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Business Meeting and CTA Careers in
Archaeology Social:

At TAS 90th Annual Meeting

Embassy Suites Amarillo - Downtown

550 S Buchanan Street

Amarillo, Texas 79101

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Embassy Suites, Amarillo, Texas

President's Forum

Dear CTA Colleagues,

I hope your plans are in place by now to attend the 2019 fall meeting in Amarillo. As one of my colleagues put it, this city is often seen as the jewel of the Southern High Plains. There should be plenty to see and do in the area and it promises to be an exciting, action-packed meeting. As for the CTA's agenda, Friday will be busy with events all day, as usual, and hopefully you can make it.

Fall Meeting

There's a bit less to report this fall than there was in the spring. Our spring meeting was a very, very busy one (as most of you probably remember), so it'll be nice this time to have a more relaxed schedule. Our fall business meeting will take place Friday morning, starting at 9:00 am. In the afternoon time block, Dr. Eric Schroeder has very kindly arranged to have safety experts from his company, Baer Engineering, talk to our group about occupation health and safety training. This is a very important topic, as lots of CRM companies are starting to take field safety more seriously these days than ever before. Some clients in our industry consider safety metrics as a way of determining who can work on their projects. Most importantly, however, it should be everyone's goal that all of our crew members and project partners return home safely at the end of each and every day. Our final event for Friday will include the Careers in Archeology Social. If your firm hasn't yet signed up to host or sponsor a table at this event, please considering doing so. This is an important opportunity to meet and get to know early stage professionals who may be looking for an opportunity to develop their skills or experience. If your company has a lot of work going on, you've probably experienced the general shortage of available staffing at some level. Considering how much work is going on these days, this event takes on special importance this year.



As noted, we'll have a light agenda for Friday. We can look forward to some important updates from our Standards and Guidelines Committee, including (I hope) a summary of the THC's comments from their review of the new Survey and Deep Trenching standards documents that we adopted in the spring. We may also look forward to updates on the Cemetery Standards, and about what progress has been made on Reporting Standards.

In addition, several significant changes have been made to our website. Either in person or through her contribution to this newsletter, Dr. Catherine Jalbert will have some important information to share with us about this. One change that's underway involves automating the Contractor's List to give contractors more ability to manage and update their own entries. This development will eventually mean that the Contractors List Committee is no longer needed, and we recently folded that responsibility under the Communications Committee's responsibilities. Dissolving this committee will at some point require additional changes to our bylaws, but we'll probably take that up in the spring rather than at this meeting. Otherwise, we can look forward to the regular agency and committee reports, and perhaps a couple of items of New

Business. Please plan to attend the meeting if you can.

Looking Ahead to Spring, 2020

I'd also like to share some notes about the 2020 Spring Meeting. Our plan has been to schedule this event for the week before the Society for American Archaeology conference in Austin, which will be held April 22-26. This means our meeting dates are proposed for April 16-17. This is a bit later than usual, but it allows us to take advantage of some technical expert(s) who were coming to Austin and who can provide a day long professional development training that we would not otherwise have access to. I have begun making arrangements for Dr. Derek Hamilton to provide a special hands-on training session for our members who are interested in learning to use and understand Bayesian statistics for building radiocarbon-based chronologies. Dr. Hamilton has conducted such trainings over the past several years in conjunction with regional or national meetings like SAA and SEAC (some of you have attended these events). Derek is one of the leading experts in radiocarbon dating and Bayesian modeling, so this should be a very special event for our members. Space may need to be limited to one or two people per firm, but we'll announce sign up procedures as soon as this plan is finalized. You can see some of Derek's work at <https://www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/suerc/staff/hamiltonderek/>

Unfortunately, Camp Mabry is booked for this week, so we'll need to find other accommodations for our meeting and for the Friday afternoon cook out. Even as I type this out, I'm about to email Mark Denton to ask him to start finding another suitable location for the afternoon.

Other important news items for the spring are that we will need to have regular officer elections. If you remember the election excitement/chaos from last spring, those offices that were voted on included the Vice President, and filling the remaining year of the Secretary's term. If you're interested in filling any of these offices (President, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Treasurer), please

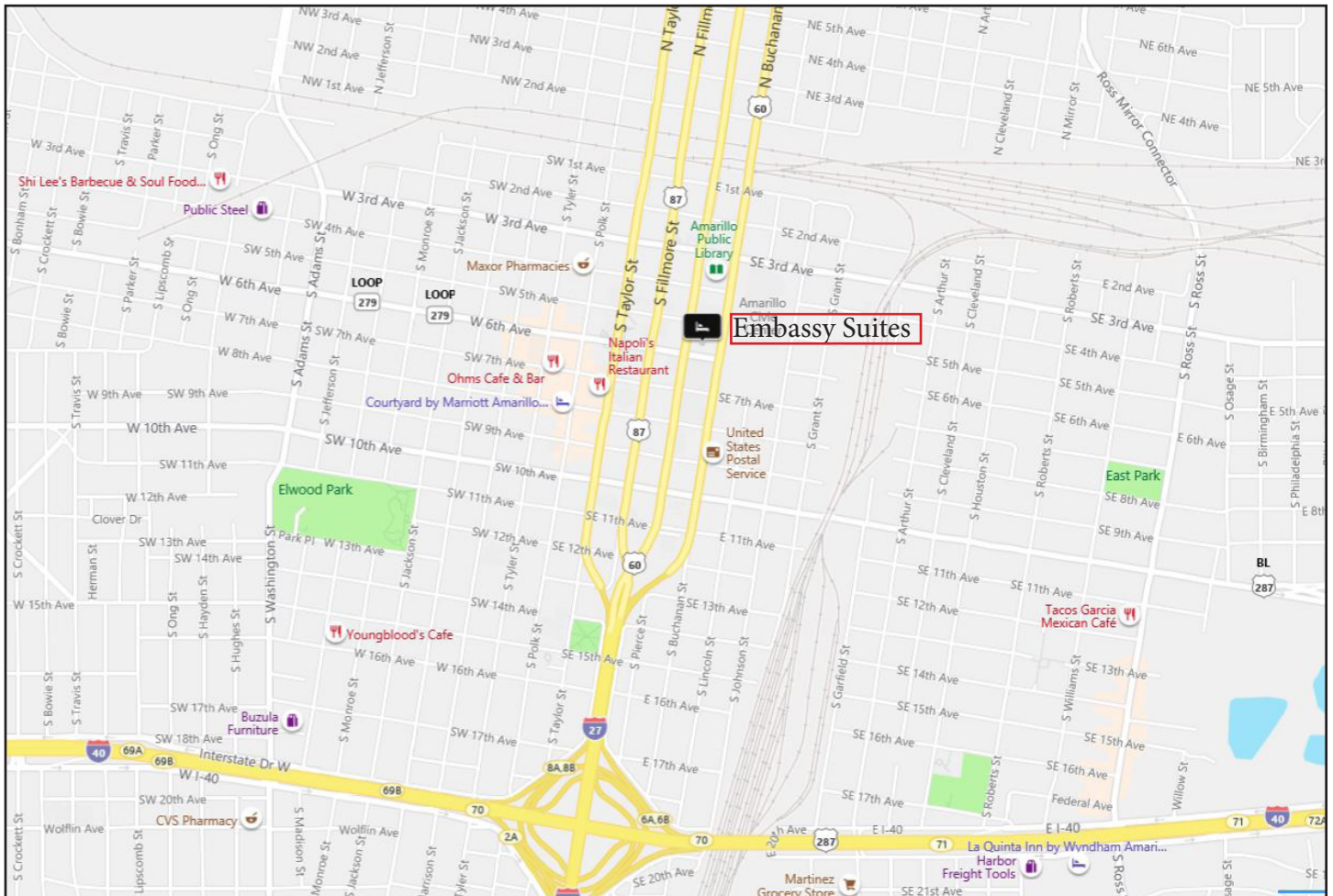
contact Bill Martin, Chair of our Nominations Committee. It's important that people have an opportunity to serve our professional community and this is a great way to do that.

Thank you for your involvement in archeology and the CTA. I look forward to seeing you in Amarillo!

Jon Lohse

Texas Archeological Society 90th Annual Meeting

Map to the Embassy Suites Amarillo - Downtown
550 S Buchanan Street
Amarillo, Texas 79101



Directions from Rick Husband Amarillo International Airport:

- Take a right onto Rosenwald Dr
- Turn right onto TX-468 S SPUR / Airport Blvd / Centennial Blvd
- Turn right onto E I-40
- Take ramp left and follow signs for US-287 North / I-40 West
- At exit 70, take ramp right for US-287 North / US-60 East toward Downtown
- Arrive at US-287 N / US-60 E / S Buchanan St on the left (the last intersection is TX-279 LOOP / SE 6th Ave, if you reach SE 5th Ave, you've gone too far)

90TH TEXAS ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**Embassy Suites Downtown, Amarillo, Texas*****Preliminary Schedule******

<u>Thursday, October 10, 2019</u>	3:00 p.m.	Hotel Check-In Begins
<u>Friday, October 11, 2019</u>	Time	Room
Morning		
Registration Table	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Common Area
Set Up for Book Room, Posters, Exhibits	8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Sanborn BC
Silent Auction Room	8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Sanborn BC
Council of Texas Archeologists Meeting	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose A
Tour: Palo Duro Canyon/PPHM	9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Lobby
TAS Executive Committee	11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Capital Hotel Board
Afternoon		
Registration Table	12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Common Area
Council of Texas Archeologists Training	1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.	Room? 100 chairs w/table, projector, mic, lectern
General Paper Symposium	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Room?
General Paper Symposium	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sanborn A
Silent Auction, Book Room, Exhibits Room	1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Sanborn BC
Posters	1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Room?
Book Festival	3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	East Common Area
TAS Board Meeting	3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.	Yellow Rose B
TASN Business Meeting	4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.	Yellow Rose A
TAS Academy Committee Meeting	5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Room?
Evening		
Public Forum and Artifact ID	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose C
CTA Careers in Archeology Social w/Cash Bar	9:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose A and B
<u>Saturday, October 12, 2019</u>	Time	Room
Morning		
Registration Table	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Common Area
Silent Auction	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Sanborn BC
Book Room, Posters, Exhibits	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	Sanborn BC
General Paper Symposium	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	Sanborn A
General Paper Symposium	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	Yellow Rose A
General Paper Symposium	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.	Yellow Rose B
Poster Session	10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.	TBD
Afternoon		
Registration Table	12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Common Area
TAS Business Meeting and Luncheon	12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.	Yellow Rose C and B
Book Festival	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	East Common Area

General Paper Symposium	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Sanborn A
General Paper Symposium	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose A
General Paper Symposium	2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose B
Silent Auction	1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.	Sanborn B and C
<u>All items need to be picked up no later than 5:00 p.m.</u>		
Cash Bar Social	5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose C and D
Evening		
TAS A.M. Banquet	7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.	Yellow Rose C and D
Pub Crawl?	10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.	

