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QUARTERLY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

**Durango, Colorado
March 24, 2012**

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order by President Linda Seyfert on March 24, 2012, at 4:10 pm in the Strater Hotel in Durango, CO. Chapters represented were: Chipeta, Denver, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak, Pueblo, Rock Art and San Juan Basin. Mark Mitchell, CCPA President, thanked CAS for participating in the CCPA meeting and encouraged joint activities.

TREASURER (MICHELE GIOMETTI):

Current assets are \$43,654.44 and liabilities are \$3,000.00. Chapters are reminded to mail or email to Michele their 2011 financial reports, even if it is prior to the audits. Chapters also are reminded to fill out the IRS Form 990-N online before May 15. Three volunteers are needed for the financial audit of the 2011 State CAS records.

MEMBERSHIP (BEV GOERING):

There are 929 chapter members and 657 chapter memberships. Unaffiliated members are 42 and unaffiliated memberships are 38. Institutional memberships are 64.

ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP (PHIL WILLIAMS):

The 2012 CAS Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$5,550 to 14 scholars consisting of 3 undergraduate students, 10 master's candidates, and 1 PhD

candidate.

Jacob Sedig (PhD Candidate, University of Colorado Boulder) \$650

Suzanne Brant (Master's Candidate, Colorado State) \$350

Richard Burnette (Master's Candidate, Colorado State) \$500

Andrew Carroll (Master's Candidate, University of Colorado Boulder) \$300

Sarah Herrera (Master's Candidate, Colorado State) \$300

Lucas Hoedl (Master's Candidate, University of Colorado Denver) \$300

Christopher Johnston (Master's Candidate, Colorado State) \$600

John Koukopoulos (Master's Candidate, University of Colorado Boulder) \$350

Mark Sanders (Master's Candidate, University of Denver) \$500

Rebecca Simon (Master's Candidate, Colorado State) \$500

John Wagner (Master's Candidate, University of Colorado Denver) \$350

Jayson Gill (Undergraduate, Metro State) \$350

Amy Nilius (Undergraduate, Western State) \$250

Audrey Pazmino (Undergraduate, University of Colorado Boulder) \$250

Raffle tickets for the 2012 Alice Hamilton Quilt were distributed to chapters. The raffle prize (quilt) will be circulated among front range chapters and must be returned to Terri Hoff by the July quarterly meeting.

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CAS BOARD MEETING

**CAS Board
Meeting** will be held in Craig on July 28th.

**CAS Annual
Meeting** set for October 5-7, 2012 in Boulder.

2012 Alice Hamilton Scholarship Awards

2012 ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The 2012 Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$5,550 this spring to a field of fourteen Scholars consisting of three undergraduate students, ten Masters Candidates and one PhD Candidate.

All of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers around Colorado. The Scholars were from six institutions across the state, and projects involved research from Paleo-Indian through Historic periods.

The Scholarship requirement is that students be enrolled with at least half-time load at a Colorado institution of higher education in archaeology or related field. Awards are made on the quality of the application and worthiness of the project as it pertains to the enrichment of the field of archaeology, with an emphasis on Colorado, Southwestern or Rocky Mountain archaeology.

The Scholarship fund monies are generated by donation and through fund-raising activities at the State and local Chapter levels. \$750 is the maximum award allowed to any one student.

The 2012 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Jacob Sedig, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$650

For dissertation fieldwork: A Trimble GPS unit for continued investigation of the Woodrow Ruin, a rare unlooted Mimbres site near Cliff, New Mexico.

Suzanne Brant, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$350

Thesis laboratory work: radiocarbon dating of bison bone collagen from the Blanz bison kill site in Larimer County, Colorado

Richard Burnette, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$500

Thesis historical record search: investigation of the socio-economic organization of the Vanoli site red-light district, in data collections at the Ouray County Clerk office, the Ouray Historical Society and Reed Library at Ft. Lewis College, Durango.

Andrew Carroll, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$300

Thesis field and laboratory work: continuing at Villa Maxentius in Rome and at Poggio Civitate near Siena, Italy. Preliminary work toward starting PhD program in the fall.

Sarah Herrera, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$300

For thesis fieldwork: For excavation and analysis of a chulpa, or multi-person above ground burial structure of the Huari Empire in Peru.

