archival methods, supporting her commitment to ethical engagement and community collaboration in historic preservation.

Congratulations to Darien Quick Bear and Jolee Mitchell!

APPROVED MINUTES FROM THE COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS' 2025 ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MARCH 14, 2025 CONFERENCE HOSTED AT GRAND JUNCTION CONVENTION CENTER GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

Submitted by Jessica Ericson, Secretary

Annual Business Meeting

Time: 8:20 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Call to Order

Becca Simon called the meeting to order at 8:20 a.m. She introduced and thanked the meeting host Carl Conner of Dominguez Archaeological Research Group (DARG) who welcomed the conference attendees to Grand Junction, Colorado. Becca Simon asked for any additions or changes to the agenda, with none being made. Jessica Ericson requested to waive the reading of the 2024 Annual Business Meeting Minutes and to approve the minutes with corrections previously submitted by electronic mail. The motion was made by Katy Schnieder, seconded by Anne McKibbin, and unanimously passed.

Officer's Reports

President Report

Becca Simon reported on the state of the organization. The 2026 meeting planning is well underway, and she thanked DARG for stepping up to host the 2025 meeting. Becca laid out what to expect for the conference. She asked for individuals to please step up to the plate to serve the volunteer chair positions such as the newsletter editor. Becca thanked everyone for their assistance in making this conference a success.

Secretary Report

Jessica Ericson reports that working with the Denver Public Library (DPL) archives is still to come and that Jeremy Omvig will be stepping in as the new elected Secretary.

Treasurer Report

Katy Schnieder reports that CCPA is doing well overall. 2024 was a steady year. Membership dues are up by about $300. For expenditures, last year was a larger year than usual as there was an increase in insurance costs; which CCPA is now looking to find a different carrier. Additionally, there was the website redesign and backpayments for website upkeep for the past 4 years which totaled about $1200. Our total expenditures were $23,056.81 and our net revenue for the year was $13,063.16. We are waiting for $1600 to be transferred from Zeffy for this annual meeting.

Katy reports on behalf of Finance Review Committee Chair, Dante Knapp, that we are experiencing a volatile market as our agency colleagues will be speaking to this morning. Fortunately, the impacts have been minor, and we have only lost $2,950.04, while still a loss, it's comforting to see that the diversification of funds is helping the organization weather the current storm. We will continue to monitor the investment funds with our partners at High Country Capital Management, the Executive Committee, and the membership over the coming months. If needed, we will continue to diversify.

Standing Committee Reports

Membership Committee

Jon Horn thanked the Membership Committee for being prompt in their reviews of applications and participating in the committee. Jon reports that 226 members are current on their dues for the year, which is an increase from the 221 members from 2023. The CCPA is proud to have 11 fellows, 184 voting members including 6 students and 23 retired, and 31 associates including 6 students and 8 retired. The membership committee reviewed 21 applications in 2024 and all were approved. He welcomed the new members, encouraged members who have not yet renewed their membership to do so, and noted that potential members can send an application directly to him. He reminded the membership to keep their email address current with the committee. Members are encouraged to approach the committee with questions. If your email changes, let Jon Horn know so you can be kept up to date.

Ethics Committee

Marilyn Martorano reported that there have been no ethics complaints.

Webpage Editor

Chair Mary Sullivan reports that the website was 12 years old and was very outdated. The committee turned to Wix to migrate all of the information on the old website over to the new functional website. Thanks goes out to Katy Schneider who moved the information over and created the new website. Mary then reviewed the membership-wide survey results from the poll that was sent out in mid-2024.

Email Listserv Update

Becca Simon reported on behalf of Greg Williams to join the listserv if you have not already by contacting Greg directly.

Ward Weakly Scholarship

Chair Mark Mitchell reports that there are now 40 honorees on our list of CCPA members. Four new members were added last year. Steve Baker, Bruce Rippatow, Mike Nowak, and most tragically Amie Gray a month ago. Amie Gray is also a Ward Weakly Scholarship recipient. While these folks were not CCPA Members, three colleagues who recently passed include Jim Judge, Chuck Brair, and Richard Crouse. The CCPA membership has been amazing with donations to the scholarships over the years and Mitchell urges members to participate in the banquet game this evening.