Sunday, October 13, 2019**Morning**

	Time	Room
TAS Executive Board Meeting	8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.	Capital Hotel Board
Tour: Alibates Flint Quarries National Monument	8:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.	Lobby
TAS Board Meeting	9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.	Sanborn A

*** This is a preliminary Schedule; Rooms and Times are subject to changes

Professional Development Training Details:

For this year's program the topic is occupation health and safety training. We are privileged to have Dr. Kurt Eifling, MD, FAWM and Jacobo Paz as our program trainers/discussants.

Dr. Eifling is the Emergency Medical Director for the Institute for Field Research and former General Medical Officer for the US Marine Corps. He will be leading a seminar on the topic of building a culture of safety and productivity in our organizations. Core topics discussed will include how to plan and integrate safety primarily around field operations including how to minimize injuries caused by encounters with wildlife and those related to heat injuries. As this will be an interactive session, Dr. Eifling asks us to bring our individual stories with respect to the highs and lows of leading crews in the field, as well as our tips and tricks for keeping a tent cool in the heat of summer.

Jacobo Paz is a licensed industrial health and safety trainer and will follow-up Dr. Eifling's seminar with a presentation on excavation and construction site safety. He will specifically cover, construction site hazards to include trench safety, proper wearing of personal protective equipment, and how to protect yourself and your crews from excavation-related accidents.

This year's professional development session will prove to be valuable as well as entertaining, and will expand our awareness on how to instill a culture of safety within our organizations.

Vice President Report

By Erin Phillips

I am honored to have been elected CTA Vice President. Many great things have been happening at the CTA this year.

I'm thrilled that the Contractors List is finally automated and that contractors can now update their own listings. Thanks to Catherine Jalbert for making this a reality. Since Catherine knows the inner workings of our website, she has taken over the Contractors List Chair duties for now.

The 2019 CTA Career Social at the TAS meeting in Amarillo is less than a month away. I look forward to seeing many of you there. We have multiple opportunities available for participation at the social, come connect with potential employers, host a table and show off your company, or be an event sponsor! Sponsorship is great because you get your name out there, you can be free roaming, and you can still participate even if you can't be present.

Preparations have already begun for the 2020 Career Social at TAS in Houston next year.



Secretary Report

By Scotty Moore

Happy Texas Archeology Month!

First, I want to thank Amanda Castañeda for her fabulous work as CTA Secretary and for all of her help bringing me up to speed. She really did a fabulous job organizing things during her short tenure and established a great workflow that I hope to emulate. I'd also like to thank Dr. Catherine Jalbert, Tina Nielsen, and all of the members of the Executive Committee for their incredible guidance and mentorship. It's been a real pleasure working with these folks over the past several months and I continue to be very proud to be part of this influential and important community.

Second, I'd like to point out CTA, just like the overall archeological community in Texas, continues to grow at a rapid pace. Our current membership count is 227, which includes 188 professionals (48 of whom have associated contractor listings), 24 students, 9 retirees, and 6 institutions. That's an overall increase of over 26% since this time in 2018, which is just fantastic. We'd like to keep this growth going, especially among students and young professionals. Please encourage your retired colleagues, students, co-workers, and field technicians to join; the more people that are involved in CTA, the better we can represent the diversity of the archeological community in Texas and the more support that we can provide for scholarships, grants, and meetings.



Finally, if you ever have any questions, issues, or suggestions for how we can make the CTA website, the membership application/renewal process, or any of the communication that you have with CTA better, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Thanks,

Scotty

Treasurer Report

By Eric Schroeder

As of September 19, 2019 the status of the CTA accounts is as follows: The operating account totals \$23,571.12, the money market saving is at \$18,924.79, and the scholarship account is at \$9,129.81. We received 12 TAAM grant proposals for events across the state, and awarded a total of \$2,500.00 in support of those events. This represents exponentially more grant requests than we received last year (only two in 2018), and continues to be a difficult line item to budget from year to year. I am open to ideas from the membership to help make this activity more predictable.

Our TPTF grant application for the Rural Lands Archeological Preservation Initiative was submitted to THC in July, and we requested \$2,654.00 in matching funds to support the initiative for budget year 2020. If you would like to view the TPTF proposal that was submitted to the THC, it is posted to the CTA website in the members area. If awarded, the EC will ask for volunteers to assist with the development of our marketing campaign and to manage the initiative.

Many of you have approached me about how we might better manage the funds we have in our money market savings and scholarship accounts. When researching potential investment opportunities, the question I'm asked is, "what is your goal?". Initially, the CTA set out to use surplus income and periodic donations to support a scholarship fund; however, to date the scholarship fund isn't anywhere near where it needs to be to fund such an endeavor while at the same time be self-supporting. I think that in order to make the scholarship a viable goal, it needs to



generate at least \$12K per year in interest. In order for the scholarship fund to achieve this level of return and be self-supporting, we would need a modest return of about 6% on an investment of approximately \$250K. So at the fall business meeting, I'd be interested in hearing everyone's ideas on how we might as a community generate such as sum. In the interim, I propose that we consider a moderate to low risk bond fund that generates around 6% per annum, and put a large portion of our reserve capital into it. Interested in hearing your ideas on this matter at the fall business meeting.

Newsletter Editor Report

By Tina Nielsen

Hi Everyone-

As Jon mentioned in his report, there is a lot less to report this fall and as a result, the fall newsletter is a lighter read! I did want to point out the **proposed Bylaw change on Page 11** - this change correlates to the CTA Ethics Statement that was voted on and approved at the Spring 2019 CTA business meeting; the Executive Committee (EC) is proposing that Section 3 be added to Article III of the CTA Bylaws and we **will be voting on this at the fall CTA business meeting.**

In addition to serving on the EC as the newsletter editor, I also sit on the curation committee and wanted to provide a quick update on the revised Standards and Guidelines Curation document. A draft document was provided at the back of the Spring 2019 newsletter and we are still seeking feedback and comments from the membership. We plan to finalize this draft in the new year and post it on the CTA website (and in the newsletter) for final review prior to the Spring 2020 meeting where we will be ready for the membership to vote and (hopefully) accept the revisions.

You will note that this newsletter no longer has a membership form included at the back. I think at this point everyone joins or renews their membership online (and we are strongly suggesting everyone go this route) or in person at the meetings, so I felt that this was no longer a necessary addition to the newsletter. If I hear otherwise, I can add it back in next newsletter.



As always, I want to thank those who have submitted articles and/or contributed to the newsletter. I didn't have any submissions for a photo page this time around, but hopefully folks will take some great shots at CTA/TAS in Amarillo! I am always open to new ideas, so if you have anything you would like to see in an upcoming newsletter, just let me know!

Hope to see many of you at the fall meeting in Amarillo in a few weeks!

Cheers,

Tina

Communications Committee Update:

Dear Members,

At the spring meeting, the membership voted to move the hosting of the CTA website to our membership management site, Wild Apricot (WA). I am pleased to announce that this transition was completed in July and the organization should begin to realize a savings of approximately \$200 a year for website related expenses. You can still find the CTA website at the same domain name (<http://counciloftexasarcheologists.org>) but hosting through WA allows for improved security for the website overall and provides better integration with the membership features offered by WA.

This has been the Communications Committee's main accomplishment over the last few months but here are some other points of interest that you might be wondering about:

Discussion Forum: This can be accessed when you log in to your membership profile on the CTA website and replaces the old yahoo group. If you want to receive daily updates regarding topics posted to the discussion forum, you must subscribe to this feature. You will not get these emails automatically.

Job posting/Resume board: This feature has been out of commission since the website suffered a malware attack in the spring. I will be working in the coming months to get this operational again.

CTA Contractors List: On the Contractors List? Look for an email from me very soon regarding the future of the list. Now that the website is moved to WA, we will be transitioning to a more automated system where contractors have control over their own listings.

While transferring all the data from the old CTA website to Wild Apricot was time-consuming, I believe it will prove extremely worthwhile to the organization in the long run. Looking forward, I would like to focus on continuing to maintain and improve our social media presence and add some new features to the CTA website.

As always, if you have any suggestions for items you'd like to see incorporated into the website, or have any questions about the items discussed above, please feel free to email me.

Catherine Jalbert
Communications Committee Chair

Proposed Bylaw Change:

The CTA Ethics Statement below was voted on and approved at the Spring 2019 CTA business meeting. The Executive Committee is proposing that **Section 3** be added to Article III of the CTA Bylaws (see below); this bylaw change will be voted on at the Fall 2019 CTA business meeting.