Lucas Hoedl, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Denver \$300

For thesis labwork: For Neutron Activation Analysis of 99 obsidian samples for sourcing determination in western Mexico, and critical comparison of these results with classification by visual inspection.

Christopher Johnston, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$600

For thesis laboratory expenses: For AMS dating of bison bone from the Roberts Buffalo Jump, Livermore, CO.

John Koukopoulos, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$350

For thesis fieldwork expenses: For vehicle rental supporting a month-long pedestrian survey of 25 sq-km of the northern piedmont, lower Rio Verde Valley, Oaxaca, Mexico.

Mark Sanders, Masters Candidate, University of Denver, Denver \$500

For thesis fieldwork expenses: For consultation with Archaeological Conservancy, National Trust for Historic Preservation and BLM site stewards program for the development of a collaborative approach to site preservation.

Rebecca Simon, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$500

For thesis field expenses: Working in conjunction with Project Archaeology to develop a 4th grade curriculum for the Vanoli site in Ouray, Colorado

John Wagner, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado, Denver \$350

For thesis laboratory expenses: For analysis of lithic tool and debitage attributes from two adjacent sites from adjacent time periods in western Mexico. *Continued on page 3*

CAS Advisory Board Report to the State Archaeologist

COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY ADVISORY BOARD REPORT TO THE STATE AR- CHAEOLOGIST

Date: February 3, 2012

The new History Colorado Center in Denver will open to the public on Saturday, April 28th, and there will be opening events both the week before and the week after. The State Archaeologist and the head of the State Historical Fund, Steve Turner, are sponsoring a Kick-off event for Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month (AHPM) on the evening of May 3rd (6-9 pm). Dr. Steve Lekson and David Tryba, the architect of the new building, will be the main speakers at this event. Front Range CAS chapter heads and key members of CAS leadership should be invited to this, even though we realize that many who are not within easy driving distance of Denver probably will not be able to attend. In the next year, I hope that CAS groups will be able to visit us. See our web site (www.historycolorado.org) for details regarding the opening events and tickets for attending thereafter. If you plan to be in the area, send Kevin or myself an e-mail so we can

say hi, if we are in the building.

On the weekend of May 5-6 a number of our key partners, including CAS will be joining us for special AHPM events. Other partners who will be present include Historicorps, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, our regional museums (Ft. Garland) and some of our federal partners. Each will be bringing simple activities that teach about the past and benefits of historic preservation. I will be working with Terry Murphy and others in the next weeks to work out details.

Along with my regular duties as the State Archaeologist and one of two Deputy State Historic Preservation Officers, I also am deeply involved in the opening preparations for the museum, five presentations and panel discussions for the April 18-22 Society for American Archeology meetings in Memphis, and of course, professional obligations such as journal reviews, publications, and other requests. It is a great job, but April is going to push me.

Thanks for all your support through the last year.

Richard Wilshusen
State Archaeologist/Deputy SHPO

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Jayson Gill, Undergraduate, Metro State University, Denver **\$350**

For field school expenses: For an eight week internship with a BLM archaeologist, near Taos, New Mexico.

Amy Nilius, Undergraduate, Western State College, Gunnison **\$250**

For independent study expenses: For continuing testing of lichenometric dating of historic artifacts and structures in the Gunnison Basin, Colorado

Audrey Pazmino, Undergraduate, University of Colorado, Boulder **\$250**

For travel expenses: For the poster presentation at SAA meeting of original research on obsidian sourcing by X-Ray fluorescence at southern New Mexico's Black Mountain site.

A heartfelt thank-you is extended to all students who applied, and to the twenty two educators and other professionals who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants. It is very interesting and rewarding for the committee members to read and rank the applications. The decisions were, as always, quite difficult. Scholars are encouraged to apply in subsequent years, if they still meet the eligibility requirements.

C.A.S. requires that the Scholars submit a short written summary on how the monies were used. They are also strongly encouraged to present their research findings or a progress report at the C.A.S. annual meeting, or at a local Chapter monthly meeting or newsletter, as appropriate. Completed papers may also be submitted for publication in C.A.S.' respected quarterly journal, Southwestern Lore. This dissemination of our funded research results is of significant benefit to the C.A.S. membership, to the individual Scholar and to the profession.

