting parties?

With these concerns in mind, we met in March 2015 with staff of the Archeology Division at the THC to discuss our concerns. We also sought their advice on how as interested members of the public we could proceed, such that our concerns would be heard and addressed by the signatories of the project Programmatic Agreement. It was clear that our only real option was to request

consulting party status for the undertaking under 36 CFR Part 800.3(f)(3), the regulations implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended (NHPA).

### ***Consulting Party Requests and Section 304 of the NHPA: The Long Road Ahead***

In separate letter requests to Andrew Commer, Chief of the Regulatory Office of the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, we requested consulting party status for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project undertaking. Julia Crawford's request was turned down on March 27, 2015, and Timothy Perttula's request was turned down on May 8, 2015. The Tulsa District invoked a non-existent sliding scale of interest to deny Crawford's request for consulting party status since this imaginary scale (in 36 CFR Part 800, anyway) did "not justify approval as a consulting party to the entire undertaking."

In the meantime, Crawford made a second request for consulting party status while providing more information about her concerns on April 15, 2015, but was again turned down by the Tulsa District on May 8, 2015. Subsequently, we learned that two other landowners in the proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir APE made separate requests for consulting party status: one was turned down on May 8, 2015, and the other landowner was asked in a May 8, 2015 letter to provide the Tulsa District information about a possible Caddo Indian site on his land, and when that information had been provided, the Tulsa District "will be better able to address his request to be a consulting party." Information about the Caddo Indian sites on this landowner's property was provided to the Tulsa District in early August 2015 (Perttula et al. 2015b), but no decision by the Tulsa District about this landowner's consulting party request has been forthcoming.

The principal reason offered by Andrew Commer of the Tulsa District for not approving

the various consulting party requests is “the confidentiality requirements as addressed in Section 304 of the NHPA and 36 CFR Part 800.2(c) (5).” As we will return to a more complete discussion of the implications of Section 304 consultation by the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the wording of Section 304 of the NHPA is provided in full:

(a) The head of a Federal agency or other public official receiving grant assistance pursuant to this Act, after consultation with the Secretary, shall withhold from disclosure to the public, information about the location, character, or ownership of a historic resource if the Secretary and the agency determine that disclosure may--

- (1) cause a significant invasion of privacy;
- (2) risk harm to the historic resources; or
- (3) impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners.

(b) When the head of a Federal agency or other public official has determined that information should be withheld from the public pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, the Secretary, in consultation with such Federal agency head or official, shall determine who may have access to the information for the purpose of carrying out this Act.

(c) When the information in question has been developed in the course of an agency’s compliance with section 106 or 110(f) of this Act, the Secretary shall consult with the Council in reaching determinations under subsections (a) and (b) of this section (16 U.S.C. 470w-3(a)-(c)).

### ***Archeological Information Requests to THC and Tulsa District***

Our next step in our efforts to obtain consulting party status for the Lower Bois d’Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking was to request access in May 2015 and early June 2015 to all of the archeological information (i.e., draft

and final reports, project research designs, site maps, correspondence concerning the status of archeological information and review of project research designs or draft reports) in the Tulsa District’s and THC’s files concerning the Lower Bois d’Arc Creek Reservoir project (including the proposed reservoir, associated pipelines, and proposed mitigation lands at the Riverby Ranch). We made this request as concerned members of the public, and as individuals desiring consulting party status for the undertaking.

As discussed above, the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had invoked both Section 304 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and 36 CFR Part 800.11(c)(1)(m) of the regulations implementing the NHPA in the Programmatic Agreement (PA) for the undertaking (Section 11.B. of the PA) in denying our consulting party requests. To remind the reader, these sections concern both the confidentiality of archeological site locations and archeological data and the need for the PA signatories and consulting parties to “withhold from the public all site location information and other data that may be of a confidential or sensitive nature.”

In May 2015 discussions with the National Park Service, Keeper of the National Register, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, it came to our attention that the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has not complied with the requirements of Section 304 of the NHPA because they have not consulted with the Secretary of the Interior (as represented by the Keeper of the National Register at the National Park Service) or the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation regarding (1) what information on the Lower Bois d’Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking shall be withheld from disclosure to the public (Section 304(a) of NHPA), (2) the reasons why such information should not be disclosed (Section 304(a) of NHPA), or (3) who of the public may have access to the information (Section 304(b) of NHPA). Furthermore, we do not believe that the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers has insured

that the Secretary of the Interior has consulted with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation about Section 304(a)-(b) determinations for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking (Section 304(c) of the NHPA). We also do not think that the THC has been consulted by the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers about any Section 304 determinations for the undertaking.