CTA members agree to promote, investigate, preserve, and enhance the cultural resources of the state in a responsible manner without participating in illegal activities to achieve said purpose, and shall work to educate and engage with the public on the vast and complex history and prehistory of the state. Members shall commit to upholding the CTA professional standards and guidelines, and shall conduct work according to the following ethical guidelines:

1. Members shall represent archaeology and its research results to the public in a responsible manner to the extent compatible with resource protection and legal obligations;
2. Members shall not falsify results or findings, plagiarize, or misrepresent themselves, their efforts, or their results, but shall report truthfully on methods, findings, personnel and project limitations.
3. Members shall consider public and stakeholder opinion during resource evaluation, and shall promote opportunities to engage the public in archaeological projects.
4. Members shall promote conservation opportunities as a complement to site investigation in an effort to minimize the destructive nature of excavation.
5. Members shall promote a safe work environment and will abide by laws pertaining to harassment and discrimination.
6. Members shall have adequate and appropriate training and experience for the research they undertake. Collaboration will be welcomed and encouraged.
7. Members shall not knowingly be involved in any activity that supports commercial exploitation of artifacts.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE

ARTICLE III. Membership

Section 1. Members

Membership shall be open to professionals, students, and institutions vocationally involved in Texas archeology who subscribe to the goals of the Council. Each professional or student member in good standing, who has paid membership dues, shall be entitled to cast one vote for or against any issue brought before the Council. Institutional members are nonvoting members.

Section 2. Dues

The Council shall establish membership dues for the purpose of financing its business.

Section 3. Ethics

All members shall agree as a condition of their membership to abide by the Council's ethics statement.

Letters:



April 23, 2019

Mr. Brent Leggs
 Director, African American Cultural Heritage Action
 Fund National Trust for Historic Preservation
 2600 Virginia Ave., NW Suite 1000
 Washington, DC 20037

Dear Mr. Leggs:

It is my deepest pleasure write a letter in support of the proposal "**The Freedom Colony Descendant Virtual Resource Center Planning Project**" being submitted to the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation by Dr. Andrea Roberts, leader of the Texas Freedom Colonies Project at Texas A&M University.

Dr. Roberts' work intersects my professional life in two ways. I am the Group Manager for Natural and Cultural Resources for Terracon's Houston, TX office. I also serve as the President of the statewide association of professional archeologists, an organization called the Council of Texas Archeologists. In our office, we have adopted Dr. Roberts' Atlas as an additional layer of information that we make use of when evaluating (on a client's behalf) parcels of land within the state of Texas that may be developed. These so-called Desktop Assessments are a valuable consulting tool that can help project owners and sponsors understand the known or probable Cultural Resource issues or risks associated with any given project. The Freedom Colony Atlas is a vital tool, in our opinion, for helping raise awareness of, and thereby afford protection to, "at-risk" sites that are commonly unrecorded, poorly understood, and/or under-appreciated in our industry. As President of the CTA, over the last year I have worked to bring awareness to our members of Dr. Roberts work. Her ongoing research into Freedom Colonies is probably the best current example of the potential for positive impact that multi-disciplinary work can have on archeological sites and our professional practices. Because our shared goal is to recognize vulnerable resources before they are encountered and forever impacted by development, her Atlas could conceivably help dozens or hundreds of vulnerable sites before they are impacted by development. At our Spring meeting in Austin on April 6, we invited Dr. Roberts to talk to our members about her work. Her talk was very well received, and one of our members who has developed a "Lost Cemeteries Task Force" to find and record previously unrecorded cemeteries, has included Dr. Roberts as a member of this working group. I am confident that this newly forged working relationship will return significant benefits for years into the future.

Regarding to my role as CTA President, our organization is based in Austin, Texas. Having additional support for locating and preserving freedom colony locations and cemeteries is vital to our mission as professionals. However, over the years we have found that reaching *all* grassroots groups in need across the state is a challenge. Having a mobile survey tool to record stories and assess the state of our historic cemeteries, a centralized data repository, and an information

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Materials



clearinghouse will provide much needed technical support for our ongoing efforts to preserve historic sites through responsible surveying and reporting in partnership with descendant communities.

In my professional capacity, her Atlas tool is among the most important resources we make use of in our Desktop Assessments. As President of the CTA, I am even more pleased to see her work bring so much benefit to these important resources. In conclusion, I fully and enthusiastically support Dr. Roberts' efforts as she seeks external funding to support building the capacity of freedom colonies and their supporters to record, evaluate, and implement preservation strategies in their communities. Texas needs more projects like this, and we all should do everything we can to support and encourage this research.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jon C. Lohse", is placed above the typed name.

Jon C. Lohse, Ph.D.
Group Manager, Natural/Cultural Resources
Houston

Letter Jon Lohse signed on behalf of the CTA supporting the Bureau of Land Management's cultural resources management and National Conservation Lands funding.

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Lisa Murkowski
Chairman
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

The Honorable Tom Udall
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Chairman Murkowski and Ranking Member Udall:

As you prepare the FY2020 Interior Appropriations bill, we write to encourage increased funding for key accounts within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), including at least \$20 million for cultural resources management and at least \$45 million for the National Conservation Lands.

The BLM manages the largest, most diverse, and most scientifically important body of cultural, historical, and paleontological resources of any federal land management agency. Yet only about 10 percent of BLM lands have been surveyed for heritage resources. We urge Congress to provide at least \$20 million—an increase of approximately \$3 million—for the BLM's cultural resources management account to help BLM fulfill its statutory requirements to inventory and protect cultural resources, manage paleontological resources, and improve government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes. This modest increase in funding would also support ongoing collaboration with state historic preservation officers in the West to standardize and integrate cultural resources data for BLM lands through a National Cultural Resources Information System. This effort will protect important cultural resources while also streamlining land-use planning and permitting by making better cultural resource data available earlier in the planning and project development process.

The BLM also needs increased funding for management of its system of National Conservation Lands, which is made up of nationally significant places designated by Congress or the President for their outstanding historic, cultural, ecological, and scientific values. The National Conservation Lands encompass more than 36 million acres, including more than 50 national monuments, national conservation areas (NCAs) and similarly designated areas on BLM lands, compared with 32 just ten years ago. Despite this increase, funding has not kept pace to properly manage these important places. With this in mind, we recommend at least \$45 million in FY2020—an increase of approximately \$5 million—in base funding for the National Conservation Lands. Additional funding should be directed toward ensuring each unit of the National Conservation Lands is appropriately staffed with land managers, law enforcement, and cultural resources experts, as well as inventory and monitoring of cultural resources that contribute to the special designation of these places. We also recommend robust funding for National Scenic and Historic Trails, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and wilderness areas that are part of the National Conservation Lands and funded through other areas of the BLM's budget.

Our nation's public lands contain remarkable and irreplaceable ecological, historical and cultural resources that reflect thousands of years of human connection to our lands. We thank you for your consideration of increased funding for proper stewardship of these resources in the FY2020 Interior Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

National Trust for Historic Preservation
American Alliance of Museums
American Anthropological Association
American Cultural Resources Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Ancient Forest International
Archaeological Institute of America
Center for Digital Antiquity

Coalition for American Heritage
Conservation Lands Foundation
NATHPO
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
Partnership for the National Trails System
Rainbow Heritage Network
Scenic America
Society for American Archaeology
Society of Architectural Historians
Society for Historical Archaeology
Society of Vertebrate Paleontology
The Archaeological Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
US/ICOMOS
World Monuments Fund

Arizona

Archaeology Southwest
Arizona Conservation Partners
Arizona Heritage Alliance
Arizona Preservation Foundation
Cienega Watershed Partnership
Friends of Agua Fria National Monument
Friends of Arizona Joshua Tree Forest
Friends of Ironwood Forest
Friends of the San Pedro River
Grand Canyon Trust
Save Our Ancient Redrocks (SOAR)
Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation

California

Amargosa Conservancy
California Native Plant Society
California Wilderness Coalition
Californians for Western Wilderness
Fort Ord Recreation Trails Friends
Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
Friends of Juniper Flats
Friends of the Desert Mountains
Friends of the Inyo
Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Middle California Broadband
Lost Coast Interpretive Association
Mattole Restoration Council
Mojave Desert Land Trust
Native American Land Conservancy
Nature for All
The SummerTree Institute
Tuleyome

Colorado

Conejos Clean Water
Dolores River Boating Advocates
Western Slope Conservation Center

Florida

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum

Idaho

Birds of Prey NCA Partnership

Western Watersheds Project

Illinois

Illinois Archaeological Survey

Iowa

Association of Iowa Archaeologists

Crawford County Historic Preservation Commission

Midwest Ethnohorticulture

Maryland

Preservation Maryland

Montana

Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument

Montana Wilderness Association

Nevada

Friends of Basin & Range

Friends of Gold Butte

Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Friends of Red Rock Canyon

Friends of Sloan Canyon

Get Outdoors Nevada

New Mexico

New Mexico Archaeological Council

New York

Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology

Ohio

Heritage Ohio, Inc.

Oregon

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area

Friends of the Owyhee

Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses

Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center

Oregon Natural Desert Association

Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

Rhode Island

Providence Preservation Society

Texas

Council of Texas Archaeologists

Utah

Amazing Earthfest

Conserve Southwest Utah

Friends of Cedar Mesa

Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Preservation Utah

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

Utah Diné Bikéyah

Utah Rock Art Research Association

Letter Jon Lohse signed on behalf of the CTA supporting the Bureau of Land Management's cultural resources management and National Conservation Lands funding.

May 10, 2019

The Honorable Betty McCollum
Chair
Subcommittee on Interior,
Environment and Related Agencies
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable David Joyce
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Interior,
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Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair McCollum and Ranking Member Joyce:

As you prepare the FY2020 Interior Appropriations bill, we write to encourage increased funding for key accounts within the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), including at least \$20 million for cultural resources management and at least \$45 million for the National Conservation Lands.