This report is being sent to all Scholars, their references, C.A.S. Chapters and to various Colorado public and educational entities as a press release. C.A.S. members who are interested in reading applications may contact the Committee via email, phone or mail.

Respectfully submitted by Philip C. Williams, Chair, C.A.S. Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund Committee

CAS President's Corner

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hi all – If you didn't attend the March Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists (CCPA) Annual & CAS Quarterly Board Meetings in Durango, you missed a great weekend! Not only did we have pleasant weather for March (which those of us from the Front Range were happy about!), but CCPA had an outstanding line-up of intriguing presentations, and CAS held a lively Board meeting. The meetings were held at The Strater Hotel. WOW! What a treat it was to meet, and spend the weekend, at this charming 1887 hotel. This hotel is a National Historic landmark... It's an authentic Victorian hotel with modern conveniences. As the Strater's advertisement proclaims, it's "Old World hospitality plus authentic Old West". It's also a museum with display cases filled with antiques and old west memorabilia, hand-stenciled wall papers, and more. The hotel has the world's largest collection of American Victorian-era walnut antiques.

CCPA had a wide variety of informative topics presented such as "Recent Research on Pleistocene Deposits at the Scott Spring Site" and "Violence during the Chaco to post-Chaco Transition". Also a symposium was held honoring the contributions of **Dr. Elizabeth Ann Morris** to American archaeology.

While CCPA held a raffle to benefit their scholarship program, CAS member, **Terri Hoff**, drove over from Delores to put the CAS Raffle item (a beautiful handmade quilt) on display, and sold more raffle tickets which will benefit the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund! The quilt then began its journey around the state, from chapter to chapter, where it was displayed at each chapter's meeting. I'm sure this has generated much interest (and the selling of more tickets!) This gorgeous quilt will be won by a very lucky person at the CAS Annual meeting in October. Thanks Terri!

On behalf of CAS, I'm very appreciative of the opportunity CAS members had to be invited to join CCPA at their annual meeting and dinner. Thanks to **Kevin Gilmore** and **Mark Mitchell** for including us! Also I want to thank CCPA's **Sean Larmore** who worked with the Strater Hotel to coordinate a room for the CAS Board meeting, held at the conclusion of the CCPA presentations.

The CAS Quarterly Board meeting was not as well attended as usual – possibly due to travel distance or conflicting Spring Break, however, we did have a fair number of members who made the trip. We did have a quorum and had a productive meeting. We welcomed **Mark Mitchell**, new CCPA Presi-

dent. Mark expressed his interest in assuring CCPA and CAS work even more collaboratively going forward, which I feel is of vital importance to both organizations. The Board welcomed **Donna Morgan** (Denver Chapter) as the new PAAC Board member. Donna will serve a two year term. Our state archaeologist, **Richard Wilshusen**, informed us of all the exciting events scheduled at the new History Colorado. Attending the CAS Board meetings keeps Richard informed on CAS archaeology activities in the state, as well as keeps CAS in the loop at the State level.

As you may have heard, we have a location for our 2012 CAS Annual meeting. This year the meeting will be hosted by CAS itself, rather than an individual chapter. Time was running short to get a venue lined up. Thanks to **Karen Kinneer**, CAS Vice President, the Spice of Life in Boulder (same location as 2011) was contacted as a back-up venue. The Call for Papers, sent to prospective speakers, schools and organizations, and which advertises the date and location of the annual meeting, needs to be sent out as soon as possible after the first of the year as it can take months to line up a full day of presentations including a dinner speaker. Ultimately, short on planning time, the CAS Board voted at the March quarterly meeting to host the 2012 meeting at The Spice of Life.

Much appreciation needs to be given to the members of the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Committee. Under the chairmanship of **Phil Williams**, this dedicated committee spent their time (while the rest of us were listening to the CCPA presentations!) reviewing and scoring scholarship applications. The committee did an outstanding job of wading through many applications and reference letters in order to score and award scholarships to deserving students. I look forward to these scholarship winners sharing the results of their research at the Annual meeting!

Every time I attend a CAS board meeting I feel "re-energized"! It's great to meet with fellow professional and avocational archaeologists from around the state, hear detailed reports on archaeological activities and educational efforts of our chapters, and discuss together how to keep this organization strong and moving forward. If you haven't attended a Board meeting, we have vacancies on some of the state committees, and all CAS members are welcome. I hope to see you in Craig in July!