Given the failure of the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers to consult with the Secretary of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation concerning their Section 304 of NHPA responsibilities for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking, Section II.B. of the project PA appears to be null and void. Accordingly, since confidentiality of site information is no longer applicable or at issue as far as we were concerned, we renewed our request to access to all of the archeological information in the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers files concerning all areas covered by the defined APE for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project. Furthermore, we did not then nor believe now that the disclosure of the requested archeological information will "cause a significant invasion of privacy; risk harm to the historic resources; or impede the use of a traditional religious site by practitioners" (Section 304(a)(1-3) of the NHPA).

In a June 8, 2015 letter to Andrew Commer of the Tulsa District, we again brought up his recent denial of our individual requests under 36 CFR Part 800.3(f)(3) for consulting party status on the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking. His refusal to approve our request for consulting party status was stated to be because of "confidentiality requirements as addressed in Section 304 of the NHPA and 36 CFR Part 800.11(c)(1)(m)." Given the failure, as stated above, of the Tulsa District of the Corps of Engineers to consult with the Secretary of the Interior and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation concerning their Section 304 responsibilities for the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking, the reasons given by the Tulsa District to deny

our consulting party requests appeared to have no legal merit. Furthermore, given that Section V.A. of the undertaking's PA states that "parties indicating an interest in the undertaking are afforded a reasonable opportunity to identify concerns, advise on identification and evaluation, and participate in the resolution of adverse effects in compliance with the terms of this PA," we wished to be afforded those opportunities under NHPA. As parties with a demonstrable interest in the archeological resources identified in the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir project undertaking, and the wish to consult with other consulting parties to the undertaking as stated in the PA, we renewed our requests to be granted individual consulting party status for this federal undertaking.

As of the writing of this article, the Tulsa District has not further addressed our request for consulting party status for the undertaking, nor have they provided any evidence that they have met their legal responsibilities specified in Section 304 of the NHPA for the undertaking. Our June 2015 request to the Tulsa District for archeological information in their files on the project has also not been answered.

The THC took our May 2015 request for archeological information to be an Open Records Act request and contacted the Chief of the Open Records Division at the Office of the Attorney General on June 1 and June 5, 2015 about our information request. We advised Mr. Justin Gordon of the Open Records Division of the fact that we had not made an Open Records Act request under State of Texas law; rather, our request was made to the THC under Federal law, since the proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir is a federal undertaking under the responsibility of the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as the lead federal agency for the project. Nevertheless, in July 2015 the THC provided access to Perttula of the archeological information and correspondence in their files concerning the reservoir project. This was

because the THC's attorney had determined that because Perttula was a Professional Archeologist and already had access to project site locational information available on the Texas Historic Sites Atlas, direct access to this information in THC files could be provided.

### ***Reservoir Survey Report becomes Available***

In the meantime, the final report on the proposed reservoir survey became available in July 2015 on the Texas Historic Sites Atlas (Davis et al. 2015). The senior author's review of this document indicated that only 5,000 acres of the proposed project had received an archaeological survey, not the 20 percent indicated in the DEIS. Based on consultation between the NTMWD, the project sponsor, the THC, and the Tulsa District, the remainder of the project area will apparently not receive archaeological survey investigations. Because only ca. 30 percent of the proposed reservoir flood pool has been surveyed to date by the project sponsor it is virtually a certainty that there are many (100+ sites?) undocumented and unrecorded archeological sites in the project's APE that remain to be identified and evaluated. To insure the proper identification of all the sites that will be effected by the development of the reservoir, it will be important for the project sponsor, the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the THC to develop a plan now of survey and site evaluation efforts to identify and address the many undocumented and unrecorded archeological sites on project lands. Such an effort will be the only way to insure that the archeological investigations carried out on sites in the Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir lands are in compliance with Section 106 of the NHPA as well as the Antiquities Code of Texas.

Based on an examination of the project area maps that show the areas at proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir not previously examined by the archeological contractor (Davis et al. 2015), as well as an archeological survey of a parcel of land in the APE at the landowner's

request (Perttula et al. 2015b), there is no question but that there are many ancestral Caddo sites yet to be discovered within the project's APE, along with archeological sites of other types and ages. We have urged the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, together in consultation with the current consulting parties to the undertaking, to take the necessary steps to insure that a good faith plan is developed and implemented to complete new archeological survey efforts necessary to identify the many archeological sites that remain undiscovered in the APE of the proposed reservoir undertaking. No response from the Tulsa District has been forthcoming.