The BLM manages the largest, most diverse, and most scientifically important body of cultural, historical, and paleontological resources of any federal land management agency. Yet only about 10 percent of BLM lands have been surveyed for heritage resources. We urge Congress to provide at least \$20 million—an increase of approximately \$3 million—for the BLM's cultural resources management account to help BLM fulfill its statutory requirements to inventory and protect cultural resources, manage paleontological resources, and improve government-to-government consultation with Indian tribes. This modest increase in funding would also support ongoing collaboration with state historic preservation officers in the West to standardize and integrate cultural resources data for BLM lands through a National Cultural Resources Information System. This effort will protect important cultural resources while also streamlining land-use planning and permitting by making better cultural resource data available earlier in the planning and project development process.

The BLM also needs increased funding for management of its system of National Conservation Lands, which is made up of nationally significant places designated by Congress or the President for their outstanding historic, cultural, ecological, and scientific values. The National Conservation Lands encompass more than 36 million acres, including more than 50 national monuments, national conservation areas (NCAs) and similarly designated areas on BLM lands, compared with 32 just ten years ago. Despite this increase, funding has not kept pace to properly manage these important places. With this in mind, we recommend at least \$45 million in FY2020—an increase of approximately \$5 million—in base funding for the National Conservation Lands. Additional funding should be directed toward ensuring each unit of the National Conservation Lands is appropriately staffed with land managers, law enforcement, and cultural resources experts, as well as inventory and monitoring of cultural resources that contribute to the special designation of these places. We also recommend robust funding for National Scenic and Historic Trails, National Wild and Scenic Rivers, and wilderness areas that are part of the National Conservation Lands and funded through other areas of the BLM's budget.

Our nation's public lands contain remarkable and irreplaceable ecological, historical and cultural resources that reflect thousands of years of human connection to our lands. We thank you for your consideration of increased funding for proper stewardship of these resources in the FY2020 Interior Appropriations bill.

Sincerely,

National Trust for Historic Preservation
American Alliance of Museums
American Anthropological Association
American Cultural Resources Association
American Society of Landscape Architects
Ancient Forest International
Archaeological Institute of America
Center for Digital Antiquity

Coalition for American Heritage
Conservation Lands Foundation
NATHPO
National Alliance of Preservation Commissions
National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers
Partnership for the National Trails System
Rainbow Heritage Network
Scenic America
Society for American Archaeology
Society of Architectural Historians
Society for Historical Archaeology
Society of Vertebrate Paleontology
The Archaeological Conservancy
The Wilderness Society
US/ICOMOS
World Monuments Fund

Arizona

Archaeology Southwest
Arizona Conservation Partners
Arizona Heritage Alliance
Arizona Preservation Foundation
Cienega Watershed Partnership
Friends of Agua Fria National Monument
Friends of Arizona Joshua Tree Forest
Friends of Ironwood Forest
Friends of the San Pedro River
Grand Canyon Trust
Save Our Ancient Redrocks (SOAR)
Tucson Historic Preservation Foundation

California

Amargosa Conservancy
California Native Plant Society
California Wilderness Coalition
Californians for Western Wilderness
Fort Ord Recreation Trails Friends
Friends of Big Morongo Canyon Preserve
Friends of Juniper Flats
Friends of the Desert Mountains
Friends of the Inyo
Great Old Broads for Wilderness, Middle California Broadband
Lost Coast Interpretive Association
Mattole Restoration Council
Mojave Desert Land Trust
Native American Land Conservancy
Nature for All
The SummerTree Institute
Tuleyome

Colorado

Conejos Clean Water
Dolores River Boating Advocates
Western Slope Conservation Center

Florida

Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse & Museum

Idaho

Birds of Prey NCA Partnership

Western Watersheds Project

Illinois

Illinois Archaeological Survey

Iowa

Association of Iowa Archaeologists

Crawford County Historic Preservation Commission

Midwest Ethnohorticulture

Maryland

Preservation Maryland

Montana

Friends of the Missouri Breaks Monument

Montana Wilderness Association

Nevada

Friends of Basin & Range

Friends of Gold Butte

Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Friends of Red Rock Canyon

Friends of Sloan Canyon

Get Outdoors Nevada

New Mexico

New Mexico Archaeological Council

New York

Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology

Ohio

Heritage Ohio, Inc.

Oregon

Friends and Neighbors of the Deschutes Canyon Area

Friends of the Owyhee

Friends of Yaquina Lighthouses

Klamath-Siskiyou Wildlands Center

Oregon Natural Desert Association

Soda Mountain Wilderness Council

Rhode Island

Providence Preservation Society

Texas

Council of Texas Archaeologists

Utah

Amazing Earthfest

Conserve Southwest Utah

Friends of Cedar Mesa

Grand Staircase Escalante Partners

Preservation Utah

Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance

Utah Diné Bikéyah

Utah Rock Art Research Association

Articles:

CTA Student Research Award Report: The Old D'Hanis Archaeological Mapping Project

By Patricia G. Markert, PhD Candidate, Binghamton University
September 20, 2019

Note from the author: In the Spring 2019 newsletter, I provided a brief overview and some photographs of the work I completed with the support of the CTA Student Research Grant. Below is a more comprehensive report of the work completed in 2018.

Introduction

In November and December of 2018, I was joined by three former students of Binghamton University to conduct fieldwork at the site of Old D'Hanis in Medina County, TX. The day the crew arrived from upstate New York, the area had its first freeze of the season. Pipes burst, we were (jokingly) accused of bringing the weather with us, and we had to buy extra jackets and space heaters at Walmart, but the cold front was well timed. We were there to clear, record, and photograph several 19th century stone ruins, and despite the many warnings we received of snakes, the cold sent them effectively underground for the duration of our stay.

It ended up being a very successful field season, made possible by the generous support of the CTA Student Research Grant as well as support from the National Geographic Society and the Wenner-Gren Foundation. The crew and I cleared and recorded seven structures; structure recording methods included completion of architectural elevation drawings, archaeological mapping and Global Positioning System (GPS) data collection, detailed notes on surface artifact finds, and photogrammetry. We also conducted several successful community events. In this report, I will provide a short history of the area and research site, a brief discussion of our methods, and a few of our preliminary findings.

Brief Area History

Old D'Hanis, where we conducted our fieldwork, is located in Medina County, Texas, approximately 60 miles west of San Antonio to the south of Highway 90. It is not to be confused with New D'Hanis, the small railroad town that sits directly on the highway and railroad tracks just a mile further west. To keep the history of the two D'Hanises brief: Old D'Hanis was an Alsatian settlement founded in 1847 by *empresario* Henry Castro. Located on what was effectively the frontier of the newly minted State of Texas, it survived its first decade largely due to the placement of nearby Fort Lincoln, which offered jobs and resources to D'Hanis residents during its short occupation (Castro Colonies Heritage Association 1994). Despite early challenges, the town grew modestly and flourished. A few decades later, in the early 1880s, the Galveston, Harrisburg, and San Antonio Railroad was constructed nearby and a depot was placed about a mile and a half outside of town. Over the following three decades, many of the residents relocated their homes, businesses, and finally their church closer to the railroad tracks. The original settlement, with its smaller stone buildings, was renamed Old D'Hanis and largely abandoned; the new town was built of brick, using common American architectural styles.



Figure 1: Downtown in New D'Hanis, TX. Photo by P. Markert, 2018.



Figure 2: Castro Colonies Living History Center in Castroville, TX, an example of a renovated 19th century stone home. Photo by P. Markert, 2018.

About 30 miles east of D’Hanis is a town called Castroville. Castroville has similar origins: founded as an Alsatian settlement by Henry Castro in 1844, it predates D’Hanis by three years (Waugh 1934; Weaver 2005). It was and remains the larger town, benefitting from its closer proximity to San Antonio. However, the railroad bypassed Castroville by five miles. The town did not move, and many of its original houses – as well as its original town plan, with a church and central square – remained relatively unchanged into the present. This makes for an excellent comparative case study in historic migration and spatial/social decision-making. However, there was an unknown: the spatial organization and architectural styles of Old D’Hanis. While some early plat maps did exist, they did not sufficiently convey the way structures were organized in the original town. The archaeological work was designed to gather data to address this problem.

Goals of the Project

Not much remains of 19th century Old D’Hanis, aside from the striking ruin of its Catholic church. However, several visits to the area, satellite imagery, and local histories revealed a handful of ruined and renovated structures that may have dated to the early decades of the settlement (ca. 1847–1880). The goal of our fieldwork was to 1) survey and identify extant 19th century structures; 2) clear and record the historical structures; and 3) generate an overall map of the structures, their size, and their placement. Along with archival research, this would provide insights into the spatial organization of the town, as built by the original Alsatian migrants. The goal was to see how the spatial organization and architectural choices in D’Hanis compared to Castroville, the similar Alsatian settlement 30 miles east. This data on the old town of D’Hanis would also allow us to understand the changes in spatial and material decision-making that occurred between Old and New D’Hanis during the new town’s relatively rapid period of construction.



Figure 3: St. Dominic’s Catholic Church in Old D’Hanis, TX. Photo by P. Markert, 2018.

Additionally, I was interested in examining how the towns’ landscapes, divergent histories, and shared historic migration were perceived in the present. Many of the residents in both towns are descendants of the original settlers, several of which grew up speaking Alsatian. In addition to surveying the old town of D’Hanis, I conducted an extensive oral history project to look into the ways local residents in both towns remembered, narrated, and related to the historic Alsatian migration, as well as other local migrations into the area including Mexican, Anglo-American, and German.

Methods

The field season in late 2018 began after a lot of intensive archival and historical research, which I completed between 2017 and 2018. This included digitizing many local primary documents and photographs, researching early writings on both towns, scanning maps and plats, and conducting land deed and census research. I also established contacts with local landowners and secured permissions, as all of the structures were located on private property. The oral history component of the project was largely completed in August 2018.

