

Unapproved Minutes for the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists' 2023 Annual Business Meeting, March 10, 2023, Wright Opera House, Ouray

Submitted by Katie Arntzen, Past Secretary

Annual Business Meeting
Time 8:07–10:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Paul Burnett called the meeting to order at 8:07 am. He announced minor changes to the agenda. Paul will read the Publications, Ethics, and Government Affairs reports. He asked for any additions or changes to the agenda, with none being made. Greg Wolff requested to waive reading of the 2022 Annual Business Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes with corrections previously submitted by electronic mail. The motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed.

Officer's Reports

President Report

Paul Burnett reported on the state of the organization. CCPA has the largest membership base of the organization's history. CCPA is strong financially and there are opportunities to increase funding for grants as well as diversity and inclusion work. CCPA needs to continue the pipeline of new talent into this organization and archaeology as a career. Paul Burnett proposed changes to the strategic plan. He encouraged the organization to think about its niche and what it has to offer the community. Professional organizations like CCPA have a voice that can affect change in the use of outdated terminology, like the recent push by the Society for American Archaeology. CCPA can facilitate the inclusive terminology discussion with native communities to affect change in alliance with State Historic Preservation Offices (SHPOs). He is advocating for CCPA to issue a statement to the Colorado SHPO to phase out outdated terminology in site forms and other standard documentation guidance.

Treasurer Report

Dante Knapp gave a report summarizing the Treasurer's activities. The organization made a profit of \$7,462 in 2022. Conference costs were reduced in 2023 due to a new conference web platform, Zeffy, and increased sponsorship. Legislation changed in Colorado to a Destination Based Sales Tax in the fourth quarter. There is now a tax rate for all cities and counties in Colorado. There is also a new retail delivery fee of \$.29 per item to offset the infrastructure costs of vehicle deliveries.

Secretary Report

Katie Arntzen stated that the Denver Public Library has accessioned the 2021–2022 donation from CCPA. She requested that materials created by CCPA between March 4, 2022, and March 10, 2023 be forwarded to her by May for submission to the Denver Public Library.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Jon Horn thanked the Membership Committee members: Sean Larmore, Kim Kintz, Allison Parrish, Mike Retter, and Jena Sadd. Kim, Allison, and Mike have now served for 10 years, and Jena and Sean have served for two. He also thanked Katie Arntzen and Dante Knapp for keeping the committee up to date with incoming membership applications and renewals. Lastly, he thanked Kelly Pool for quickly sending Ancient Colorado when requested. By the end of 2022, we exceeded all expectations with an all-time high of 231 members,

which are 16 more than we had in 2021. The membership includes 11 Fellows, 187 Voting (including 1 Native American and 7 students), and 33 Associates (including 8 students).

The committee is working to make it easier for people to apply to be members. Paul Burnett has been working on updating the application form and getting a dedicated CCPA email address for applications to be sent. This will get applications to the committee much quicker than by regular mail.

Please renew your membership if you have not done so yet. The committee will be sending out reminders after the annual meeting. We are always looking for new members, please encourage your colleagues, students, and employees to join! Also, remember that if your email changes, please let CCPA know so you won't miss any of the newsletters! And if you ever have any questions about your membership, please contact Jon Horn.

Ethics Committee

Paul Burnett reported on behalf of Marilyn Martorano that there were no ethics complaints.

Newsletter Committee

Jacki Mullen has nothing to report.

Communications Committee

Michelle Slaughter reported that we have 1,767 followers on Facebook. Paul Burnett announced that the listserv was briefly moderated. The moderator has been removed. He reminded members of the listserv's terms and conditions.

Publications Committee

Paul Burnett read the report on behalf of Kelly Pool and Anne McKibbin. Since the last meeting, we've sent out a bigger-than-usual stack of CCPA publications, both sales and donations. Orders were mailed to California (n=1), Colorado (n=14), North Dakota (n=1), Texas (n=1), and Utah (n=1). Thank you to Anne, Aaron Whittenburg, and Kim Kintz for their trips to the post office and FedEx.

Sales were up from last year. We've sold 41 contexts since the last meeting, including four sets of all six contexts—something that hasn't happened since 2009, plus one each of our three Colorado Archaeology issues, the two occasional papers, and Ancient Colorado. The Arkansas and Northern Colorado contexts tied as bestsellers this year, and we sold at least two of each context outside the sets. Only the Historic and the Rio Grande contexts plus Ancient Colorado remain in print; all other contexts plus the occasional papers are CD-only.

Since the last annual meeting, CCPA has donated 395 copies of Ancient Colorado, including 26 to new or renewing CCPA members. The 369 donations for education or archaeology training went to a variety of places and people, including Larimer County 4th graders and teachers as part of Larimer Conservation District's Expedition Colorado; the Douglas County Career Expo for 8th graders at the Legacy Campus in Parker; International Archaeology Day at Roxborough Intermediate School; kids, parents, and teachers at Denver's FanExpo, a comic book convention; new CPW ranger cultural resource training; students in CSU's Advanced Osteology class as part of a presentation with Glenys Echavarri; attendees at South Park Site Stewards' Archaeology Day; and—finally—new South Park Site Stewards. We thank Becca Simon, Rachel Egan, Shawn Fausett, Todd McMahon, and Elin White for getting these books into the hands of kids and adults who appreciate them.