### ***Conclusions***

It has been six months since we embarked upon our quest to be consulting parties on the proposed Lower Bois d'Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking in Fannin County, Texas. We made these requests because we wished to be afforded a reasonable opportunity to identify concerns, advise on identification and evaluation of archeological sites in the APE, and participate in the resolution of adverse effects in compliance with the terms of the project's Programmatic Agreement. We feel that as concerned and interested members of the public we should be afforded those opportunities under NHPA.

The Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has flatly turned down our requests for consulting party status, although under specious grounds (i.e., because of their failure to comply with Section 304 of the NHPA). Furthermore, they have not addressed or fulfilled our requests for access to the archeological information in their files about the project, nor have they discussed what they intend to do about the many as yet undiscovered archeological sites on the more than 12,000 acres of the proposed reservoir that have not received any professional archeological survey investigations. What substantive information we have been able to obtain about the archeological

resources in the project area comes primarily from the final archeological survey report (see Davis et al. 2015) of the proposed reservoir APE.

When we set out on this long and winding road, we were initially surprised that the Tulsa District turned down—repeatedly—our consulting party requests. It had been our experience that consulting party requests on other undertakings in Texas or other states had rarely, if ever, been turned down by the lead federal agency. What we have learned in the meantime is that if you are a member of the public—whether a professional archeologist or a private landowner—without consulting party status, it is quite likely that you will be afforded very little consideration in the Section 106 process and your voice will not be heard. In the case of the Lower Bois d’Arc Creek Reservoir undertaking, the Tulsa District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is using its project Programmatic Agreement as a means to deny citizens the right to participate in review of the project’s effects. This should be a matter of concern to professional archeologists working in Texas and to landowners where proposed federal undertakings will adversely effect their land holdings.

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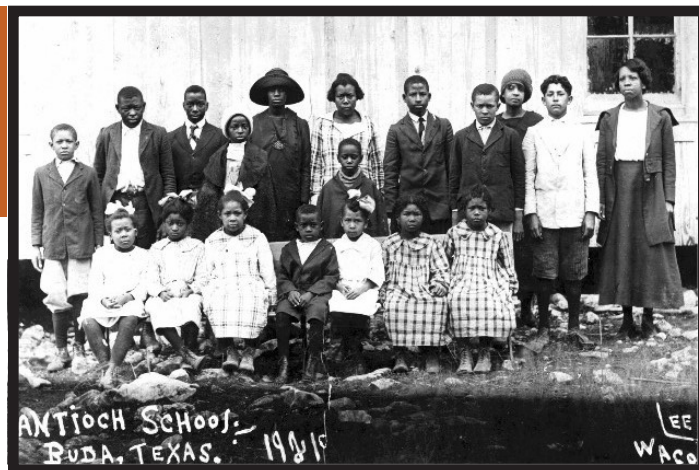
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## Student Research Grant Award

By Jannie Scott  
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My dissertation research examines the mobility and settlement practices of Antioch Colony residents between the years of 1870 to 1940. Antioch Colony was a freedmen's settlement located in Hays County, Texas that was founded by Black Texans shortly after emancipation. The support of the Council of Texas Archaeologists research grant provided funds to purchase a Trimble handheld GPS used to aid in the mapping of landscape features at Antioch Colony. Intensive survey of existing homesteads and above ground features was geared towards exploring how community residents imposed themselves on the landscape through their everyday movements within the colony and through the establishment of social institutions. Through mapping landscape features, one of the findings is that the spatial distribution of households and associated landscape features, in particular fences and footpaths, facilitated the free movement of adults and children throughout the colony. Four characteristics of Antioch Colony exemplify this point in particular.



First, households were dispersed throughout the colony rather than in a formally aligned residential pattern. Second there was a distinct lack of fences around property boundaries. Third, the colony's school and church buildings were located at the interior of the community rather than directly off of the main road. Fourth, footpaths that cut across residential boundaries leading to the school and church site were prominent. These footpaths were numerous and go to and from residences but were created in such a manner that they would require a person to trespass through another person's property in order to access these community structures. It is my belief that residents intentionally adapted their homespaces in a manner that provided their neighbors with continued access to the school and church buildings. These calculated actions fostered a sense of community and ensured the continued use of communal structures.

## Big Turnout for Scholarships Supported by CTA

By Margaret Howard

CTA contributions helped to support six Native American Scholarships for the 2015 Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Field School in Columbus, Texas. Although the field school ended early due to a tropical system that parked over southeast Texas, the scholarship recipients were able to see and experience the dedication and determination of TAS members in their efforts to preserve the heritage of Texas. Five of the six Native scholarship recipients were youth representing three different Nations; the recipients brought with them an additional six family members and friends to attend the field school. New this year were Noah Comanche and Brandon Victor of the Mescalero Apache Tribe; this is the first time that representatives from the tribe have attended a TAS Field School. Returning recipients were Cristian and Samuel Swift of the Navajo Nation, and Abby Brown and Jolie Carrillo of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas. Thank you, CTA!