Once in the field, we confirmed that seven structures of interest dated to between 1850 and 1880. First, we cleared the ruins of all plant growth and debris, a task that often took several days. Once clear, each room and external area was assigned a context number and mapped, recorded, and photographed. Surface artifact finds were recorded and photographed but not collected. We then completed architectural elevation drawings of the exterior walls and interior features such as fireplaces. GPS points were taken at each exterior corner. Finally, each structure was photographed for close-range photogrammetry. This involved walking around the structure and taking a thousand or more photographs at regular horizontal and vertical intervals, using a pole when necessary. Using Agisoft Metashape Pro (then called Photoscan), we used these photographs to create precise 3-dimensional dense point clouds of the structures, which could then be used for scaled plan views and other measurements.

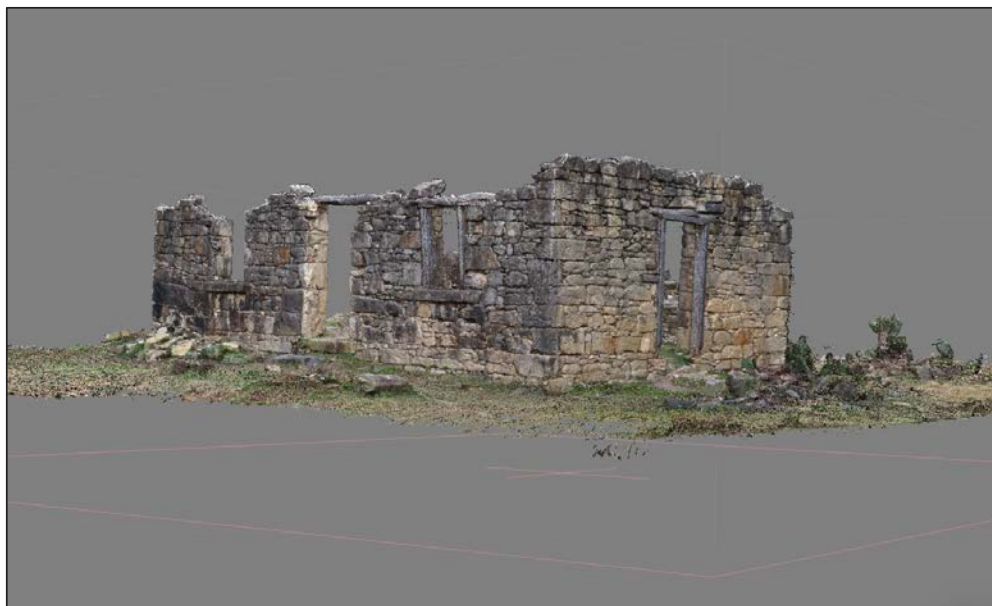


Figure 4: Example of dense point cloud created using Agisoft Metashape Pro. 19th century structure in Old D'Hanis, TX. Created by P. Markert, 2018.

I am still processing a lot of this data but am excited about the initial results, as well as the possibilities of close-range photogrammetry for site documentation and mapping. I hope to be able to report on my analysis and conclusions in Spring 2020. As for preliminary findings and observations, it appears that Old D'Hanis did follow some of the same plans – both in regard to town plans and architectural plans – as Castroville, but with more of a tendency towards modification and improvisation. This could have been due to difficult access to building materials and resources in the more remote location. This early improvisation – and the remoteness it may have been in response to – could have precipitated the town's willingness to relocate closer to the railroad and adopt new styles, rather than prioritizing old methods of construction and community organization.

Community Outreach

To conclude, I would like to discuss our community outreach and collaboration efforts, which were a large part of this project's design and implementation. This has been a community archaeology project from the start, building on the excellent community partnership developed by my faculty advisor, Dr. Ruth Van Dyke, during the Biry-Ahr House investigations in 2013-2016 (Van Dyke 2017).



Figure 5: Community event and participatory mapping workshop in D'Hanis, TX. Photo by P. Markert, 2018.

During our fieldwork in 2018, we had several opportunities to involve the local community in our work. The crew volunteered during a local kindergarten and first grade class field trip to the Landmark Inn State Historic Site, where we organized several archaeology stations geared towards early archaeological education for kids. I had the opportunity to give a guest presentation to the Hondo-D'Hanis Rotary Club on our work, as well as the featured talk at the quarterly Castro Colonies Oral History Association meeting. We gave several site tours to local residents, which always provided new insights and histories into the buildings.

I was also able to organize three open houses for the local community in D'Hanis and Castroville, during which I displayed photos of our work, provided large maps for participatory mapping exercises, and gave presentations on our findings. Each of these events had wonderful turnouts, with between 40–60 people in attendance. The ongoing oral history project has also been a big part of this community work and has served to create many strong local ties, while creating an archive of recorded and transcribed stories to provide back to the local community.

Acknowledgements

This project has had the generous support of the Council of Texas Archeologists, the National Geographic Society, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, and the Binghamton Research Foundation.

Many, many thanks to the wonderful, welcoming, and generous communities of D'Hanis and Castroville (and indeed Medina County as a whole); to the Castro Colonies Heritage Association, which has supported this project in both material and spirit; to my incredible crew, Hunter Crosby, Nolan O'Hara, and Emily Sainz; my advisor Ruth Van Dyke and committee members Randy McGuire and Sabina Perrino; and to the many people who have supported and made this project possible – from my heart, thank you.

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Casas Grandes Pottery Research in the American Southwest

Samantha Bomkamp
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Samantha Bomkamp is a current master's student at the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee doing research on a collection of Casas Grandes (Chihuahua, Mexico) vessels at the Milwaukee Public Museum (Milwaukee, WI) for her master's thesis. While in New Mexico this summer, Samantha was able to do further research on similar vessels at the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (Santa Fe, NM) and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology (El Paso, TX).

Museum of Indian Arts and Culture (Santa Fe, NM)

Samantha visited the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture in June 2019 and examined and photographed six Casas Grandes vessels. These vessels were selected from the museum due to their relationship with Peter Wray, the major donor of Samantha's thesis collection at the Milwaukee Public Museum. These vessels represented two types of Casas Grandes wares: Ramos Polychrome (N=5) and Ramos Black (N=1). Ramos Polychrome is the most popular and abundant of the Casas Grandes Wares making this sampling quite standard.

The designs on the five Ramos Polychrome vessels offered a variety of styles and artistic capabilities. One of the vessels simply had four thick stripes that worked their way horizontally across the vessel's body. Others had more intricate interlocking geometric designs. All vessels contained elements of symmetry which is diagnostic of Casas Grandes ceramics. This theme was coined as dualism by Christine and Todd VanPool (2007) and is discussed heavily in many of their Casas Grandes publications. These characteristics are believed to be indications of further beliefs in the Casas Grandes culture and can be compared to other elements such as architecture (VanPool 2003:155).

Other notable designs include the "P" motif. This element also follows the duality rule where you will often find opposite "P" (or Club) symbols opposite one another on the vessel (VanPool and VanPool 2007:38-39). A comparative vessel can be seen below from the Milwaukee Public Museum's collection (Figure 1).



Figure 1: Catalog #49564. Example of "P" motif on a vessel from the Milwaukee Public Museum. Photo by Samantha Bomkamp with permission by the Milwaukee Public Museum.

El Paso Museum of Archaeology (El Paso, TX)

In July 2019, Samantha visited the El Paso Museum of Archaeology and examined 10 vessels from their collection. The types included: Ramos Polychrome (N=4), Corralitos Polychrome (N=1), Madera Black on Red (N=1), Playas Red- Red on Brown (N=1), Playas Red Incised (N=1), Villa Ahuamada (N=1), and Ramos Black (N=1). Samantha especially focused on the analysis of polychromes during this visit for comparative analysis with the Milwaukee Public Museum's collection and assist her study of iconography on Casas Grandes vessels. The El Paso Museum collection had a wider variety of motifs and designs, including effigy vessels.

Multiple animals were represented within the sample. Macaw imagery is very common and can be simple or abstract. Other animals are also common, especially other types of birds, reptiles, and amphibians. Samantha selected three animal effigy pots at the El Paso Museum; one vessel is a frog, another has two snakes winding around the vessel (see Figure 2), and the last has two birds protruding from the front and back. Depictions of animals can help us understand the importance of such creatures to the Casas Grandes people; as mentioned previously, the VanPools' have been able to link many of these animals to actual species (VanPool 2003; VanPool and VanPool 2007).



Figure 2: Snake Effigy Vessel at the El Paso Museum of Archaeology. Photo by Samantha Bomkamp with permission by the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

Two human effigies vessels were also examined. One is in the form of a hooded effigy; this means that the human form is part of the vessel body and does not include the entire form of the human body, just the head. The other is a male figure laying down and the vessel forms his torso. It has been argued that effigies across the Southwest region can often represent specific individuals or occupations, such as shamans (VanPool 2003: 297- 318). Face paint is also an important motif to note as this provides clues of rituals.

Geometric designs in this collection also followed the duality theme. Various motifs can be seen throughout mirroring one another. For example, the common stepped design is quite common in Chihuahua polychromes; the design often includes opposing black and red designs (see Figure 3).