Please remember that Ancient Colorado is free for educational purposes, and we will mail them free of charge as part of the donation. CCPA members--when you renew your membership, consider giving your free copy to a niece, nephew, or neighbor to spur their interest in archaeology. Please take advantage of these great books!

Ward Weakly Scholarship

Mark Mitchell honored deceased CCPA members and other recently deceased Colorado archaeologists. Three scholarships were awarded. All three scholarship recipients are presenting at the 2023 conference. To date, there have been 62 awards to 15 institutions, Colorado State University is the current institutional leader of awarded students. Almost \$37,000 has been distributed. Fundraisers at the 2023 conference include a silent auction and music bingo.

Native American Initiatives Committee

Bridget Ambler thanked committee members Anna Cordova, Greg Wolff, Pete Gleichman, Dan Jepson, Kimball Banks, Amy Nelson, and Jonathan Kent. They did not receive applications in 2022 that met the minimum standards for the scholarships. This spurred discussion on how to encourage more applications. They formed an Indigenous Sub-Committee. Sub-committee members include Anna Cordova, Chance Ward, and Brandon Turner. They recommended that the requirement for tribal enrollment for the scholarship be removed. They want the language to be changed to "Be an enrolled member of a Native American tribe or demonstrate descendant heritage with a tribal community." They will also build their roster of organizations and institutions to publicize the scholarship. The scholarship is for \$1,500.

Education Committee

Committee Co-Chairs Amy Gillaspie and Karin Larkin, and Anna Cordova reported on the committee. Amy Gillaspie and Karin Larkin presented the report to the membership. The Education Committee serves to fulfill the responsibilities and commitment of the CCPA to provide educational and outreach opportunities for its members, future professionals, and the general public. The Committee accomplished this through a variety of channels including programming, dissemination of information, mentorship, etc. over the years.

There has been little new activity since October 2022, and the last annual meeting in March 2022. Recently, we are focused on better understanding how we can serve the CCPA and its members and plan for future directions to lead the Education Committee. We would love feedback from the other committee members or anyone on CCPA who would like to participate in planning sessions. We will have a group happy hour meeting Saturday evening at Red Mountain Brewing at 6:30 PM.

There are 14 people currently "listed" as members of the Committee. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, please reach out to Amy Gillaspie or Karin Larkin. We are currently focusing on creating connections, identifying priority initiatives, and website updates. More on these below.

The committee is working on connecting with the Student Affairs Committee on how we can best support rising professionals. We are brainstorming ideas on how we, as professionals, can provide more mentorship, information and resources about internships or jobs, or other resources students need to succeed in the transition between being students and becoming professionals. We are excited to work with the Student Affairs Committee on these and other areas they identify on how best to partner to achieve our mutual goals. We have reached out to them, but if you also know students who would like to provide feedback, let us know. Likewise, if you are interested in supporting these efforts (either on the student or professional side), please reach out to us, the Education Committee co-chairs Karin Larkin or Amy Gillaspie.

We'd like to continue our connection with the Skype a Scientist program. We need you to participate. If you are interested in giving a presentation about archaeology from the comfort of your own home or office? Then Skype a Scientist might just be the program for you. For more information about the Skype a Scientist program, head over to <https://www.skypeascientist.com/> If you are interested in signing up click this link: <https://www.skypeascientist.com/sign-up.html>. Contact information is: SkypeAScientist@gmail.com. You can also find them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

Connections between CCPA and the CAS. CAS has new Education and Outreach Co-Chairs, Karen Kinnear and Mandy Posgai. We have reached out to them to reconnect. They are currently working on some projects to get their public education activities up and running again so we will coordinate with them on possible synergies. The CAS Chair generally attends and participates in CCPA Education Committee meetings/email chains. We are working to re-establish that connection.

Now that our connection with Project Archaeology has ended, we have a few initiatives that have remained on our radar but have had little movement. These include providing resources and outreach for K-12 students, the Childrens' Book Review, and, of course, the just mentioned Skype a Scientist participation. We would like to also find a way to provide resources to K-12 and archaeology students (both undergrad and graduate) through our website. We would like to look into developing an Education tab if possible to provide access to those resources. We are also open to other ideas/initiatives you may have. So, we could use help and guidance on prioritizing and website updates. If any of these sound of interest OR if you have other initiatives you would like to see prioritized, consider joining us and helping us make them happen!

If you have questions, comments, or offers of assistance feel free to contact one of us at:

Karin Larkin (klarkin@uccs.edu), Amy Gillaspie (amy.gillaspie@ucdenver.edu), Anna Cordova (anna.cordova@colosprings.gov).

Student Affairs Committee

No report was received.