The Collegiate Scholarship subcommittee was happy to support five students who attended the 2015 TAS Field School. They were Krissa Green, Sarah Welle, and Nicole Beckwith of Baylor University, Juliana Willars of Texas State University, and Isabella (Bella) Bortolussi of Austin Community College. Some recipients had to leave early due to the weather, but all expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with dedicated members of TAS and the exposure to a “genuine field experience” in archeology. Krissa Green said “I thought the TAS Field School would be like the Baylor field school (required prior to coming to Columbus), but it showed me another side of archeology. The people I worked with were not students, but people who love archeology and who want a chance to dig for a week.” She enjoyed working with Joe Rogers and crew on the Bluff 1 site, and she thanked all who donated



*2015 Texas Archeological Society Native American Field School Scholarship Recipients and Family*

because the scholarship allowed her an experience that she otherwise would not have been able to take advantage of. Bella Bortolussi was sorry to have left early, but asked for follow-up information and an opportunity to return for further work. Hats off to CTA and the TAS members who helped make the field experience an enjoyable and memorable one for these young scholars!

A Diversity Scholarship to the 2015 TAS Field School was awarded to Texas State University student Carlos Soto, and Diversity scholarships will be awarded to two deserving individuals for the TAS Annual Meeting in Houston. Kim Penrod is Director of the Heritage Museum, Library, and Archives for the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma; she will participate in a TXDOT symposium on tribal collaboration and outreach. Ashley Vance is an undergraduate student at St. Edwards University and a member of the Chickasaw Nation; she will present a paper on Andean mortuary practices. Ashley had received a TAS Native American Field School scholarship in 2014. Both of these Diversity scholarship recipients look forward to attending the TAS Annual Meeting, and ask that we pass on their thanks to the CTA and the TAS members who supported these scholarships.

Thanks again for CTA’s generous and long-standing support for the TAS Multicultural Scholarship Program!

Council of Texas Archeologists  
C/O Carole Leezer  
Center for Archaeological Research at UTSA  
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April 13, 2015

Dear Carole,

I write to express sincere thanks for the council's continued support of *Texas Beyond History* and request additional funds for 2015. The CTA's annual contribution is greatly appreciated, as it helps us expand TBH's offerings and keep the website accessible and up to date.

In the past year, TBH completed a major new exhibit on the Ransom and Sarah Williams Farmstead, one of the largest and most complex exhibits on TBH to date. Highlighting careful research approaches, latest technologies, and interpretive tools used in archeology, it is a fine example for the public to learn about how CRM archeology works and the significant data that can be gleaned from such projects.

This year we will introduce a new feature on TBH, entitled **Spotlight**, highlighting specific collections that should engage the public's interest in a more focused way. For example, we will feature the remarkable Hunter's/Shaman's Pouch from Horseshoe Cave in Val Verde County. In addition, we will add new content to existing exhibits, such as Ceremonial Cave and Wilson-Leonard, and develop four new lessons for K-12 students, such as a Comparison of Caddo and Egyptian Mortuary Practices. Throughout this year and next, we will continue technical updates to improve accessibility to the website in general.

In addition to projects such as these, the CTA annual donation supports basic administration and continuing maintenance of TBH. Please know that this annual contribution is needed and very much appreciated!

Sincerely,

Susan Dial  
TARL Editor, Texas Beyond History



Carole Leezer  
Treasurer, Council of Texas Archeologists  
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April 23, 2015

Dear Carole,

I write to gratefully acknowledge receipt of the generous \$2,000 donation from the Council of Texas Archeologists to *Texas Beyond History* for 2015. In addition to supporting technical improvements to TBH and a new entry portal for the website to make it more accessible, the funds will be applied to creating new content that illustrates the importance of archeology and Texas' heritage. We will also be expanding curricula for 4<sup>th</sup>- and 7<sup>th</sup>-grade teachers.

I send thanks to all the members of CTA for their continued support and trust in TBH.

Most sincerely,

Susan Dial, TARL Editor, Texas Beyond History



## The Archaeological Conservancy

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July 22, 2015

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Dear Ms. Leezer,

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500.00 for the Conservancy's Preservation Fund designated for the protection of Steel Earthworks in Ohio. Your gift will be of tremendous help in our efforts to protect this important Hopewell site.