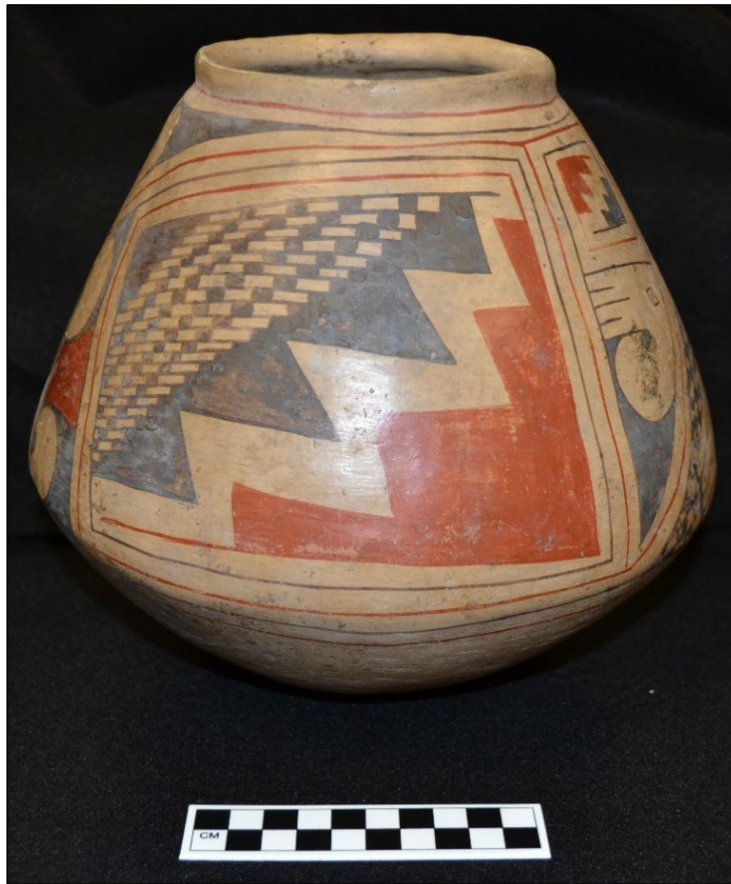


Figure 3: Ramos Polychrome Vessel showing at least two different stepped motifs. Photo by Samantha Bomkamp with permission by the El Paso Museum of Archaeology.

Lastly, the El Paso Museum of Archaeology collection also included a large variety of wares outside the most common ware, Ramos Polychrome. A few of these are utilitarian wares such as Playas Red Incised and Ramos Black. These types are equally as important to investigate in order to understand the progression of Casas Grandes pottery throughout time. Many motifs can be tracked to earlier wares, such as the stepped motif mentioned previously (VanPool and VanPool 2007:35-42).

Research Continued

Information gathered from these museums will be included in Samantha's final thesis and will add valuable information to the Milwaukee Public Museum's knowledge of the Casas Grandes region.

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Spring 2019 CTA Meeting Minutes

April 5, 2019

Camp Mabry, Austin

Registration - 8:30 am

Call to Order - 9:12 am

Announcements:

Jon Lohse: Welcome to Austin, we've got a lot to cover today and two great guest lectures this afternoon so no announcements, lets approve the minutes.

Approval of Minutes, Fall 2018 Meeting:

An unknown member moves to approve the Fall 2018 minutes, there are several seconds, the motion carried unopposed.

Motion to Accept Officers Reports

Moved to approve, motion carried unopposed.

Officers Reports:

President (Jon Lohse):

My current term expires next spring, I could serve a third term but if you want to serve, please talk to Bill Martin. I'm happy with the amount of work people have been putting into this organization. Moving forward, there is a massive growth in the membership of this organization. We are active and engaged and there are many benefits to the membership. There is a lot of CRM work going on and so we have a ton of professionals at work in the state of Texas. This creates opportunities, it creates challenges, and it creates the appearance of chaos so it's important we are clear how CTA works with the THC, etc.

Regarding how this affects our standards and guidelines- the CTA will present the best practices that should be met for differing aspects of our work. We work in the democratic process, make committees, make documents available to the membership, and take the comments into consideration. We adopt or not, and then the second step is with the THC and they decide

if they are enforceable, etc. If they can't be enforced as they are, there will be back and forth, dialog, and we will see them again.

Vice President (Andi Burden): Firstly, the Fall 2018 Careers in Archeology Social was a great success! Many thanks to Kay Hinds and Kristi Nichols, and to all our table sponsors! Be sure to drop by this year's Social and take advantage of the opportunity to network.

Secondly, looking forward in 2019, I've been working with the EC and others to reach beyond CTA to proactively address inadvertent discoveries of historic-era cemeteries through a new initiative aimed at enhancing online GIS-enabled databases for desktop review with additional cemetery locations, prioritizing areas of the state where inadvertent discoveries due to accelerated development are high risk, and determining a timeline for implementation. This initiative seeks win-win solutions for public and private project sponsors and the affected resources, while enhancing our ability to meet the updated Cemetery Identification Standards under development by the Standards and Guidelines Committee. The initiative also seeks two-way communication between a CTA core team and folks outside of CTA (e.g., county historical commissions, county archeological site stewards, well-known cemetery researchers and preservation advocacy groups, urban planners, and chairs of area councils of government). I will be providing more details on this later in the meeting and making a proposal to the membership for action.

Lastly, in order to properly support this initiative, I have chosen not to run for re-election as Vice President. Thank you to the EC members for their support and professionalism. It has been a great two years and I will miss the collaboration with each and every one of you. Also, thank you to the membership for being engaged in such important work and for trusting me to do the job in your interest. I am grateful and look forward to passing

on what I have learned to the next Vice President of the CTA.

Past President (Missi Green): Continue to support the executive committee. On the ad-hoc committee to create the ethics committee. Thank you to Nesta Anderson and Duane Peter for their work on pulling this together.

Secretary (Amanda Castañeda): I just wanted to thank everyone for their patience and support as we have moved forward with the new membership tracking system - Wild Apricot. The biggest thing I have to say is if you are having any trouble with the system or receiving communications, please contact me or the EC early and often. We want to know when things are happening and we really appreciate clear communication with details of what is going on. If you have not been receiving communication- first step, figure out if you are a member, then go from there. Our previous methods were not as effective- to become a member it was up to the secretary to add emails to an excel sheet and then a gmail list- this doesn't sound like much but through the years there was human error, changes of email addresses, etc., and it seemed like our email list was never accurate. We are likely going to continue this change into the Wild Apricot system including bringing the contractor list into the system. Catherine will speak more on this topic later.

Our numbers have jumped since the spring newsletter which is typical. We have 96 Principal Investigators (43 of which have an affiliated Contractor Listing), 71 Professional Archaeologists, 16 Students, 5 Retirees, and 5 Institutional (non-voting) memberships. This brings us to a total of 192 memberships. So we are basically at the same number that we ended with last year. This is fantastic since we always get more memberships trickling in throughout the year and I think it really shows the growth of CTA so we want to make sure we are doing good work here to benefit the membership.

Finally, thank you for letting me step in as a temporary secretary for the past year. It has been a pleasure to work with these fine folks and serve the CTA.

Treasurer (Eric Schroeder): As of February 24, 2019 the status of the CTA accounts is as follows: The operating account totals \$23,747.46; the money market saving is \$18,922.60; and the scholarship account is at \$9,128.73. On February 1, 2019, the budget committee convened and charted out the budget for the 2020 calendar year. I appreciate the hard work of Leslie Bush, Katie Canavan, Erin Phillips, and Maggie Moore for their help in conducting the analysis and coming up with a budget we can work with. I am pleased to report that the budget was unanimously approved by the executive committee on February 7, 2019. See Eric's report in the spring newsletter for more detailed highlights of the 2019 to 2020 budget comparison.

Someone expressed concern with accepting a deficit budget.

Mark Denton- the auditing committee discussed this and when we voted on the budget. With this small of a deficit we can allow money from the savings account to account for the possible deficit

Ron Ralph - We need to specify where the line item "other donations" for \$2,500 is coming from. Eric briefly explained the pending THC grant that has to have monies already in place to match, we will revisit this during the budget committee report and vote on the budget at that time.

Newsletter Editor (Tina Nielsen): Thanks to everyone for their newsletter contributions. The standards and guidelines committees especially did a lot of work and thank you for everyone's efforts.

Agency Reports:

Texas Historical Commission (Pat Mercado-Allinger):

Personnel - Region 6 (South Texas, from Bexar County to Rio Grande) position recently vacated by Casey Hanson. We are actively seeking applicants with knowledge and experience relating to the region and especially, Spanish Colonial archeology.

Until the position is filled, the counties have been temporarily assigned to other members of the AD review team. Submittals via eTRAC will go directly to the appropriate reviewer. The THC website is in the process of reflecting the vacancy and should be referring folks to the main AD email address.

Review and compliance - We encourage consultants to make use of the archeological_projects@thc.texas.gov email address for project shapefile submittal. We are now machine reading the emails and automatically compiling the emails and attachments to a database for reviewers to use. Please attach the shapefiles directly to your email. We cannot accept FTP download with this method. Shortly, you will be receiving auto-generated emails if your shapefiles are found to be corrupted or incorrectly attached. As always, contact your regional reviewer if you have issues with shapefile submittal. A reminder that for Section 106 ONLY reports, contractors may submit their final reports via eTRAC. Don't forget to email the shapefiles (as just described) and complete an abstract form. This does NOT apply to final report submission for Antiquities permitted projects.

To aid archeological consultants new to Texas, we have added guidance to the "What to Submit for Project Review" section of the THC website. New applicants for Antiquities permits and RCRI (Texas Archeological Sites Atlas) access.

Submit detailed CVs!!! Submission of a simplified, 1-page CV does NOT help us to assess qualifications

for either issuance of a permit or access to the restricted Atlas.

A reminder to PIs moving from one firm to another—please make arrangements to transfer Antiquities permits prior to your departure. Remember that there is a form that must be submitted to THC that requires both the current and proposed PIs to sign. THC will determine if the proposed new PI is eligible to receive the permit.

THC is working on a site condition study for TxDOT. The goal is to identify sites within specified rights-of-way that are extant, partially destroyed, destroyed, or unknown. This information will eventually be incorporated into the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas (along the lines of the eligibility data added to the TASA).