Awards and Recognition

Michelle Slaughter has nothing to report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Financial Review Committee

Jody Clauter presented that the investment firm Four Seasons was non-responsive over the last year and the Committee reached out to High Country Capital Investment Management (HCCM), an independent management advisor associated with Charles Schwab and based out of Montrose and Crested Butte. HCCM primarily handles families, individuals, and non-profits. They have a broad array of sustainable investment capabilities while incorporating how investment types fit within the environmental and social considerations that are important to the investors.

CCPA shared the CCPA Bylaws, Financial Investment Guidelines, and Investment Policy Statement (IPS) with HCCM President, Jason Napoli. On Feb. 21, 2023, Jody Clauter, Mary Sullivan, Paul Burnett, Charlie Reed, and Jason Napoli held a zoom meeting. The group discussed socially responsible investments and communication. HCCM's fees will be 0.006%. They discussed having a diversified portfolio based on the IPS document which would keep the same investment structure initially set up at Four Seasons and transfer it over to HCCM, i.e., approximately 60 percent global equities and approximately 40 percent fixed assets with some monetary amounts left in the bank accounts for liquidity and general daily use. Finally, they detailed that a CCPA representative would need to notify HCCM in writing that we would like HCCM to draw up a draft

portfolio to move forward with investing with them. From there, the draft portfolio would be reviewed by the Financial Committee and then the Executive Committee before we would agree to sign paperwork and transfer funds into the investments.

Outside of the investments, the Financial Committee (consisting of Jody Clauter, Chris Johnston, Charlie Reed, and Mike Metcalf) met virtually with CCPA Treasurer Dante Knapp on January 26, 2023. They reviewed the annual treasurer's report and financial statements and found them adequate, discussed investing with HCCM, and strategies and solutions for the new State of Colorado sales tax requirements.

Government Affairs Committee

Paul Burnett reported on behalf of Kimball Banks. There are several pending issues including:

The Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is reviewing Appendix C. The rumor is that they will rescind Appendix C and revert to Section 106. One impetus behind this is that tribes are fed up with the failure of the Corps to consult.

The Department of the Interior has formed a working group to look at possibly revising the 1872 Mining Act and held public hearings on the act.

Draft revisions to NAGPRA have been published for public comment. The final version has not been published. Most of the revisions address repatriation. With respect to most CRM work, the issue is discovery situations. The draft assumes that all discovery situations will be Native Americans, which is not always the case. The draft is silent on who should make the determination: coroners, law enforcement, tribal members, bioarchaeologists?

Proposed revisions to Bulletin 38 – Traditional Cultural Properties (TCPs) are out for public comment until April. TCPs will now be called traditional cultural places.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is drafting a new burial policy. The biggest change is that the policy gives equal weight to burials of all descendent communities, especially African Americans.

There is a rumor that the Department of the Interior is considering revisiting the Secretary of the Interior's Professional Qualifications Standards issued in 1983. The Department published a draft revision in 1997 that was never finalized.

The National Park Service, Society for American Archaeology, Society for Historical Archaeology, American Cultural Resources Association, and American Anthropological Association are developing a workshop, Airlie House 2. The NPS and SAA convened the original Airlie House in 1974 to identify issues facing the federal archaeology program. Some of those topics, such as Native American consultation and professional qualifications are still with us. If you are an SAA member you can download a .pdf of the report from the publication archives on the SAA's website. The SAA sent out a survey to identify potential issues facing the discipline and followed that up with a webinar last month which is available on the SAA website. There will be a presidential forum at the upcoming annual meeting in Portland.

Strategic Plan Steering Committee

Paul Burnett reported on the Strategic Plan Steering Committee. The original Strategic Plan was drafted during the 1998 Annual Meeting. The 1998 plan is archived in the Handbook. The following revisions are intended to create focused objectives and tasks accomplishable in 5 to 10 years. These will be placed in the Handbook and do not require vote. The Ad Hoc Strategic Plan Steering Committee is seeking input on the following objectives.

Objective 1. Increase interest in the preservation of Colorado's archaeological resources.

This objective will be achieved by the CCPA membership hosting and/or promoting informal meet-ups, tours, site stewardship programs, and virtual or in-person presentations concerning Colorado archaeology outside of the annual meetings, including promoting similar offerings by different organizations (e.g., CAS chapters, Crow Canyon Archaeological Center, etc.).

Objective 2. Advocate for and improve consistency in managing Colorado's archaeological resources under state and county permitting requirements.

This objective will be achieved through internal CCPA meetings and/or committee to discuss regulatory requirements, followed by meetings with state and county officials to discuss permitting standards. Summary report(s) will be delivered to the CCPA membership for further discussion.

Objective 3. Incentivize running for an officer position or serving on a committee.

This objective will be achieved by offering free memberships to those who have been voted into office or serve on a committee, with an option for those provided a waiver to still pay and donate membership to a scholarship or the general fund.

Objective 4. Promote publications in Colorado Archaeology: An Annual Publication of Southwestern Lore.

This objective will be achieved by sending out quarterly reminders via the listserv and social media, including reminders in the newsletter, and recommending publication as a form of public outreach for compliance-related mitigation projects.