In addition to the more than 485 sites we've protected in the last 35 years, we are always working on the acquisition and permanent preservation of many more. Right now, we are working on the preservation an Iroquois site occupied from A.D. 1300 to 1500 in New York and five prehistoric sites (two quarries and three pueblos) located on a ranch in New Mexico. 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

## Spring 2015 CTA Meeting Minutes

Registration - 8:30 am  
Call to Order - 9:20 am

### Announcements

Missi wanted to thank Kristen Mt.Joy and Camp Mabry for hosting this meeting.

Duane Peter - ACRA:

Duane was representing ACRA (American Cultural Resources Association) and spoke to the group. The national trade organization is helping with a strategic planning and membership drive. The ACRA met in DC recently during Preservation Advocacy Week. The membership was concerned for the CR industries as they move forward. They addressed the question: Are we going to be a healthy industry 10 years from now? The vision for the future is a healthy cultural resource industry that balances preservation and development. ACRA is going to advocate for the CR industry to thrive. They want to provide information so firms are better and more cost effective.

Their objectives include collecting success stories. At the moment, they are having some trouble coming up with those. We need to be relevant to public and have success stories they can relate to. The ACRA is going to participate in the Preservation 50 and continue advocacy on Capitol Hill. They want to communicate stories to clients through publications.

The second initiative will take longer. Communication within the industry needs to happen over the long term. Duane spoke of the needs of the CRM firms and SHPO to the people in DC. The message was well received. ACRA is ready to step up, but needs the CR industry to reach out.

The Education Committee is working forward with online webinars. ACRA members will have lesser fees to access the webinars. They are two

months away from release of the first one. The webinar is business related, to help firms. ACRA is not trying to compete with SAA and RPA. There are several ACRA members in Texas.

### Approval of Minutes, Fall 2014 Meeting

There was a small change to the scholarship information in the Multicultural Committee section. Mark Denton motioned for the amended minutes to be accepted. The motion was seconded. Membership voted and the measure passed.

### Officers' Reports

President (Missi Green): Missi has been working on the Texas edition of the 50th Anniversary of the NRHP for the MAP program. She is moving forward and hopes to submit the idea soon and that it will be accepted. Missi will inform the membership once the idea is accepted.

Past President (Rachel Feit): Rachel had nothing to report.

Secretary (Kristi Miller Nichols): As of noon yesterday, the membership stood at 5 students, 84 regular members, and 26 contractors.

Treasurer (Carole Leezer): CTA has gotten a Square to help with receiving membership fees at the meetings. It was in use prior to the meeting this morning. Carole urged everyone to take a look at the 2016 Budget that will be reviewed later in the meeting.

Newsletter Editor (Mindy Bonine): Mindy was not present. Missi spoke of the new newsletter format, and it seems to have been a success.

### Agency Reports

Texas Historical Commission (Pat Mercado-Allinger): The House has passed a budget. The Senate committee is still working on the budget

as of the meeting. THC is not doing too bad this year. There will be some recapture of the a few of the losses. That will be decided between the House and Senate. Hanging in the Senate is the Heritage Trails program, which is not funded. There may be some media coverage soon.

THC is working on updates for the Atlas. A new Atlas is slated to be launched mid-year (July). There is in-house beta testing occurring. THC recently hired an Atlas coordinator. There is work on agency-wide issues. They have accumulated the wish list from across the agency. Work is in progress, but some things the membership will see is additional base map options. Marine projects will have polygons. When launched, please use the Atlas and let them know of any glitches.

THC is nearly at the point of launching electronic submission of project reviews. There will still be a 30 day review period, but the electronic submission will help.

Brad Jones has an article about Abstract changes. Please read and look at the rules changes. The Abstract form has changed this week to reflect the adjustments.

Lenny Voellinger had a question about the form. He asked about negative surveys. Do we submit for curation all the notes and photographs? Also, why is it necessary to submit records if the information was present in the report?

Texas State sent out an email saying that they will curate records for minimum of \$300. The curation rules had been published for public comment. If there were objections, they should have been submitted them.

Permitted projects have to curate artifacts and records, or records only. The records could be helpful down the line whether or not the project was positive or negative. Curation facilities have to curate in perpetuity.

Brad Jones commented that when you read reports some people include all the information, others do not. We do not have consistency in the data presented in reports. Maybe there needs to be a way to create an acceptable standard for no find surveys. TARL has basically been curating no finds for free.

It was recommended that discussion should occur concerning data standards for reporting and curation of no finds. Scott Pletka brought up idea that THC may not be enforcing all rules. He wondered if we are just adhering to rules with no thought as to if it is necessary. He asked who uses the data from no-find projects.