Linda Seyfert, CAS President

URARA CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

CALL FOR PRESENTATIONS

Utah Rock Art Research Association
32nd Annual Symposium, Vernal, Utah
September 24th thru the 27th

The Symposium Committee announces a call for presentations and papers for Utah Rock Art Research Association's 32nd Annual Symposium. This year we particularly encourage presentations which further our understanding of the diverse cultures of northeastern Utah and western Colorado.

We also seek presentations which advance rock art research, bring historical understanding to rock art studies, heighten the experience of visiting rock art both culturally and aesthetically, and consider rock art preservation issues and current threats.

Dr. Lynda McNeil will chair the opening session Saturday morning, focused on rock art in northeastern Utah and western Colorado. She will review the applications for that session. Diane Orr will chair the Sunday afternoon preservation session. She requests submissions for that session dealing specifically with rock art preservation in Utah and western Colorado. Presentations for that session may be 10 to 30 minutes in length. She encourages all types of relevant discussion and presentation formats. The Symposium Committee will review all other applications.

Applicants should submit abstracts of about 150 words.

Upon selection, the abstracts are generally edited and published in our symposium program. Deadline for abstracts is July 7th unless applicants have been given prior approval for a later date. We ask that applicants honor this deadline in order to facilitate the program development. Presentations will be 20 to 30 minutes in length.

Please send all abstract submissions to: beecherllc@aol.com or

Diane Orr, 67 R Street, SLC, UT 84103. Phone: 801-231-2065

We look forward to an exciting symposium program in Vernal and encourage your participation.

Diane Orr, Symposium Program Chair

*Please send abstracts and inquiries to David Sucec, at email: davids@networld.com and Diane Orr at email: beecherllc@aol.com, or mail to: David Sucec at 832 Segoe Avenue, SLC, Utah 84102 (phone 801-359-6904).

*Symposium presenters must use the Power Point medium that will run on a PC laptop (or bring their own). There will be no exceptions. URARA may be able to help accepted presenters in need of converting their presentations to Power Point.

*Symposium presenters will have their symposium registration fee waived, receive a modest honorarium to offset their travel expenses, be a guest of URARA at the banquet, and participate on a special rock art field trip on Friday,

HISTORY COLORADO CENTER SPECIAL EVENT

Forty CAS members from seven chapters contributed time and talent for a special event on May 5 and 6 at the new History Colorado Center (HCC). In celebration of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month, CAS and several other HCC partners offered a variety of presentations for the public at the new museum.

CAS activities included: a poster display about dirt archaeology; a rock art activity; an "identify the artifact" table; a ceramic design activity; pioneer games with string; and a video and display by several Douglas County Scouts. Museum visitors of all ages enjoyed their interaction with the CAS volunteers and activities.

In addition to the satisfaction of providing public education about archaeology and publicizing CAS a bit, the volunteers also had the pleasure of exploring the new HCC facility and exhibits during this event. In summary, a good time was had by all!

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PAAC (KEVIN BLACK):

The 2012 PAAC Summer Training Survey location still remains to be finalized.

Donna Morgan is the new PAAC Coordinator. Five PAAC Certifications were awarded at the meeting: PAAC Scholar -Patrice Rhodes-Baum ((Pikes Peak) and Larry Scarbrough (Roaring Fork Valley), and Provisional Surveyor-Laurie Lee (Pikes Peak), Jim McMillian (Roaring Fork Valley), and Wendy Schiferl (Pueblo).

Questionnaires for the PAAC courses to be scheduled during the last half of 2012 will be sent to chapter PAAC coordinators. The plan is to gradually increase the number of PAAC courses offered compared to those offered during the recent cutbacks. It is planned to schedule 7-8 PAAC courses in the second half of 2012, including those locations not listed on the last two schedules (Alamosa, Boulder, Montrose, Grand Junction, and Gunnison).

PUBLICATIONS / COLORADO ARCHAEOLOGY (KEVIN BLACK):

The papers that were presented at the March, 2011 CCPA symposium honoring Jim Benedict will be published in the third issue of *Colorado Archaeology*, along with a paper by Cerisa Reynolds on faunal remains from Durango area Basketmaker II sites and Jim Benedict's Spotted Pony site summary. Mike Metcalf was assisted in compiling the papers by Jason La Belle, Steve Cassells, and Audrey Benedict. Jason LaBelle and Steve Cassells will be listed on the publication as issue editors. The issue is in final publication and will be published soon.