Objective 5. Increase diversity and inclusion within the CCPA membership.

This objective will be met by soliciting organizations such as colleges, tribal historic preservation officers, state historic preservation officers, and private industry to encourage participation in the CCPA. As of the fall of 2022, 228 members were current on their dues and the CCPA membership has never been larger. Still, some members have expressed concerns about the diversity and inclusion of participating members. A more diverse and inclusive active membership will help ensure the health and evolution of the organization.

Objective 6. Increase the number of applicants and awardees for the Native American Scholarship.

This objective will be achieved by increasing the amount from \$1500 to \$2000, offering two scholarships instead of one, and having at a minimum the American Indian Board Member and Native American Scholarship chair develop outreach materials and processes for colleges and tribes, with support from other Officers.

Feedback was solicited. No comments were provided by the membership.

New Business

Bylaws Updates

The Bylaws require a vote. The first year of the Student Board member is altered to an introductory first year of training with the second year being in the role. Paul Burnett requested a motion be made. It was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Annual Meeting 2024

Jason LaBelle introduced the 2024 Annual Meeting. Centennial Archaeology and Colorado State University will be hosting. The conference will be held in Sterling, Colorado. See the January 2024 newsletter for conference details.

Recognition of Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Paul Burnett recognized and thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Katie Arntzen for serving as Secretary, Bonnie Clark for serving as At-large Executive Committee Member, and Dan Haas for serving as At-large Executive Committee Member. Greg Wolff recognized and thanked Paul Burnett for serving as President.

Election Results

Greg Wolff announced that we had 59 votes. 29% of the membership voted. He welcomed Anna Cordova as the American Indian Board Member, Spencer Little as the Student Board Member, Sara Millward as At-large Executive Committee member, Talle Hogrefe as At-large Executive Committee member, Katie Waechter as Treasurer-Elect, Jessica Erickson as Secretary, and Becca Simon as President-Elect.

Incoming President

Mary Sullivan thanked outgoing President Paul Burnett for his service. She thanked Alpine for planning the conference, the Wright Opera House, and all of the conference sponsors. She looks forward to making the meeting more inclusive in the future. The conference was easier to register for in 2023 year and CCPA will continue to improve event participation. Her goals are that CCPA internal documents are consistent, clear, and inclusive. Roger Echo-Hawk and Peter Gleichman's article *The CCPA and Native Americans: Prospects for Future Cooperative Actions* has given us directions to strengthen native community relations. Finally, in a mere five years, it will be our 50th anniversary meeting. She concluded by stating "to ask not what your CCPA can do for you, ask what you can do for your CCPA."

Adjourn

Paul Burnett entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed. Paul Burnett adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Approved Minutes for the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists' Executive Committee Spring 2023 Meeting

Submitted by Jessica Ericson, Secretary

March 10, 2023, 11:37 a.m.–12:56 p.m.

Present

Mary Sullivan (President))	Katie Arntzen (Past Secretary & Archives working Committee)
Paul Burnett (Past -President)	Michelle Slaughter (Awards & Recognition Committee Chair)
Becca Simon (President-Elect)	Mark Mitchell (Ward Weakly Memorial Scholarship Committee Chair)
Jessica Ericson (Secretary)	Karin Larkin (Education Committee Co-Chair)
Dante Knapp (Treasurer)	Amy Gillaspie (Education Committee Co-Chair)
Katy Waechter (Treasurer-Elect)	Jon Horn (Membership Committee Chair)
Jody Clauter (Financial Chair)	Sarah Ward (At-large Board Member)
Bridget Ambler (Native American Initiatives Committee)	Talle Hogrefe (At-large Board Member)
Brandon Turner (At-large Board Member)	
Jasmine Saxon (At-large Board Member)	
Spencer Little (Student At-large Member)	

Call to Order

Mary Sullivan called the meeting to order at 12:15 pm. She asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. No changes made.

Review and Approval of Minutes

Mary Sullivan asked to waive reading the 2022 Fall Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and inquired if there were any corrections to the minutes. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to waive the reading and approve the minutes.

Officers' Reports

Secretary Report

Katie Arntzen reported that all of our materials from last year 2022 were archived at Denver Public Library and the archives committee will define what needs to be archived for future archiving.

Treasurer Report

Dante Knapp reported that there were no updates. A motion was made, seconded, approved to cover the cost that Alpine Archaeology has subsumed as well as approving \$200 for the Education Committee Happy Hour on March 11, 2023. In addition, a motion was made, seconded, approved that CCPA will cover the remainder of the 2023 meeting.

Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Jon Horn reports that the associate and student associate membership application forms will only require a sponsor name and not a full sponsor letter from now on. Paul Burnett added that applying members may upload their form directly to the CCPA website.

Government Review Committee

Nothing to report.

Ethics Committee

Nothing to report.

Ward Weakly Scholarship

The Scholarship Committee will be updating the guidelines for the application process.

Student Affairs Committee

Nothing to report.