Discussion ensued on examples of companies not curating when requesting site forms, and no-collect surveys. There may be data collected in the field that does not make it into the full report. More discussion brought up issues that if there were artifacts, should there be a reason to curate? Also, do no-collect surveys have research value? Is survey level data valuable? It was brought up that no-collect and no-find are two different project types. Maybe we need to look at it that way.

Missi nominated Lenny Voellinger to head an ad-hoc committee, but Marybeth pointed out there is a Curation Committee. Pat indicated that the rules are coming up for review, so the membership needs to make concerns known. A committee was not formed.

THC discussed Hueco Tanks. David Camarena has been representing THC with the public use plan development.

In El Paso, as part of alternative mitigation, the acquisition of the old Socorro Mission has been completed by TxDOT and title transfer to THC has been approved by the government. A third parcel transfer is still in progress. How the land is going to be used will be future discussions.

The LaBelle exhibit is running through May 17. The reconstruction of the Hull has been ongoing. The interim main exhibit will open in August, with the hull moving to the main atrium. The printing of the technical report would likely be in 2016, consisting of 1600 pages, 600 pictures, and 50 authors.

The Lake Gilbert project report is completed.

For TAAM, the new LaBelle themed poster has been submitted to SAA. Please vote.

Nine nominees for THC Steward have been asked to join. All have accepted and signed ethics statement.

Texas Parks and Wildlife (Michael Strutt): Margaret Howard spoke for Michael Strutt. There are a couple of scopes in development. Priorities have shifted and they are now looking at open-ended contracts. The Hueco Tanks Bill is in legislation. A bill has been sponsored concerning the feasibility of a new visitor center.

Diane Dismukes has retired. Louis Alvarado has moved into that position. There is now a need to fill his position.

Diane talked about taking care of the parks sites. There is a need to intensively study the survey information to help preserve the data from the parks. Need to find the stories that parks have to tell and bring that to the public. This helps with preservation by creating a connection to the public.

Chris Lintz added that over then next couple years TPWD is going to add three more wildlife areas. Yokum Dunes is one area and will be managed by project development. There will be a different level of effort, but there may be some contracts coming up.

Texas Department of Transportation (Scott Pletka): Sharon Dornheim, the Consultation

Coordinator, retired a week ago. TxDOT is in the process of filling that position. The vision for the position is to increase outreach.

TxDOT would be assigned FHWA, which happened Dec 16, 2014. Doesn't directly affect the membership, but future reports may have to put a disclaimer that the work was done under the TxDOT/FHWA MOU.

Legislation is not having major changes to TxDOT. No contracts are coming out this year. Maybe there will be an announcement in summer or fall of next year. Contract management is handled by Summer Chandler. Let Scott know how that is working as they are looking for feedback.

Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (Jonathan Jarvis): Not much to cover. Big news is that Marybeth Tomka is on board. She is making a few tweaks to curation procedures. If you are unsure of anything TARL related, please give them a call and they will help you out. Also, send in shape files.

### Standing Committee Reports

Auditing (Mark Denton): Books and the treasurer are on target. Everything is good.

CTA Communications (Mindy Bonine): Mindy was not present and had no report.

Contractors List (Shelly Fischbeck): Shelly asked that we please remind contractors to renew. She will delete non-renewed contractors soon. She will be out of the country May 20th to June 20th, don't expect to hear from her during that period.

Curation (Marybeth Tomka): Marybeth is tweaking some things at TARL. Last Tuesday, they had people at TARL and walked them through the changes. Brad will be starting the recertification process soon.

Governmental Affairs (Nesta Anderson): Nesta is

keeping an eye on some federal laws. Boundaries of the San Antonio Mission have expanded. The Military Land Act amends the National Historic Preservation Act. If they want to make a Military building eligible for NRHP, they want to be able to decline if there is a National Security issue. Kristen says she doesn't think that will have a negative effect. The Rebuild Act is resigned to amend NEPA. The Secure our Borders First Act looks at security on public and tribal land. It will effect a 100 mile swath of land. All of the bills are stuck in committee. Nesta will update if these start making movement. There is a general trend of States taking over Federal responsibility. In Texas, the Hueco Tanks Visitor Center feasibility study is on the radar. HB63 is requiring state agencies that work with federally recognized tribes to work on developing a procedure on things that directly affect the tribes. This bill is going to have an effect on us, just not sure how yet. Look to CTA website for updates. Pat Mercado indicated that the bill is in regard to social services.