A new manuscript by Matthew Landt and Robyn Morris, entitled "Lithic Procurement in the Sand Wash Basin", has been received for the next issue of *Colorado Archaeology*.

PUBLICATIONS / WEBSITE (TERRI HOFF):

The CAS website has been updated to include the 2012 contacts

AWARDS (JASON LABELLE):

A request was received from Marcel Kornfeld for a joint award along with Alaska, Arizona, Colorado and Wyoming for Bob Godsoe (Pikes Peak). Motion to forward the request to the Awards Committee for review and drafting of a recommendation to be made to the CAS board at the July

quarterly meeting was approved.

STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (RICHARD WILSHUSEN):

The new History Colorado Center is scheduled to open on Saturday, April 28. Archaeology and Historic Preservation Weekend is scheduled for May 5/6. CAS members will participate in the May 5/6 event. OAHF has prepared submission guidelines for state-owned archaeology collections to address the state's curation crisis.

ANTI-VANDALISM TASK FORCE (TERRY MURPHY):

A proposal was made for CAS to contribute towards the Archaeology and Historic preservation Month posters. Motion to allocate a maximum of \$1000 for the posters was approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

2012 Quarterly Meetings and Annual Meeting

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in Boulder on October 5-7. CAS will sponsor the meeting. A deposit of \$1300 is required to reserve the Spice of Life for the event. Motion to approve \$1300 to reserve the Spice of Life was approved. The July Quarterly Meeting will be held in Craig on July 28/29.

NEW BUSINESS:

DENVER CHAPTER TRANSLATOR

Denver Chapter reported an expense of \$120 to provide a sign translator for a deaf attendee at a general meeting. Sharon Murphy and Karen Kinnear volunteered to investigate the requirements and report at the July quarterly meeting.

MINIGRANTS

\$600 was left from the Historic Preservation Month poster fund. Motion to allocate \$600 to be divided among chapter applicants for Historic Preservation Month minigrants, with no single minigrant to exceed \$200 was approved. President Linda Seyfert thanked the Durango Chapter for hosting the meeting. Motion to adjourn was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Rushforth

COLORADO ROCK ART ASSOCIATION

The Colorado Rock Art Assoc would like to remind everyone that annual membership dues are now due during the month of May. A renewal form can be downloaded from the website. Plans are being considered for the possibility of an annual symposium the later part of October. CRAA

is currently soliciting for a new Vice-President to replace Bonnie Moser. Two replacement Board Directors are also needed. If you are interested, the Board would love to hear from you! For updates, visit the CRAA website at www.coloradorockart.org and follow us on FaceBook at

USEFUL LINKS

History Colorado

<http://www.historycolorado.org/>

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC)

<http://www.historycolorado.org/oahp/program-avocational-archaeological-certification-paac>

Colorado Archaeological Society

<http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/>

Colorado Archaeology Events

<http://www.digonsite.com/guide/colorado.html>

Land Use History of the Colorado Plateau

<http://cpluhna.nau.edu/index.htm>

Bureau of Land Management

<http://www.blm.gov/wo/st/en.html>

Mesa Verde National Park

<http://www.nps.gov/meve/index.htm>

Crow Canyon Archaeological Center

<http://www.crowcanyon.org/>

San Juan Basin Archaeological Society

<http://www.sjbas.org/>

Utah Rock Art Association

<http://www.utahrockart.org/>

Ute Mountain Tribal Park

<http://www.utemountainute.com/tribalpark.htm>

Colorado Plateau Archaeological Alliance

<http://www.cparch.org/>

Indian Peaks Chapter of the Colorado Archaeology Society

<http://www.indianpeaksarchaeology.org/>



2012 CAS Raffle Quilt – "Southwest Mimbres 2"

A queen-sized 'on-point' designer log-cabin quilt in 5 shades of turquoise and clay, featuring Mimbres pot and "critter" feature blocks.

Tickets available beginning March 24

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site is back!**

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haeology.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeology.org)***

Check it out!