Native American Initiatives Committee

Bridget Ambler reports that there were no scholarships given last year. The committee plans to broaden their outreach and revisit requirements for the application as the applicants for the scholarship did not qualify. Bridget reached out to each applicant to strengthen their applications for next time. Anna Cordova has established a sub-group with Chance Ward and Brandon Turner and their two main initiatives are addressing first whether the project needs to relate to Colorado and adjoining states. Secondly, the sub-group is recommending a change in the application requirements from being an enrolled tribal member or a member that reflects blood quantum to an enrolled tribal member or demonstrates descendant heritage with a tribal community. More to come on this initiative and the language change.

Old Business

Financial Review Report

Jodi Clauter reports that it needs to be decided who will be sending letters to High Country Management on behalf of CCPA in the future.

Newsletter Editor

Nothing to report.

Listserv Coordinator

The Listserv requirements and code of conduct will be discussed in the fall business meeting.

Archives Working Group Committee

Katie Arntzen reports the archive committee is meeting with Denver Public library to learn the requirements to create a scope of collections. Then, a draft of the archives statement of collections will be circulated with the archive working group and will be brought to the fall meeting. Additionally, future collaboration with Bonnie Clark at University of Denver will be addressed to potentially hire a student to go through the archives at Denver Public Library.

Nominations Committee

Refer to report at business meeting.

Webpage Editor Update

Refer to report at business meeting.

Publications Committee

Refer to report at business meeting.

Education Committee

Refer to report at business meeting.

Awards & Recognition Committee

Refer to report at business meeting.

No unfinished business from the board.

New Business

Paul Burnett asks the Native American Initiatives Committee to take the lead on recommending terminology such as “precontact” versus “prehistoric.” This topic was deeply discussed and will be addressed further in the fall meeting.

Roger Echohawk wrote in and asked the CCPAs to address his 10 recommendations that were in the newsletter. CCPA may be able to offer a stipend for THPOs for section 106 training. These 10 recommendations are being addressed by the Native American Scholarship committee and will be addressed again in the fall meeting.

Publications

Mary Sullivan suggested offering the contexts for free in regards to Roger EchoHawk’s written recommendations from the newsletter. Mark Mitchell offered to hold the digital contexts on the PCRG website. A motion was made, seconded, approved to distribute all of our publications up to date for free.

2025 Annual Meeting

Location to be determined and one organization is being sought after to “host” the event. The 50th anniversary of CCPA is in 2028 and there is a push to host it in Glenwood Springs as Glenwood was the original host of the CCPA.

Fall Executive Committee Meeting

The committee is looking to have a hybrid meeting on zoom and in Leadville, CO.

Adjourn

Mary Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the Executive Committee. Mary Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

**UNAPPROVED MINUTES FOR THE
COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL 2022 MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2023**

Submitted by Jessica Ericson, Secretary

Time: 10:04 a.m.— 11:27 a.m.

Present:

Mary Sullivan (*President*)
Paul Burnett (*Past-resident*)
Becca Simon (*President Elect*)
Charlie Reed (*Financial Chair*)
Dante Knapp (*Treasurer*)
Katy Waechter (*Treasurer-Elect*)
Jessica Ericson (*Secretary*)
Sarah Millward (*At-large Board Member*)
Talle hogrefe (*At-large Board Member*)
Matthew Landt (*At-large Board Member*)
Jasmine Saxon (*At-large Board Member*)
Chance Ward (*At-large Board Member*)
Marilyn Martorano (*Ethics Committee Chair*)

Call to Order

Mary Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m. It was motioned to wave the meeting minutes from the Spring business meeting.

Guest Reports

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation Report

Nothing to report

Colorado Archaeological Society Report

Sullivan read the report on behalf of Karen Kinnear.

CAS held its third hybrid conference and annual meeting on Sept. 30-Oct. 1, hosted by the Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs) Chapter. The members elected the following Officers to serve in 2024:

President – Geoff Peterson (Grand Junction Chapter)

Vice President – Larry Beidle (Indian Peaks chapter)

Recording Secretary – Lori Vanagunas (Northern Colorado Chapter)

Treasurer – Michele Giometti (Denver chapter)

Karen Kinnear will stay on as Executive Secretary

We had no candidates nominated for the Ivor K. Hagar award or the CT

Hurst award this year. There were 5 Chapter Achievement Awards:

Peter Faris - CRAA

Stacy Greenwood - Denver CAS

Joel Hurmence - Northern Colorado

Anne Whitfield - CRAA

Phil Williams - Pikes Peak

CAS membership stayed steady throughout the pandemic but has dropped in the past year. We had 902 members in July 2020, 927 members as of December 31, 2021, 944 members as of September 2022 and 883 as of September 15, 2023. CAS continues to face some challenges in getting back to full

activities after Covid. The re-energizing of PAAC (hit hard by Covid restrictions) is one of the bright spots for the coming year. Sarah Allaun was hired as the assistant state archaeologist and started at OAHF the end of July 2023.

Southwestern Lore

In 2021, the CAS Board approved a plan to provide a digital copy of Southwestern Lore (SWL) to all members at no charge; members who desire a printed copy will have to pay for a subscription and the annual rate has been set at \$20.00. At the January 2023 Board meeting, the board reaffirmed this plan; subscriptions will start with the Spring 2024 issue. Stay tuned for additional information as it becomes available.