**Multicultural Relations (Mary Jo Galindo):** The Field School will be in June. Margaret Howard announced that the new Diversity Chair is Laura Quinas. There is one diversity applicant already. They need to find candidates for the scholarships. If you know applicants, direct them to the Multicultural Committees

**Nominating (Bill Martin):** The membership voted to change the slate of officers. Now CTA will have a Vice President. Bill was instructed to find a VP nominee. Reign Clark is the Nominee.

**Public Education (David Brown):** There are two nominees this year for the Award. One is Gray and Pape working with Ruth Mathews at TPWD's San Jacinto Battleground. The other is AmaTerra (Mason Miller), Tim Perttula, and Waldo Troell with the interactive digital archaeological report. The latter won the award.

David is encouraging the nominees to talk about

the projects award. Both nominees will talk about the projects during the afternoon session. First two talks are people presenting on what they did for the E Mott Davis award. David also wanted to note that the movie on the history of the agave plant will be shown today after the meeting

### Special Committee Reports

**Academic Archeology and CRM (Todd Ahlman):** The committee has two initiatives. One is to create workshops. Section 106 and the Antiquities Code workshops are aimed at students and young archeologists. They are looking at September for a date. Students should be members to attend the workshop. The committee is looking to put out more information in May. They are trying to get more information on the CTA website that will help students with archaeology, archaeology departments, and anyone else interested. They are also looking at doing a GIS workshop if this first one is successful. Remote sensing was a suggested topic.

**Anti-Looting Committee (Jeffery Hanson):** Jeffery was not present. He is still active with other concerned archaeologists in getting shows like Digger off the air. A number of articles that SAA has put out on Diggers and other such shows is having an impact.

**History (Doug Boyd):** No official report.

**Membership (Haley Rush):** Haley was not present. Becky Shelton announced that we had six applicants for the grant from various schools. She would announce the awardees later. Jon Lohse asked about the reporting requirements.

### Old Business

Please renew your memberships!

### New Business

Vote: Vice President. Motion to elect, seconded.

Membership voted. Reign Clark has been elected. Reign introduced himself. He is going to work with committees and will work under direction on Missi or future presidents.

Budget: Carole presented the 2016 budget. Not much change from 2015. A motion was made to pass the budget, which was seconded. Voted and passed.

Intentional Site Burial Protocol, presented by Mary Jo Galindo: This protocol is used as a form of mitigation. Mary Jo suggested studying through an ad-hoc committee. There is not a lot of guidance out there. A committee could address and provide guidance. Mary Jo recommended that people to see her paper then look into forming a committee.

GSSI SIR4000 GPR Instrument, presented by Nesta Anderson: Nesta recently saw a GPR demonstration and the capabilities of the new version of remote sensing. The new instrument is able to process the data in real time. It is very expensive. Not everyone has training, and not everyone has access to the machine. Nesta wanted to float the idea for CTA to purchase equipment for the membership to use if requested to do remote sensing. Machine cost \$25,000, but there will also be the need to house, and the cost of software. The membership was looking at a workshop for continuing education. Many appeared to agree that buying the equipment was not feasible, but maybe look into more workshops.

Scholarship Presentation: Two awards this year. One was to Lauren Cook for geoarchaeological investigations at McFadden Beach, and the other was to Caitlin Gulihur for the Survey of the Ranches in the Big Bend Region of Texas.

E. Mott Davis Award Presentation: David and Bill awarded the Award to Mason Miller, Waldo Troell, and Jim Abbot. They made an interactive digital report of a project conducted for TxDOT. They used iTunes and Google Book to distribute. The e-book has been viewed in 16 countries and 300-350 people have downloaded it.

TAS meeting is in Houston in October this year.

A motioned was made to adjourn. Seconded and motion passed.

**Meeting Adjourns - 11:42 pm**

**Afternoon Session - 1:30 pm**

### Afternoon Session Abstracts

#### ***Archaeological Investigations at the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site***

***Jim Hughey***

***HRA Gray & Pape, LLC***

HRA Gray & Pape recently completed an initial archaeological survey of two tracts within the San Jacinto Battleground State Historic Site. The areas selected for survey subsumed approximately 98 acres, divided into a 37-acre tract and a 61-acre tract. These tracts were selected for survey in advance of ground impacts that will be associated with the planned removal of invasive plant species and restoration of native grasses, as part of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) goal of restoration of the Site's historic landscape. The goals of the investigation were to collect, interpret, and present systematic and controlled data regarding the distribution of battle-related artifacts, archeological integrity of artifacts and clusters of artifacts, and soils/sediment deposition on the Site, in conjunction with planned prairie restoration activities.