Curatorial Facility Certification Program - The Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas was recently added as the 17 CFCP facility. THC members will be considering the re-certification of the Museum of the Coastal Bend (Victoria) at the April 16th quarterly business meeting. SMU Anthropology Dept. personnel are working on in-house collections in advance of submitting their CFCP application. CFCP coordinator Brad Jones has been in regular communications with them and is confident that we will be receiving this application in the (reasonably) near future.

Texas Archeological Stewardship Network - We are in the process of finalizing the membership roster. Over the past four months we've had a few stewards drop from the network due to health reasons (and one death). Staff recently reviewed steward nominations and selected four nominees to invite into the program. To date, three of the four have accepted and we expect the fourth acceptance to be received shortly. With these additions we will have another steward in the Amarillo area, two in the Rio Grande Valley and another in Brazoria County. Contact Becky Shelton for additional information about the program.

Texas Archeology Month - Maggie Moore is now serving as the TAM coordinator. We encourage CTA members to help to plan and participate in TAM events this October. Once we have had a chance to update the THC website, we will put out a call for TAM event hosts to submit information about their events to the THC for the online calendar of events. We are planning to design a new TAM poster this year.

TPTF 2020 - FY 2020 grant applications were recently reviewed. A total of 29 project applicants have been invited to submit a project proposal; this includes two archeological (curatorial) and four heritage education (two of which are archeology-related). These project proposals are due to THC on or before July 12, 2019.

Looting Conviction - TPWD Game Warden Kenny Lee arrested two men in the process of looting a prehistoric archeological site in February 2017 on the Stowers Ranch in Kerr County. The property is privately-owned and the owner was unaware of this unauthorized activity.

- Warden Lee contacted the Cultural Resources Division of TPWD and Tiffany Osburn of the Archeology Division was invited to a meeting in March of 2017 to discuss next steps.

- The following month, Osburn, Lee, and TASN member Steve Stoutamire met with the landowners. Richard and Josephine Smith, to take measurements and record observations of the damage.

- Osburn employed procedures developed for assessing damage on federal properties and obtained cost estimates for investigations of a comparable area from archeological contractors. Assessed value of the damaged area

- exceeded \$300,00 which allowed the District Attorney to pursue first degree felony charges against the looters.

- Both men were indicted and this year, in pleas, one man received a reduced charge of State Jail Felony (180 days to 2 years of jail time), with 5 years' probation and a \$1800 fine. The second offender received 2 years' probation and a \$1800

fine. These are technically convictions.

- We are planning to publicize this outcome as it provides an important example for looting cases.

- Secondly, law enforcement training to create awareness in the law enforcement community will be pursued.

Hurricane Harvey Emergency Supplemental Historic Preservation Fund Grant Program - The NPS has awarded Texas a grant for historic preservation projects to address damage resulting from Hurricane Harvey. THC is managing this grant program and will soon be soliciting applications for emergency grants. Once the NPS-THC agreement has been executed, a formal call for applications will be announced. Additional information and a draft application form may be found on the THC website.

Historic Sites (Report by Brett Cruse) - Not too much happening that is of concern to CTA. There is a small amount of archaeology going on at San Felipe and Levi Jordan Plantation ahead of some planned development. Coastal Environments, Inc. is doing that work for us. Those investigations are in the final stages of analysis and report preparation. There is also a crew from Coastal Environments at the French Legation here in Austin doing a small amount of testing ahead of our planned site renovations that will begin later this summer.

Part of the THC Sunset Bill includes the transfer of 6 additional historic sites from the TPWD to the THC. These include Washington-on-the-Brazos, San Jacinto Battleground, Fanthorp Inn, Monument Hill and Kreische Brewery, Port Isabel Lighthouse, and Lipantitlán.

We have entered into a MOA with the NPS for assistance with interpreting the El Camino Real de Los Tejas at Mission Dolores.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (Jon Lowe): Michael Strutt will be here after lunch. We are conducting the TAS field school as Palo

Duro this summer. It promises to be a good time, please consider coming to it.

The state cultural resources program is at full staff for the first time in a long time. Jason Chambers is the new Region 4 director. Megan from TRC is now on the survey team. Brett Cruse just covered the transfer of TPWD sites to THC. We have several projects upcoming.

Texas Department of Transportation (Scott Pletka): We are mid-cycle for the general contracts. Will be posting a project specific project for sites in NE Texas (including one major Caddo site) in June. The remainder of my time will be answering anonymous questions to TxDOT:

Q1: What is TxDOT's NHPA Section 110 responsibilities? Or, why doesn't TxDOT do something about the Frio Co. site, or construction work at this important site in the ROW, etc.

A1: TxDOT doesn't have any Section 110 responsibilities, because:

- TxDOT is not a federal agency (assigned approval responsibilities for projects), so we do not have any 110 responsibilities
- TxDOT ROW is state land (not federal land)
- TxDOT does not have archeological site management responsibilities under the Antiquities Code
- TxDOT only has statutory authority to pay for investigations related to projects. There is some level of concern in the public about monies being spent on archaeology (previous governor campaign).

Q2: When does TxDOT need to review an Antiquities Permit?

A2:

- I review and sign when it's a TxDOT project (including projects with local government "sponsors")
- I don't review or sign for projects that are not highway projects (utility installation) or projects that have a formal local sponsor and no FHWA money/approval

Q3: Will the incentive to team with other firms ever be added back to the general services contracts? Why was this changed? Otherwise, it seems like the same companies will win these contracts over and over. Even though TxDOT says they want new contractors.

A3: I don't think so. In the past, we evaluated proposals for the general services contracts based on the team members and their experience. Got great teams pitched to us, with key staff from different firms teamed up into a single superteam. In practice, however, we had a lot of trouble getting access to team members who weren't staff of the prime provider. So, in the end, we usually ended up getting the staff employed directly by the prime provider. Evaluating the prime seems like a more honest approach, based on these experiences. Opportunities for newer and smaller firms are available through the project-specific contracts.

Q4: Why are contracts managed according to the whims of individual TxDOT staff archaeologist? We think this leads to a lot of confusion and miscommunication out there.

A4: Two possible questions here, so I'll give two answers. Questions are procedural and substantive:

- Procedural: If the mechanics for how scopes and budgets are negotiated and evaluated seems very different, that might be a problem. Summer Chandler is our ace contract manager. You can bring your concerns to her for resolution.
- Substantive: a particular archeologist has some latitude to explore issues that interest them, as appropriate to a project. Consultants have long had that latitude to follow their joy; I want my staff to have same opportunity for professional development and job satisfaction

Q5: Are there any "big picture" questions that TxDOT, as a program, tries to address (as allowable dependent on the suitability of important data) from one project to the next? We see a lot of resources made available for archeology, and there seems to be an opportunity to build on

certain “narratives” over time, but this rarely seems to be the case.

A5: I’m personally interested in “big picture” narratives. For example, I very much admire the work done by Steve Shennan and colleagues to synthesize the archeological record for early Neolithic Europe. There are limitations on what TxDOT can achieve on its own. The sites that we excavate are frequently disparate in space and time, which makes it hard to develop a historic context that would apply to them. The return on investment would be low. Right now, for example, we’re working on sites in: Smith Co, Mason Co, Nueces Co, Denton Co, Ellis Co., and Crane Co. Upcoming work in El Paso and Anderson Counties. So, I don’t know that we can easily slot stuff right into “narratives”. Not sure that the data is sufficiently robust for that yet anyway, in many places.

Our approach has long been to advocate for:

- Robust dating, focusing on sample selection that will allow us to date specific events
- Rigorous and explicit evaluations of integrity, so we know what research questions might be answerable with that data
- Collection of certain paleoenvironmental data that can be directly dated (mesquite xylem study; bone isotopic studies of rabbit and deer). These observations should be compatible across space and time
- Collection of comparable observations, to facilitate inter-site comparisons and future research

Q6: What is TxDOT’s most important priority to achieve through its contracting programs? I know TxDOT builds roads, but what other considerations does the ENV/ARCH program weigh when it comes to conducting work through its various contracts?

A6: I think I addressed this in the previous question. Seems like a question about outcomes - what kind of outcomes do we want? But maybe this question is asking about how we evaluate the RFPs and what we’re looking for when we develop the evaluation criteria and evaluate proposals. Different answers for different contracts. Survey

contracts - want the ability to mobilize, do work all over the state, and find sites. General services - need a jack of all trades, firms that can do competent work regardless of site. Project-specific - looking for a team of experts, who can really put their own stamp on a project.

Q7: In Scott’s view, what could be done to improve to status of Texas archeology?

A7: From this and the previous questions, I sense there’s some desire among the CTA membership for a shared vision toward which we should all be contributing. Beyond the approach that I’ve previously described (production of data that are as broadly useful as possible), such a vision would be most effective if it comes from the membership and broader community. TxDOT has experience advocating and imposing certain approaches. That experience shows that it is more effective if those initiatives come from you (bottom-up approach). We’re willing and eager to support those initiatives.

Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (Jonathan Jarvis): Mike Collins and Gault are now back at TARL - lots of research activity as of late, lots of people using the collections. One request - if in your interactions with agencies, they say they speak for TARL, please check with TARL first. It’s often a miscommunication but speak with the appropriate TARL staff. Thank you.

Center for Archaeological Studies (Todd Ahlman): We have been in the process of increasing our space for the curation facility, construction has now begun. This project will increase our curation space by 50% so we are excited about that. Also, we have just finished year 1 as a satellite facility for US army CORE veterans program. It’s been successful, they are working with Texas collections as well as other US Core collections. Relatedly, but the government is looking for cut funding for this - please consider writing your representative about the value of this program.

Standing Committee Reports:

Auditing (Mark Denton): We met with Eric in early March to go over the budget, books, etc. and everything checked out.

Budget Committee (Eric Schroeder): Eric presented a conceptual review of his Rural Lands Initiative. Broadly, this project aims to facilitate communication with archaeologists and private landowners to create a beneficial relationship. The committee would use local organizations to be able to reach the private landowners. Following Eric's run down of the budget and landowner initiative, the floor was opened for discussion:

Catherine Jalbert- Once we move the website over to Wild Apricot we should not need the Square line item anymore.