Swallow Site report

Thanks to Pete Gleichman and the rest of the Swallow Oversight Committee (Mark Mitchell, Jeannie Mobley Tanaka, Holly Norton, Nick Dungey, Amy Gillaspie) for their dedication in getting this report finalized. Six chapters have been copy edited and several others are in process. We expect to have the writing and copy editing completed by the end of the year, and the report published in 2024. The report will be published as CAS Memoir #7 and will be available in a digital format. CAS also hopes that in 2024 CAS and CCPA will find ways to support each other and work together to help protect and preserve Colorado's archaeological heritage.

If anyone has any questions, feel free to contact Karen at kinnear.rockies@gmail.com.

Officer's Reports

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Treasurer Report

Dante Knapp reported that there has been little financial activity with little expenditures. We sponsored the CAS meeting with \$300. The CAS Chipeta chapter disbanded and donated just under \$12,000 to the Ward Weekly Scholarship. Our standing balance is just over \$163,000 and since the last EC meeting in 2022, the total account change has been \$26,000. Additionally, we are getting the new Charles Schwab account set up and moving over the investment funds. Things are looking good and a larger update will happen once the funds change over.

Committee Reports

Financial Review Committee

Nothing to report

Native American initiative committee

Nothing to report

Ward weekly scholarship

The Ward F. Weakly Memorial Fund awards scholarships to honor the memory of CCPAs deceased members, including the 34 individuals listed below. Every one of these individuals contributed to CCPA while they were with us and helped to make it the strong and productive organization that it is today.

Bruce Anderson Al Lancaster
Frederick (Rick) J. Athearn Betty Jo LeFree
James Benedict Rhoda Owen Lewis
Claudia Berry Elizabeth Ann Morris
David Breternitz Alden Naranjo

Bill Buckles Sarah Nelson
Richard Carrillo Tonya Pfennig
Linda Cordell Steve J. Sigstad
Jane S. Day John Slay
Clifford Duncan Omer Stewart
Seyhan Dwelis Rosemary Sucec
Priscilla Elwood Chris von Weddell
Robert Flemington Ward F. Weakly
Jim Grady Joe Ben Wheat
Ivol Hagar Leslie Elizabeth Wildesen
James J. Hester Catheryn Williamson
Kris Kranzush H. Marie Wormington

The membership of the scholarship committee remained unchanged during the past year. Mark Mitchell continues as chair and Adrienne Anderson, Suzanne McKetta, Dan Haas, Robert Wunderlich, and Mike Metcalf continue as committee members. A single scholarship application was received during the spring 2023 round. The committee members reviewed the proposal and requested additional information from the applicant. No additional information was provided, and an award was not made.

To date, the committee has received one proposal for the fall 2023 scholarship round. The deadline is November 1 and so it is likely that one or more additional proposals may be submitted. The committee members are deeply appreciative of the generous donation that the Chipeta Chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society made to CCPA's scholarship fund. During spring 2023, the chapter donated more than \$11,000 that originally had been raised for the Squint and Juanita Moore Scholarship Fund. That fund originally was established to honor the Moore's legacy and to support students from Colorado's Western Slope counties who are interested in archaeological research. CCPA is pleased to continue the work begun by the Chipeta Chapter. Since 1992, the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists' Ward Weakly Memorial Scholarship has awarded more than \$36,750 to 62 undergraduate and graduate anthropology students enrolled at 16 different institutions. Scholarship funding allows students to pursue more substantial projects, thereby directly contributing to our shared understanding of the state's past. Most importantly, the scholarship application process helps students learn how to design and present a successful grant proposal.

CCPA member participation has been essential to the scholarship fund's success. If you work with a prospective applicant, either as a faculty mentor or an employer or co-worker, the committee encourages you to talk to them about how a Ward Weakly scholarship can enhance their education. Scholarship awards fund a wide variety of budget items, including specialized analyses, software, selected fieldwork expenses, and travel expenses. Details on scholarship program requirements, along with an application form, are available online at <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/scholarship-opportunities/ward-weakly-scholarship/>.

Mark D. Mitchell

Ward F. Weakly Memorial Fund Scholarship

Native American Initiatives Committee

Nothing to report

Awards & Recognition Committee

Michelle Slaughter reports that no submissions were received.

Ethics Committee

Marilyn Martorano reports that there were no official, adequately documented, ethics complaints filed from March 10, 2023, to October 13, 2023. Please note that when an ethics complaint is submitted, the procedures for filing a complaint must be met (see the CCPA Code of Ethics, p. 9, IV. Procedures, 1.

Lodging of Complaints). If these procedures are not followed, an accusation is considered “lacking adequate documentation” and will not be acted upon (CCPA Code of Ethics page 9, IV. Procedures, 1. d).

Newsletter Editor

Jacki Mullen reports that the January newsletter will contain the 2024 conference information, along with ballots for next year’s elections. If you have a project or interesting find you want to present, please reach out to me.