Publications Committee

Chair Kelly Pool reports that the Colorado contexts are free thanks to PCRG. Paper copies of *Ancient Colorado*, all three issues of the peer reviewed journal of *Colorado Archaeology*, and the historic and Rio Grande copies are still available for purchase. They continue to get requests for paper publications. She reports the following data from Chris Johnston: contexts and occasional papers have had nearly 700 downloads throughout the year, with 125 unique users specifically downloaded files this year with an average of 5 downloads a piece. The South Platte, Historic, and Northern Colorado contexts had the highest downloads at 40 downloads each. All volumes, including the occasional papers, had at least 15 downloads. CCPA continues to make an impact on the archaeological community with these texts. Since our last meeting in Sterling, Colorado, CCPA sent 44 copies of *Ancient Colorado* to new or renewing members and 10 copies were donated to Ute Elementary School.

Awards & Recognition Committee

Becca Simon reports that Jacki Mullen has stepped in to take over Michelle Slaughter's role as Awards & Recognition Committee Chair. We will miss you Michelle!

Native American Initiatives Committee

Chair Bridget Ambler reports that the Native American Scholarship fund has been well funded. The last two years the scholarship has gone to a Dine scholar Keely Yanito. She received the scholarship for her project focusing on Hornada design elements as they related to protohistoric tattooing practices in the southwest. She sponsored an event on tattooing at the SAAs in New Orleans. Keely went on to become an archaeologist with the Forest Service, and now is the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Program Director for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. The committee distributed scholarship information and applications and they are due in March.

Student Affairs Committee

Becca Simon reports on behalf of Andrew Milam that there is nothing to report.

Ad Hoc Committee Reports

Financial Review Committee

Please see the Treasurer's report above.

Newsletter Committee

Becca Simon puts a call out for anyone interested in becoming the new newsletter editor to please contact her or the Newsletter Committee members. She reviews the Newsletter Editor requirements and expectations for the volunteer position.

Archives Committee

Chair Sarah Rothwell reports that while there has not been a lot happening for the committee this year, she has been in contact with Denver Public Library (DPL). DPL has updated their policies, and this might affect how we might store our archives with them.

Government Review Committee

Chair Kimberly Bailey reports that the GRC committee has been very active recently. Kimberly urges everyone to partake in the forum that will take place in the afternoon discussing government affairs. She also welcomes Jon Hedlund as the newest committee member. As she receives notifications from the state archaeologist and federal agency partners, the committee reviews the notifications and then disseminates the messages for the membership and then sends them to the secretary, Jessica Ericson, to be filed. The last few months she's been giving updates to the president. The unaffiliated advocacy group has been helpful. Please send Kimberly updates for any government affairs from the local level up to the federal level.

Education Committee

Co-Chairs Obi Oberdier and Jessica Ericson report that they intend to create scholarship workshops for students to learn about the scholarships that CCPA and other organizations offer and help them apply for the scholarships.

New Business

Native American Memberships Waivers

Becca Simon brought forward the discussion of waiving CCPA membership fees for Native American members of our community. Crowd comments from Mary Motah Weahkee included recognizing native members when they offer information both in reports and other official records. Another question was if CCPA has been reaching out to any of the tribes or tribal affiliations and Becca reports that there has been outreach and communication happening over the years and recently regarding membership, though this specific initiative has not been presented to the tribes. Native American Initiatives Chair, Bridget Ambler, supports the proposal to have the Native American membership fee be free. She reminds us that the CCPA requirements for Native American membership have been changed for people to self-select as Native American members and not need tribal affiliation. She also proposes that the Native American Initiatives Committee create a formal proposal to submit to the Secretary and Executive Committee to change the CCPA Bylaws - Article 3 and cross-referenced Article 6 for discussion at next year's annual meeting.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE
COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS'
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SPRING MEETING
MARCH 14, 2025
GRAND JUNCTION CONVENTION CENTER, GRAND JUNCTION, CO

Submitted by Jeremy Omvig, Secretary
Time: 12:00 p.m.– 1:30 p.m.