The survey team included HRA Gray & Pape staff working closely with a number of metal detector volunteers and stewards representing the TPWD, local enthusiasts, and the Houston Archeological Society. To organize the effort, a model by which to train, supervise, and organize large volunteer groups for future inclusion in battle ground investigations was developed. Coordination efforts included 20 different participants working approximately 266 person-hours over a series of weeks/weekends. Instruction topics covered during the training included proper field survey organization, note taking, data collection,

transect spacing, excavation and recordation, and the importance of maintaining archaeological provenience during artifact recovery; of particular importance this project took steps to include metal detectorists in the controlled survey, and strove to inform this group on the importance of contextual data of archaeological finds and how these data fit into battle field (and site) interpretation.

### ***“Peering Through the Sands of Time”***

#### ***The Tablet Revolution in Public Outreach... (?)***

***Mason Miller***

***AmaTerra Environmental, Inc.***

AmaTerra archeologist, Mason Miller, will discuss the development of “Peering Through the Sands of Time: The Archeology of the Caddo at the Kitchen Branch Site in East Texas” the first solely digital, tablet-based electronic book publication in Texas (and perhaps the world) archeology. The report served as the public outreach component of the Texas Department of Transportation-sponsored testing and data recovery investigations of Site 41CP220, a late Titus Phase Caddo home site on the banks of the Kitchen Branch of Prairie Creek in Camp County. The report was provided for free download to tablet devices and computers on the Apple iTunes and Google Play stores and a linked Dropbox account in December of 2014. Since its release, the report has been downloaded by approximately 300 people in 14 countries from Japan and New Zealand to the US, Mexico, and Canada, to Germany, Belgium, and Norway (and more). Mason, the lead author on the work, will provide an overview of the publication (along with a live demonstration) and discuss the strengths and weaknesses of tablet-based public outreach as he concludes that there is a mountain of potential, but several bugs that need to be worked out in the process.

### ***Dating Bison: Recent Approaches and New Understandings***

***Jon C. Lohse***

***Coastal Environments, Inc.***

Recent and ongoing work dating bison bone from

archaeological components in and around Central Texas has produced an improved chronology for the presence of this resource from about 6000 cal BP to early Historic times. Improvements are a result of directly dating bison remains rather than relying on dating by association with other archaeological materials. An important element of this work is the application of collagen purification techniques, called XAD, a variation of amino acid dating that more reliably and completely remove exogenous organics from dated samples than other methods, including Longin and Ultrafiltration. The ability to include bone in our archaeological chronologies is significant for how we understand the presence and use of different food resources and also ancient environments. However, it is important that reliable pretreatment techniques are employed to help ensure that resulting measured ages are as accurate as they can be.

### ***Intentional Site Burial as a Mitigation Alternative***

***Mary Jo Galindo***

***Atkins Global***

Burial-in-place is a relatively rare type of preservation-in-place treatment applicable mainly to archeological sites. Its goal is the protection of a historic property in its current location while maintaining its integrity. The technique has been used most commonly to combat shoreline erosion, perhaps most famously by the USACE for the Kennewick Man site; however, experiments with roadway construction have also been conducted. Permanent protective structures enable long-term modern uses to occur without impacting the underlying archeological site. Successful implementation of this type of site preservation requires a long-term stewardship commitment by the project’s sponsor and operator. Burial-in-place treatment entails designing and constructing a protective structure, as well as maintaining both the site’s integrity and the structure’s effectiveness in perpetuity. Avoidance is a legitimate means of mitigation, but it must be coupled with a



management plan to guarantee the safety of the site once construction is completed.

**AGAVE IS LIFE**

***A film by Meredith L. Dreiss and David O. Brown***

AGAVE IS LIFE is the story of mankind's symbiotic alliance with the marvelous agave plant, from which tequila, Mexico's iconic distilled spirit, is derived. Told through the lens of anthropological and archival materials, the film, narrated by Edward James Olmos, delves into the ceremonial and sacred importance of this multi-purpose plant--a critical source of food, drink, textiles, fuel, and medicines for peoples living in arid regions of the American Southwest and Mesoamerica. Once embedded in cultural identity, mythology, art, and ritual, the agave plant of today faces an uncertain future. Ancient folkways from fiber crafts to traditional pulque and mescal production are rapidly disappearing. While entrepreneurs and scientists work to turn the tide, the loss of diversity of both cultivated and wild species does not bode well for the future.

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the requestor will receive an e-mail welcoming them to the group, and provides e-mail addresses to post messages and to unsubscribe. If you choose this method, you can only post messages via the e-mail address and receive copies of messages sent to the group.

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