2024 Conference – Zeffy and Registration For the 2023 Ouray Conference, we used a new registration system—Zeffy. From a planner’s point-of-view, the change to Zeffy from the previous Paypal/Google Form platform was a huge success. Tracking registration, which is one of the hardest parts of organizing the conference, was significantly easier with Zeffy and our transaction fees were almost completely eliminated (except for those that occurred via Paypal for in-person sales). We received some feedback and questions during the Zeffy registration process from conference attendees, but it was a fraction of what we experienced in prior years. I recommend that we use Zeffy again for the 2024 conference, and if the EC agrees, I will work with Jason et al to get the 2024 conference organizers set-up in the Zeffy system. Last year, Dante assisted in getting CCPA’s bank accounts linked to Zeffy, so that step is complete and will not need to be repeated. I have also verified that none of Zeffy’s terms and conditions have changed (i.e., it’s still completely free for CCPA to use) and I have copied over a template of last year’s registration form that can be used for 2024.

Publications Committee

Dante Knapp read the report on behalf of Kelly Pool.

In May, 2023, the EC passed a motion that “all digital versions of the Colorado Contexts should be accessible for free using whatever platform deemed appropriate; that the price for the final printed copies of the Colorado Contexts should be re-evaluated and a final date of paid distribution be considered prior to ultimately providing them for free; that all future CCPA publications should at least consider a free digital version option.”

After a lot of work this summer by PCRG’s Chris Johnston, all digital contexts and CCPA’s two occasional papers are available for free download on ORCA. As of August 1, the Publications webpage on the CCPA website provides links to ORCA’s hosted contexts webpage. I believe Chris has access to the number of downloads completed; we will present that information at the spring meeting.

Six publications remain available for purchase through the CCPA website. They are paper copies of the Rio Grande and Historical contexts (\$45 and \$40, respectively); Ancient Colorado (\$7.95); and three issues of Colorado Archaeology (\$15 each). The Publications Committee will send Mary an updated order form to post on the website, replacing the outdated version. We haven’t received any orders since the free downloads were posted. Let’s revisit how to deal with the remaining paper contexts at the spring meeting.

The Publications Committee continues to distribute free copies of Ancient Colorado to new and renewing CCPA members as well as to anyone who requests them for educational purposes. Mailing is also free. We have many copies left! Although we’ve made a significant dent in numbers over the years, please continue to let educational folks know they are available. And did I mention: free!

Education Committee

Nothing to report

Student Affairs Committee

Chance Ward reports that he reached out to Fort Lewis College, University of Colorado, some THPOs, and some tribal students he knew, but no new student members have joined.

Membership committee

Jon Horn writes in: The membership committee is comprised of Jena Sadd, Kim Kintz, Sean Larmore, and Mike Retter. Allison Parrish, who had served on the committee for over 10, resigned from the committee in September. She had been working in Wyoming, but is now working for the Bureau of Reclamation in Loveland. I am sorry to see her go and really appreciate the time that she spent reviewing membership applications. The membership committee has been busier than we have ever been. So far this year, we have reviewed 25 applications for membership. All were approved. With school now in session, I sent out a flyer to professors around the state to post where there students would see them in hopes of getting more student members. Hopefully, we will be seeing more student membership applications soon. Dues reminders have been sent out several times, the most recent one in early October. Every time we send reminders, we get a good response. We now have 194 members who are current on their dues. This breaks down as 11 Fellows; 158 Voting Members, including 1 Native American, 21 retired, and 5 students; and 24 Associate Members, including 7 retired and 5 students.

Archives Ad-hoc Committee

Marillyn Martorano reports that the Archives Committee Report was sent out to the EC Committee. All archive materials are now stored at Denver Public Library and the committee is seeing if the Executive committee would apply to an SHF grant for a student to go through the archive materials. Doing this would make the archives committee a standing committee and not an ad-hoc committee.

Strategic Plan Ad-hoc Committee

Nothing to report

Old Business

2024 Conference

Jason LaBelle reports The 2024 meeting is planned for March 7-9th 2024 (with fieldtrips on 3/7 and likely 3/10) in Sterling, Colorado. It is co-hosted by CSU/Center for Mountain and Plains Archaeology (Jason LaBelle) and Centennial Archaeology (Chris Kinneer and Kristi Gensmer). The conference (all day Fri/Sat) will be held in the auditorium at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling. The Thurs night meet and greet will be at the Overland Trail Museum. A large block of rooms is reserved for conference guests at the Holiday Inn Express, which is across the street from the Museum and a short drive from the Junior College. It is a nice hotel, I think the newest hotel in town.

Conference planning is going well, in terms of organizing tasks and activities, and dividing them amongst the CMPA/Centennial for the work load. We will be reaching out soon to Alpine Arch for a copy of last year's program, so that we can simply add/change things as necessary, as well as the same for the Conf website.

We would ask that these dates/Sterling location be listed on the CCPA website/Facebook page soon so that folks can get this on their calendar for the spring. We plan to open Conf registration and put out a call for papers in January.