Present:
Chris Johnston *(President)*
Rebecca Simon *(Past President)*

Katy Schneider *(Treasurer)*
Grace Bello *(Treasurer-elect)*
Jeremy Omvig *(Secretary)*
Brandon Turner (*At-large EC Member*)
Sarah Allaun (*At-large EC Member*)
Chris Kinneer (*At-large EC Member*)
Trey Cate (*Student EC Member-elect*)
Jessica Ericson *(Education Committee Co-chair)*
Obi Oberdier *(Education Committee Co-chair)*
Jon Horn *(Membership Committee Chair)*

Kimberly Bailey *(Government Review Committee Chair)*

Mark Mitchell *(Ward Weakly Scholarship Committee Chair)*
Marilyn Martorano *(Ethics Coordinator)*
Mary Sullivan *(Web Page Editor)*
Sarah Rothwell *(Archives Committee Chair)*
Bridget Ambler *(Native American Initiatives Committee Chair)*

Kelly Pool *(Publication Committee Chair)*
Jacki Mullen *(Awards and Recognition Committee Chair)*
Holly Norton *(State Archaeologist)*

Jacki Mullen (*Newsletter Editor*)
Larry Beidle *(CAS Vice President)*

EC Members Not in Attendance:
Jasmine Saxon (*President-elect*)
Natalie Clark (*At-large EC Member*)
Andrew Milam (*Student EC Member*)
Chance Ward (*American Indian EC Member*)

Call to Order

Mr. Johnston called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and asked for any additions or changes to the agenda. There was a short discussion on correcting misspelled names in the agenda.

Introduction of New EC Members

Mr. Johnston introduced the new Executive Committee (EC) members: Jasmine Saxon (President-elect, absent), Jeremy Omvig (Secretary), Grace Bello (Treasurer-elect), Trey Cate (Student EC Member-elect), and Chris Kinneer and Sara Allaun (EC Members At-large).

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Johnston proposed waiving the reading of the 2024 Fall Executive Committee Meeting Minutes because they had been distributed for review beforehand and requested any corrections to them. None were made. Mr. Johnston asked for a motion to approve the minutes. A motion was made by Dr. Allaun to approve the meeting minutes, Ms. Schneider seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Officer Reports

President
Mr. Johnston asked for updates to or questions on committee reports that were given at the Business Meeting. He stated that he has met with the President-elect about updates to CCPA's Organizational Handbook. Ms. Saxon will finalize those edits. Ms. Ambler noted that the portion discussing the Native American Initiatives Committee needs to be expanded.

Treasurer
Ms. Schneider stated that she has not yet met with the Financial Review Committee but will soon. She also noted that moving membership and renewal payments from PayPal to Zeffy has saved approximately $300 and that she is working on automated tools to make data more accessible. CCPA has added a general liability insurance policy at an annual cost of $286. Ms. Simon noted that the insurance was required by the conference venue.

Committee Reports

Mr. Johnston stated that he would not go through all committee reports but requested that chairs with updates beyond those given in the Business Meeting present them.

Native American Initiatives Committee
Ms. Ambler mentioned the proposal from the Business Meeting to waive fees for the Native American voting membership. The Native American Initiatives Committee (NAIC) will discuss the proposal and then propose changes, if needed, to the bylaws and handbook. Mr. Horn suggested that the fees be lowered, similar to what was done with student memberships to encourage participation. Mr. Johnston requested that the discussion be tabled until later in the meeting.

Membership Committee
Mr. Horn stated that he will begin looking for a replacement for the Membership Committee Chair and discussed the general procedure for membership applications and renewals.