Marybeth Tomka- I'm not comfortable with how the budget is presented, it really needs more clarity

Brett Cruse- referring to the landowner initiative, how is the money to be spent?

Eric S.- The monies go towards a strategic planning session at the beginning, we need to identify key stake holders, create pilot studies, travel to different areas of the state, etc. The monies will help compensate travel and lodging for members of the committee.

Unknown member- Will this organization stand on its own?

Eric S.- it's an initiative within the CTA, so yes potentially monies will go towards this every year from now on. It is unknown how much will go towards it each year.

Unknown member- How will you measure success or effectiveness of this initiative?

Eric S.- Those measures will be worked out as

part of the strategic planning

Denton - Will the executive committee be setting up and executing this phase?

Eric S.- Initially the EC will help out. Then give it to a committee to manage. *If we don't get the THC grant, then the amount that will go towards the initiative will be \$3954 and we will not carry a deficit budget.

An unknown member made a motion to approve the initiative, and there was a second. No vote was called because more discussion ensued:

Frederick: It would be beneficial to see a more detailed plan of the initiative before we vote on it.

Douglas: Point of order - before we vote, we need to have the information available.

Jon Lohse tabled the motion for the sake of time and we will come back to this discussion after lunch.

Communications (Catherine Jalbert): I've been working on the Wild Apricot system and it has been successful. There is an option to communicate with all the membership via the discussion forum, but you must subscribe to it to get notifications about discussions. It might make sense to move all of our online presence over to Wild Apricot.

*There was a question from the membership about the cost to move the website over to Wild Apricot. The answer is there is no cost, just Catherine's time. One caveat to this is that Wild Apricot is tied to membership levels so once we reach 250 members, the cost of the website does go up a little bit.

There was a motion to move the website over to Wild Apricot to streamline the process. There were several "Seconds". The motion carried with none opposed.

Contractors List (Erin Phillips): At the close of 2018 we had 49 contractors. So far in 2019 we've had several new companies join as a contractor. We're currently in the mid-40s. This is great and we should continue to get more through the year.

Curation (Marybeth Tomka): Nothing much to report at the moment. Just a quick reminder - Regardless of which curation facility, please contact them in advance to make sure you understand their guidelines so your collections don't get bounced.

Governmental Affairs (Nesta Anderson-State, Duane Peter-Federal):

Nesta Anderson: Duane and I are monitoring several things that are upcoming and also going on in other states but we have nothing solid to report at this moment.

Duane Peter: Not present.

Membership (Katie Canavan): In regard to the student research grant - last year's recipient submitted a great summary and photo spread of her research on Alsatian settlement in the Hill County. This year there are 2 winners: Matthew Coy (ACC) who will be surveying a private 37-acre ranch in Fayette County. Grant monies will go towards supplies. Peggy Hall, a master's student at UTSA focus on the Chandler site, a multi-component site (late paleo-archaic-late prehistoric). The awarded monies will go towards 5 radiocarbon charcoal and bone samples from CAR.

Multicultural (Mary Jo Galindo): Not present today.

Nominations (Bill Martin): Today we will have a vote to replace to replace the VP and Secretary. Unlike recent years, all of the candidates contacted Bill and he is impressed with the level of involvement and the desire from new folks to contribute.

Public Education (Todd Ahlman): The E. Mott Davis award is still around and we like it to be awarded each year. It is a great recognition so email Todd if you see people doing great public outreach.

Standards and Guidelines Committee (Jodi Jacobson/Nick Trierweiler): We have been very active as of late, as you might know. We decided to start with discovery level resources based on the feedback from membership. We presented at the fall 2018 meeting in October, incorporated feedback, posted online and let membership review, and incorporated comments again. We formed ad hoc committees of specialists for each of these different standards and guidelines.

For Terrestrial Guidelines- the biggest comment/concern dealt with the 30% ground visibility. In an attempt to clarify, we are talking about 30% in upland and erosional and even so, you still need to do representative shovel tests. The 2nd major concern was in regard to field reporting, there are updates coming in the next section but we were trying to focus on what is happening in the field before reporting.

For Mechanical Guidelines- Some folks feel like we don't need mechanical standards, but we disagree. The 2nd most common concern deals with auguring (both hand and machinery).

For Cemetery Guidelines - we have decided to wait on this so ours can dovetail nicely with the guidance from the THC. We would also like to get more comments so this is on the backburner for now.

Special/Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

History (Reign Clark): Not here.

Old Business:

Jon: There has been a ton of work going into this so let's get into it. He summarized what is

going on, what we are voting on (Terrestrial and Mechanical Survey).

Terrestrial Survey - Jon called the question to adopt the terrestrial standards, an unknown member provided a first motion then another unknown member provided a second. A short discussion ensued:

Arlo - this is really meant for "Intensive" survey, not for reconnaissance

Ralph - I'm concerned that we haven't had enough time to go over these standards, can we wait to read more?

Jodi - we feel as we have given sufficient time

Jon - there will be some sort of sunset review process, we can amend these 1, 2, 3 years from now. The point is not to push these through ASAP, but rather to address some things that need to be addressed right now. Jodi, will you come back in the fall with some thoughts on a time line of how often we might review these things?

Ralph - Reiterate, I think we need more time.

There was a call to vote, majority aye, 2 nay. The motion carried.

Mechanical survey

An unknown member made the motion to accept the mechanical survey standards. Another unknown member seconded. The motion passed with none opposed.

Cemetery standards (non-voting item)

We are not ready to vote on this today. A lot of this is in response to what has been happening in Texas in recent years and it is a lightning rod topic. We need to meet with stakeholders, descendant groups, etc.

Jodi- if you have other outstanding comments please email them to me (Jodi) and we can continue to incorporate them.

Update on Curation standards (MaryBeth): We are working on it and will have a version to present in the fall.

Update on remote sensing: This is also in

progress.

Jon: We need to form an ad hoc committee for the next standards issue - Reporting.

Maggie Moore has volunteered already, anybody else? *Russ Brownlow, Andi Burden, Amy Goldstein, Abby Peyton, and Ann Scott volunteered.* Thank you all.

New Business:

Lost Cemeteries Task Force Proposal (Andi Burden): Andi presented on her proposed Lost Cemeteries Task Force initiative. This group will become an ad hoc committee in the future to pursue these objectives.

Discussion of Ethics Statements, vote to adopt:

Jon Lohse- The CTA is one of the few organizations that does not have an ethics statement that we require our members to agree to. We provided a proposed ethics statement to review online before the meeting and we would like to vote on it today. Any discussion?

Marybeth - The ethics statement needs to consider curation, it currently does not.

John Lowe - What's the enforcement mechanism?

Jon Lohse - The answer is that it must be self-enforced, similar to other organizations. CTA is not a policing organization.

The question was called and an unknown member moved to adopt the ethics statement, there was a second and it passed with 2 members saying "nay".

Jon- All considerations for the ethics statement should be directed to Nesta and we will work through that.

Discussion of by-law statements

-There was a proposed change in Article III, Section 3, regarding members agreeing to abide by the council's ethics statement. We did not vote to adopt this bylaw change today as it was not posted in time previous to the meeting.

-There was a proposed change in Article IV,

Section 3, regarding nominations of CTA officers. Jon explained that as more people want to get involved we were turning people away because they worked for the same company as another CTA officer. The suggested change make it so no agency will be represented by more than two persons on the committee and those 2 persons must work at addresses more than 60 miles from one another. Further, the President and Vice-President shall not represent the same agency. Jon called for a vote, the motion carried with none opposed.

Officer Elections

Bill - Are there any nominations on the floor? None.

- For secretary we have 2 candidates that reached out to me prior to the meeting - Scotty Moore and Zach Overfield. The two candidates briefly spoke about why they want to serve and then left the room. The membership and officers moved to one half of the room or the other to vote for their candidate of choice. Scotty won the vote by a narrow margin and will serve as the next secretary.
- For Vice President we only have one candidate - Erin Phillips - there was a call to vote on bringing Erin on as VP. The vote carried with none opposed.

E. Mott Davis Award

Todd Ahlman presented the E. Mott Davis Award to New Braunfels Utilities, The Headwaters of the Comal Non-Profit, and AmaTerra Environmental Inc. for the Data Recovery at the Headwaters of the Comal. Their public outreach efforts for this project have been top notch, including blogs, interactive events on site, lectures, and YouTube video updates. We applaud and admire their level of engagement.

Jodi - We have lots of different types of memberships but we don't have a tribal membership or a TIPO membership. This is something to think about for the future.

Jon suggested we take recess and return to Eric's Landowner Initiative and budget discussion after lunch.

Recess began ~12:30 pm.

Post-Recess

The membership ended recess and resumed the meeting at 1:34 pm.

Eric presented the budget with the initiative completely taken out. We now have a \$1,454 surplus.

Discussion ensued on whether we would include the program or not.

The question was called to vote on the budget without the landowner initiative included, The vote passed with all aye, no opposed.

More discussion on the landowner initiative ensued:

Ron Ralph - what is our money going towards?
Charles Frederick - how is the money going to be spent? What exactly is it?

In general, most folks are concerned with what the project is and who it impacts, how it will be implemented, what the money goes to, etc.

A discussion followed on how we could move forward with this project and work it into the budget. Jon Lohse urged the membership to take this opportunity to support this initiative, as it could be very beneficial for moving forward with private landowners and the cultural resources on their land. He proposed that if the THC grant is funded, then the CTA has the latitude to support it with matching funds. Jon called a vote on the matter, the motion carried with mostly ayes and a few nays.

Jon moved to adjourn the meeting, all aye.

Meeting was adjourned at ~2:00 pm.

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