It would be nice to take a straw poll from the EC -- for the Fri night banquet, would folks like to see a keynote speaker or instead some sort of thematic event (like trivia or some other activity)? I like both sorts of events myself, but it's good to hear what others are thinking.

Native american committee

Nothing to report

Government Review committee

Matt Landt reports that Kimball Banks resigned from the government committee, but no one has stepped in to fill his place on the committee. There was discussion of making his position into

something stronger than it has been in the past, but further research needed to be done to see if that would fit in with the CCPAs mission statement. Jacki can put this in the Newsletter to see if more people are interested in joining the committee.

SAA 2025 Advisory committee

Paul Burnett reports that he solicited feedback from a few folks about the logo that will represent Denver, and below are some thoughts that were received.

Distilling these, a common theme is that without the notes, it's hard to understand the various meanings. I'm not worried about the tribal flag color representation, because that is an abstract thing that doesn't need to be called out. I do think that Mount Blue Sky is being lost in the design, as it looks like a general mountain. Thoughts on calling that out? Thoughts on working up something like this below a graphic?

Denver, CO

In the Shadow of Mount Blue Sky

...or something like that? I'm not bound by that particular text, but you can see where my thoughts are on it.

I could see the skyline below the mountains as a more traditional Denver motif, responding to the lack of connection to the watch face, with that text below it.

Maybe the colorful rays behind the mountain to make it look more like Denver is in the shadow of the mountain. Rays could be colored following flags, or not. These are just suggestions with the hopes of using much of what has already been developed, but removing the watch so folks don't have to ask why it is on there, making the skyline a bit more prominent, and calling out the meaning a bit more with some text.

Here are the undistilled comments I received:

1. I think the blue background is more welcoming overall than the black or red

Without looking at any of the notes on the design, all I saw was the mountains in the background, which are pretty cool! I didn't even see the Denver city skyline until it was pointed out in the notes - if this is intended to be a highlight - might want to make it more noticeable.. I really had to look hard to see the skyline. The Indigenous flags - I can't tell at all that they're there. Also is it prudent to represent only 1-2 tribes in this logo? I have found in my work it is better to be more general when you're not including EVERYONE in the tribes as it can get sticky... people's feelings get hurt or they don't understand why you chose just this one (or two) tribe(s) to represent when there's a ton of tribes that are affiliated with this landscape. Obviously do what you think is best, but I'm assuming we don't have any Indigenous voices weighing in on this logo.... (?).

Personally I'm not a fan of the stopwatch logo.. It looks a bit tacky to me.. ? But I know there's probably been a lot of conversations around this so please just take that comment with all the grains of salt. I really like the concept of the hands telling the time when Mount Blue Sky was christened. If people catch that symbolism, it's a pretty neat touch.

The symbolism in this design is a cool idea but most of it was entirely lost on me without the notes.. So not sure if that's something you're worried about :)

2.

- I like the burgundy version. The color brings out the color of the watch numbers, contrasts nicely with the blue sky and the gold letters of the poster, and compliments the color of the mountains.

3.

- I think the design is grand – though I confess without the notes, I would have no clue about the significance of any of it! (I didn't even see the skyline!)

4.

- The main item I notice is that you cannot discern the Denver skyline at the bottom of the design within the watch cover. I got that it is supposed to be a pocket watch with a closing lid after only after I read the designer's comment boxes. My first impression was that the cover was actually a stand the watch was resting upon. I would vote just to remove the pocket watch cover from the bottom of the design, leaving only the main watch body with the sun rays emanating from it. It makes it a simplified design, and I think still encapsulates what you're trying to accomplish with mt. blue sky intertwined with the historic themes.

5.

- In looking at the logos, I find the notes from the designer are very interesting and helpful. I like the incorporation of the various elements and if I have to choose between the three, I prefer the first two color schemes. But, I do have a question/concern. I see that they have incorporated symbolism from the Arapaho and Cheyenne tribes but not the Ute. This seems a bit problematic given the widespread presence of the Ute in Colorado. Is there a way to also incorporate Ute presence in the iconography to broaden the geographic scope of tribal representation?

Website

Mary Sullivan reports that the website is in need of an update at 11 years old now. There are things that are malfunctioning and she has done all that she can do. An Ad-hoc committee was formed with Mary Sullivan being the chair and Jasmine Saxon, Jessica Ericson, and Katy Waechter being committee members. This committee will come together to bring options to the EC to decide what to do with the website.

CCPA 2025

Gunnison and Alamosa were being tossed around as good conference locations, so Jacki will put something in the Newsletter to see who would like to host.

CCPA is turning 50!

Becca Simon reports that a committee is being formed to decide on how to celebrate our 50th anniversary in 2028. She will be the point person for the committee until a group forms and we can decide who will host the event and where it will be hosted. The original CCPA meeting was hosted in Glenwood Springs, so there is a strong push to have it there so far.

Adjourn

Mary Sullivan called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion to adjourn the meeting was made, seconded, and approved by the Executive Committee. Mary Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 11:27 a.m.