Education Committee
Mr. Oberdier stated that he and Ms. Ericson plan to have virtual and in-person scholarship workshops. Ms. Simon recommended coordinating with the Student Affairs Committee. Dr. Norton also recommended coordination with CAS.

Archives Committee
Ms. Rothwell discussed her conversations with Denver Public Library (DPL) regarding the CCPA archives. DPL is encouraging CCPA to only include "high-level" documents. Dr. Norton described previous discussions with DPL on this issue and noted History Colorado would be willing to house the archives. Existing collections need to be reviewed to remove sensitive financial and personal information. Ms. Mullen noted that the CCPA bylaws require CCPA records to be housed at DPL so moving them would require a membership vote to change the bylaws. After a discussion of the types of materials CCPA collects and the feasibility of sorting through existing archives at DPL, Mr. Johnston requested that the Archives Committee come up with a retention policy and a recommendation on whether CCPA should pursue changing our repository. Ms. Ambler noted that CCPA has previously sorted through the archives at DPL.

Old Business

Mr. Johnston noted the need for people to plan the CCPA 50th anniversary meeting in 2028, proposed to be held in Glenwood Springs. Several people committed to helping, including Bridget Ambler, Jacki Mullen, Kelly Pool, Becca Simon, and Greg Wolff.

At the SAA meeting in Denver, there will not be a Council of Council meeting, but Ms. Simon noted that a Professional Councils Workgroup will meet. There will also be an Alumni and Friends of CSU meeting.

It was noted that federal travel has been restricted, and federal archaeologists may not be able to attend or present.

Discussion resumed on Native American membership dues. Mr. Horn said that he would work with the NAIC on the proposal. Ms. Ambler stated that she was in favor of the proposal of waived fees to encourage Native American participation in the organization and as outreach to the communities. Mr. Johnston requested that the NAIC have a proposal ready for the fall EC meeting. Ms. Ambler noted that the committee proposal may be for a change in the bylaws to create a membership category similar to that for CCPA fellows. She also stated that Native American scholarship requirements have changed to allow individuals to self-identify and suggested that the membership category be similarly defined. It was also suggested that the category be expanded to include other descendent communities. Additional discussion regarded other ways of increasing Native American participation.

Mr. Johnston noted that a CCPA newsletter editor is needed, and one person has expressed interest in the position. Ms. Mullen offered to stay on the informal Newsletter Review Committee to assist in the transition.

New Business

ERO will host the 2026 meeting in or near Golden.

The 2027 meeting may be held in Alamosa at Adams State University.

Mr. Johnston suggested that CCPA use MailChimp to distribute email, standardize communication, allow multiple users, and avoid email blacklists at a cost of $13/month. Dr. Allaun made a motion that CCPA purchase an Essentials MailChimp account, Mr. Kinneer seconded, and the motion unanimously passed.

Mr. Johnston described the new "Committees" page on the CCPA website and encouraged committees to provide information they would like to share.

Other Business

Mr. Beidle stated that CAS is working on a strategic plan for improving the working relationship with CCPA and requested that people contact him or Karen Kinnear if they have ideas.

Adjourn

Mr. Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Schneider made the motion with Dr. Allaun seconding, and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Johnston adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Recognition of Outgoing Executive Committee Members

Becca Simon recognized and thanked outgoing Executive Committee members Mary Sullivan as Past President, Jessica Ericson as Secretary, Talle Hogrefe for serving as an At-large Executive Committee Member, Anna Cordova as American Indian Board Member, Sarah Milward as an At Large Executive Committee Member, and Spencer Little for serving as Student Board Member. Special recognition was given to Michelle Slaughter for her many roles at CCPA, most recently as the Awards Committee chair. Special recognition was also presented to Jacki Mullen for her years as Newsletter Chair. Incoming president, Chris Johnston, thanked Becca Simon for serving as President.

Election Results

Past President Mary Sullivan announced the results of the election with Jasmine Saxon elected President-Elect, Grace Bello elected as Treasurer-elect, Jeremy Omvig elected Secretary, Trey Cate elected as the Student Voting Member, Sarah Allaun as At-large Executive Committee member and Chris Kinnear as At-large Executive Committee member.

Adjourn

Katy Schneider entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed. Becca Simon adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

APPROVED MINUTES OF THE COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS' EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FALL MEETING VIA TEAMS NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Submitted by Jeremy Omvig, Secretary

Time: 1:00 p.m.– 4:10 p.m.

Present:

Chris Johnston *(President)*
Rebecca Simon *(Past President)*
Jasmine Saxon (*President-elect*)

Katy Schneider *(Treasurer)*
Grace Bello *(Treasurer-elect)*
Jeremy Omvig *(Secretary)*
Chris Kinneer (*At-large EC Member*)
Brandon Turner (*At-large EC Member*)
Sarah Allaun (*At-large EC Member*)

Sarah Rothwell *(Archives Committee Chair)*
Jeannie Mobley-Tanaka *(Newsletter Editor)*
Bridget Ambler *(Native American Initiatives Committee Chair)*
Chance Ward (*American Indian EC Member*)
Andrew Milam *(Student EC Member)*

Kim Kintz *(Membership Committee Chair)*	Dante Knapp *(Financial Review Committee Chair)*
Jessica Ericson *(Education Committee Co-chair)*	Marie Matsuda *(2026 Meeting Committee)*
Obi Oberdier *(Education Committee Co-chair)*	Holly Norton *(State Archaeologist)*

EC and Committee Members Not in Attendance:	
Kelly Pool *(Publication Committee Chair)*	Natalie Clark (*At-large EC Member*)
Jacki Mullen *(Awards and Recognition Committee Chair)*	Trey Cate (*Student EC Member-elect*)
Mark Mitchell *(Ward Weakly Scholarship Committee Chair)*	

Call to Order

Mr. Johnston called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and asked for a motion to approve the agenda. A motion was made by Ms. Schneider and was seconded by Ms. Saxon. The agenda was unanimously approved with no changes.

Introduction of New EC Members

Mr. Johnston introduced the new Executive Committee (EC) members: Kim Kintz (Membership Committee Chair) and Jeannie Mobley-Tanaka (Newsletter Editor).

Reading and Approval of the Minutes

Mr. Johnston asked for a motion to waive the reading of the 2025 Spring Executive Committee Meeting Minutes and to accept any corrections. A motion was made by Ms. Saxon and seconded by Ms. Schneider. No corrections were offered and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Officer Reports

President

Mr. Johnston reported that he had prepared a President's message for the newsletter and has a few items to add. CCPA discussions with Senator Hickenlooper and staff regarding the Section 106 hearing will be discussed in New Business. Continued advocacy with state and national representatives is critically important. He recommended that CCPA EC members continue to prepare for upcoming meetings and said that he will be spending the remainder of his term preparing to hand off duties to Ms. Saxon.

Secretary

Mr. Omvig had no updates and asked where in the meeting would be appropriate to record the results of an EC vote by email to support International Archaeology Day. Mr. Johnston noted that the subject is scheduled for discussion in New Business.

Treasurer

Ms. Schneider reported the financial outlook for CCPA is good. Checking account balance is $24,688 (up 4%); Publications is at $2,085, and Scholarships is at $22,884, after issuing $1,500 for a Native American

Scholarship award. The Publications account covers distribution for sales of CCPA publications. CCPA expenses include monthly subscriptions to QuickBooks and MailChimp, website domain renewal, Student Paper and Poster awards, and insurance. Federal taxes and CO State Q1 and Q2 taxes have been submitted; Q3 taxes are pending due to an issue with losing account access that has been resolved.

A Treasurer technical guide is in preparation. Mr. Johnston noted that a Financial Handbook had been previously prepared and he will provide a copy.

Membership payments have been moved to Zeffy, which will send confirmation emails to multiple EC contacts (Treasurer, Membership, etc.). CCPA members should be careful about including the optional Zeffy donations when using online payment.

The 2025 Annual Meeting did well overall. Minimal PayPal fees and Ward Weakly fundraising proceeds were similar to last year; greater revenue was due to higher registration fees, though facility fees were higher than typical.

Committee Reports

2026 Meeting

Ms. Matsuda reported that the 2026 CCPA Meeting is planned for March 26th-29th at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds in Golden. Planning is underway and they are looking into shuttle programs due to the venue distance from walking areas in Golden. There was a general discussion on hotels, transportation, fundraisers, and banquet events.

Financial Review Committee

Mr. Knapp reported that finances are strong with investment funds performing well, averaging 10% return. Total investment funds are $143,352. He will schedule a meeting in early 2026 with High Country Capital Management to review investments prior to the 2026 annual meeting. Mr. Johnston noted that Ward Weakly scholarship funds have not been used for awhile and the committee is working on ways to attract new applicants.

Membership Committee

Ms. Kintz reported that a few new applications have come in, with current membership at 207. Zeffy payment has been working well.

Ethics Coordinator

Nothing to report.

Education Committee

Ms. Ericson reported that the committee’s first scholarship workshop went well. She and Mr. Oberdier requested that CCPA members continue to pass along information to students about the scholarship opportunities. Ms. Ambler discussed previous outreach with Ft. Lewis College and noted difficulties in getting Colorado universities engaged. Ms. Ericson noted that additional workshops are scheduled.

Government Review Committee

Mr. Johnston reported that the committee chair is currently vacant and requested that EC members reach out to see if there are CCPA members willing to serve. Ms. Mobley-Tanaka noted that Ms. Simon's call for CCPA officers in the newsletter got good feedback and suggested that a request for a Govt. Review Committee chair be included in a future newsletter.

Ward Weakly Scholarship Committee

On behalf of Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Johnston reported that there were no new applicants in the November round of scholarships. Faculty should be encouraging their students to apply and a scholarship fundraiser for the 2026 CCPA meeting is currently on hold due to the lack of outgoing funds.

Student Affairs Committee

Mr. Milam had nothing to report but volunteered to assist with advertising student paper and poster competitions as well as making requests for student volunteers.

Native American Initiatives Committee (NAIC)

Ms. Ambler and Mr. Ward reported that the 2026 CCPA meeting would be a good opportunity for Native American Scholarship outreach, due to its proximity to the Denver metro area. During discussion, the following issues that the Committee would like to forward to membership for consideration and a vote were highlighted: providing a stipend to encourage the Native American Scholarship recipient to attend CCPA meetings (potentially travel funding or waiving conference fees); ensuring that funding for the Native American Scholarships matches the Ward Weakly Scholarship funding; and waiving CCPA membership fees for Indigenous members. Mr. Ward noted that waiving fees would be a step in rebuilding relationships and trust between anthropologists/archaeologists and Native Americans.

Mr. Johnston noted that the EC was not ready for a vote on the stipend issue at this time and requested that the Committee formulate a plan and present that to the EC. He requested that the board take action on the membership fees. Ms. Ambler put forth a motion that the EC discuss removing membership fees for Indigenous CCPA members, and Mr. Kinneer seconded.

Ms. Mobley-Tanaka suggested that the bylaws need to be clear as to how "indigenous" is defined. Ms. Ambler noted that the NAIC has already developed a definition for the Native American Scholarship. Mr. Johnston requested that the NAIC work with Ms. Mobley-Tanaka and him to ensure that the definition is clarified prior to providing notification of the potential bylaws change. Ms. Simon and Ms. Ambler discussed that the definition should be updated in other documents, such as the CCPA bylaws, so all are consistent. Ms. Kintz suggested that using the terminology of waiving the fee vs. free membership would be preferable. Mr. Johnston called for an EC vote on waiving the membership fee for Indigenous members, which passed unanimously. The issue will be voted on by CCPA membership at the 2026 Spring Business Meeting.

Awards and Recognition Committee

Ms. Mullen was not in attendance, and Mr. Johnston stated that she had nothing to report.

Publications Committee

On behalf of Ms. Pool, Mr. Johnston relayed her request that people consider donating unused paper copies of the CCPA contexts to the book sale at the Spring Meeting. Copies of *Ancient Colorado* are available as donations for educational purposes.

Ad Hoc Committees

Communications Team

Ms. Schneider and Mr. Johnston reported that the CCPA website domain expired and the website was not available for a few hours. The issue was resolved, the domain was transferred to WIX, and several EC members now have access to the domain for management purposes. The domain renews every three years. Ms. Saxon asked if the domain could be linked to the CCPA president's general email and if CCPA could get a credit card that is linked to the organization rather than a specific person. Mr. Johnston noted that the credit card issue may depend on the type of organization CCPA is registered as, but it is worth discussing with the bank.

Newsletter

Ms. Mobley-Tanaka reported that her first two issues of the newsletter as editor have come out and she requested feedback. There was discussion of past problems in sending out bulk emails to distribute the newsletter. Mr. Johnston noted that the shift to MailChimp should resolve them. Ms. Mobley-Tanaka will send out a call for content in early December for the January newsletter. She also noted that one of her foci will be to adjust the format of the newsletters to meet accessibility requirements. There was some discussion about accessibility formatting and that, while the requirements do not apply to a private organization like CCPA, the effort to improve accessibility is a good step forward. Ms. Saxon suggested that there be an announcement in the newsletter about upcoming format changes.

Archives

Ms. Rothwell stated that her updates will be discussed in Old Business.

Ft. Carson Liaison and Ft. Carson Advisory Committee Chair

Mr. Johnston reported that both roles are currently vacant and provided a brief overview of the positions' duties. There was discussion between Ms. Simon and Mr. Johnston as to whether these responsibilities had shifted onto the Government Review Committee. It seems likely, but supporting documentation is unavailable. Mr. Johnston suggested additional investigation.

Other Ad Hoc Committee items:

- There appears to be little interest in the individual Committee pages on the CCPA website and Mr. Johnston indicated that those would likely be removed.
- The CCPA listserv has 231 members.
- Ms. Slaughter has resigned as Facebook coordinator, and Ms. Simon will step in to temporarily take over the role. Ms. Simon and Ms. Saxon discussed that CCPA will likely need a social media coordinator as Facebook engagement is low among students and other social media platforms may be more effective in reaching students. Mr. Oberdier volunteered for this role.

Old Business

CCPA 2028 (50th Anniversary Meeting)

Mr. Johnston reported that Ms. Mullen and Ms. Pool are organizing with assistance from Adrienne Anderson, Greg Wolff, and others. It will be the 50th Anniversary of CCPA, likely held in Glenwood Springs, the location of the first CCPA meeting. Solicitation for help will be forthcoming.

Archives Committee

Ms. Rothwell provided an update regarding curation of CCPA materials. There is currently no collection agreement or contract with the current repository, Denver Public Library (DPL). DPL staff and policy have changed and, currently, they do not want sensitive materials in the archives. History Colorado has offered to store the CCPA collections, which may be a better alternative. Sensitive materials could be culled and stored separately at OAHP if needed. Mr. Johnston and Ms. Rothwell discussed that the CCPA bylaws require curation at DPL and a change would require a vote by CCPA membership. Additional discussion also noted that CCPA would need to review and update guidelines on what materials are retained before the curation facility is changed. Ms. Ericson and Ms. Simon discussed that a preliminary retention guide had been previously prepared for CCPA and that CAS has recently gone through this process and talking with them may serve as a starting point. Mr. Johnston suggested that hiring a professional archivist to provide guidance may be helpful. Dr. Norton noted that, should CCPA decide to curate their archives at History Colorado, their archivist would identify the materials that would be useful to keep long-term. Any curation policy CCPA develops should also be discussed with the History Colorado archivist. There was additional discussion about a vote to change the bylaws to allow for more flexibility in the curation facility. Ms. Ambler noted that there may be documents important to the founding of CCPA in the archives that should be preserved. Ms. Mobley-Tanaka suggested that newsletter publication of the notice of the proposed bylaws change should also include a call for materials related to the early history of CCPA.

New Business

State Historic Fund (SHF) Grants

Dr. Norton provided an update on the status of SHF grants. There were three archaeology grants in this round of funding. SHF is receiving more requests for funding with less money available and grants are getting competitive. However, there are fewer applications for archaeology grants, which may be a missed opportunity to fund good work. There is currently no archaeologist for the SHF; Erin Bornemann is currently assisting in reviewing deliverables.

Mr. Johnston asked if there was a potential to change the timelines and process for archaeology grants. Dr. Norton stated that History Colorado may be willing to consider changes, noting previous challenges, and suggested that CCPA raise this issue with History Colorado and SHF. There was discussion among Ms. Saxon, Dr. Norton, and Ms. Simon about previous efforts by CCPA to address concerns with SHF. Ms. Simon and Mr. Johnston suggested that an ad hoc group could reach out to SHF identifying issues that the archaeological community may have. Dr. Norton and Mr. Johnston discussed the importance of advocacy and that it is vital that archaeologists find ways to become more visible as a discipline and an industry.

Vacant Committee Assignments

Mr. Johnston noted that the previous Government Review Committee chair has stepped down and that the other committee members are not interested in taking on the role of chair. He stated the chair has the opportunity to determine the direction of the committee, potentially towards advocacy. He requested that the EC provide suggestions on potential candidates. Ms. Simon volunteered to look into past records of the Government Review Committee and the Ft. Carson Liaison/Advisory Committee to identify the scope and direction the committees had previously determined.

LEGO Robotics

Ms. Saxon, Mr. Johnston and other CCPA members have worked with student groups on their archaeology-themed LEGO robotics projects. All agree that these are good opportunities for public outreach.

2027 Annual Meeting

Mr. Johnston and Ms. Ambler discussed that there are preliminary plans to partner with the Ute Mountain Ute to host the 2027 CCPA Meeting in Towaoc. The current tribal chairman and the THPO are supportive of the plan. Ms. Ambler has requested estimates for conference space, refreshments, etc. Ms. Saxon noted that CCPA presentations and member actions should be respectful. Ms. Ambler and Mr. Johnston suggested that the planning committee meet with the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute THPOs and tribal council, along with EC members Mr. Ward and Mr. Turner.

Tracking Online EC Votes

Mr. Johnston, Mr. Omvig, Ms. Ericson, and Ms. Simon discussed how the results of EC votes by email should be entered into the record. It was decided to include a summary of online voting as an agenda item to the meetings.

A single email vote had been called prior to the 2025 Fall meeting. On September 30, 2025, Mr. Johnston requested a motion that CCPA provide funding to sponsor International Archaeology Day on October 18 at Red Rocks. Ms. Clark made a motion to sponsor with a $900 donation. Dr. Allaun seconded and the vote passed with five ayes, one abstention, and no nays.

CCPA Handbook Updates

No updates.

Section 106 Hearing

Mr. Johnston provided an update on a recent letter CCPA had provided and a meeting with Senator Hickenlooper's staff regarding the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources Section 106 hearings that were held on 10/29/2025. The meeting was positive. Ms. Saxon stated that there was general confusion during the hearings amongst politicians on the Sec. 106 process and what terms mean. There are opportunities to provide clarity and to streamline processes. She also noted that Senator Hickenlooper's staff said that there may be some legislation that comes from these hearings and that CCPA should be aware. Mr. Johnston added that CCPA may need to organize an ad hoc committee on short notice to provide additional guidance and opinions if needed.

Adjourn

Mr. Johnston called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Schneider made the motion with Mr. Kinneer seconding, and the motion unanimously passed. Mr. Johnston adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Mystery Artifact answers from page 16