



# COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHÆOLOGISTS

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### PRESIDENT'S CORNER

BY STEVE SIGSTAD

As of this writing it may be appropriate to observe that the world of antiquities is now, more than ever, headlining in the media. What with megabucks being recovered from ancient shipwrecks and our friend and colleague from Boulder doing his thing in Peru, the general public is aware of us one way or another. It is for this and other cogent reasons that we must remind ourselves to exercise caution in our professional activities and endeavors so as to keep said public as friendly as possible.

*Pinyon Canyon*  
This being the peak season for field activities it is a little difficult to crank out much in the way of worthwhile column but I'll try to bring you up to date on what's been going on. We have, once again, met with the Army's environmental advisory group to discuss the progress of the Pinyon Canyon project. Unfortunately, Steve Chomko was unable to attend this particular session so our needs to be brought up to date were largely frustrated. We did, however, learn, among other things, that the Mayor of Trinidad is interested in having a museum to display the artifacts from Pinyon Canyon. Further, she allowed that the City of Trinidad would be willing to furnish a building for a museum. We -- I attended the meeting with Leslie Wildesen and Kaaren Patterson -- also found out that the man who is under contract to blast the holes for fenceposts for a security fence around the project area had not been alerted to the locations of cultural resources which could be affected by the blasting. As of the date of the meeting, July 24, the archaeological contractor was not yet in the field. In all, it was not a particularly comforting meeting.

In the last Newsletter, I reported to you that I had appointed a Committee to look into the fate of the anthropological collections at the University of Denver, as we then anticipated the dissolution of the Department, there. Subsequently, said Department has apparently been given a reprieve and the perceived crisis appears to have passed -- at least for the time being.

In the meantime, I have created a couple of new Committees. I have appointed Paul Nickens to chair a Committee on reburial. More precisely, I

have asked Paul and his Committee to develop a draft position paper for the Council on the disposition of human remains. Also, I have asked Betty LeFree to head a committee to develop curation standards for the Council. If you have strong sentiments on either or both topics, please express them to Paul and/or Betty.

In a related matter, I still have no specific information on the proposed joint meeting with the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists, although at this time the joint meeting is still anticipated. I did suggest to Paul Nickens that a symposium on reburial might be an appropriate agenda item for the joint meeting, since that is a hot topic for our neighbors to the north, as well as it is here.

As I wind this up I am anticipating a visit to the Independence town and mill site to try and cope one more time with government management concerns. With a little luck and the consent of multiple agencies I may even get to work on excavating a rockshelter, this summer.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### COPA ALERT

A public hearing on cultural resource topics, including protection of archaeological resources, vandalism, and curation, will be held by Senators Bingaman and Domenici, according to Paul Nickens, Colorado representative for the Society of American Archaeology Committee on Public Archaeology (COPA). The hearing will be held at the Technical Vocational Institute, 717 University Boulevard, Albuquerque SE, New Mexico. The date is Monday, October 14, 1985 and the time is from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. The SAA has requested that all archaeologists in the region who can attend the hearing should do so to show support for preservation of archaeological resources.

Past CCPA President E. Steve Cassells of Plano Archaeological Consultants has recently accepted the position of Assistant Professor of Anthropology/Sociology at Judson College. Steve's achievements while in Colorado are many, and include the authorship of The Archaeology of Colorado. Colorado archaeologists will miss Steve, and wish him the best at Judson College. His new address is: Human Relations Division, Judson College, 1151 No. State Street, Elgin, Illinois, 60120; phone (312) 695-2500.

# REPORT OF THE STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

BY LESLIE WILDESEN

My first summer in Colorado has been busy--travelling to see many of you and your projects. I began with a vacation in June to Chaco and Bandelier to continue the process of educating my eye to architectural styles, that began last fall with trips to Mesa Verde, Johnson Canyon, Hovenweep and Lowry. Since then I have visited Jim Gunnerson's dig on the Apishapa River; Steve Dominguez' dig near Ft. Morgan; Canyon Pintado and the Irish Canyon rock art sites in NW Colorado. I've also attended CAS meetings in Denver, Colorado Springs, Pueblo, and Canon City, and participated in the 5th Annual World Open Atlatl Championships in Saratoga, Wyoming. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the hospitality and continuing education I've received.

I think I'm beginning to have a feel for the landscape, the resources, and the challenges we deal with as professional archaeologists throughout the state and some idea of the variety of approaches we can develop to solve our problems.

Indeed, variety seems to be a hallmark of Colorado's lands and archaeological resources. From charcoal-stained dune deposits on the South Platte, to massive vertical rock slabs on the Apishapa, to meticulously-designed Chacoan masonry at Chimney Rock, to jacal-front rubble-cored dry laid walls in Canyon Pintado, the evidence of prehistoric use of Colorado is widespread and varied. The work-in-progress I have seen is competent, enthusiastic, and productive. Yet to my way of thinking, we need to spread out our research efforts, and coordinate our communication of research results, better than before.

The eastern Colorado plains, the high country Chacoan outliers, rock art, the San Luis Valley, vandalism, curatorial standards, treatment of human remains, integration of archaeology into the state plan and Certified Local Government programs, modelling, survey design, and cooperation with avocational archaeologists--all are areas for further discussion.

As you know, several meetings have been held regarding treatment of human remains, and a draft process for State lands is now out for review. I have had meetings with several interested institutions and colleagues about the need to develop curatorial standards, and to pull together a 4-state conference to address the potential solutions to vandalism.

But we need to encourage more research in geographic areas such as the plains, and topical areas such as modelling. We need to develop communication mechanisms so that research results can be widely shared and archaeological policies tightly coordinated. We need to adhere to the standards we have already developed and discuss and develop additional standards for our work in Colorado.

CCPA can and must be a partner, with OSAC and CAS, in working on these issues. I am even more enthusiastic about Colorado's potential now that I've seen more of it and met more of you. I expect to call on you frequently over the coming years for help, ideas, proposals, and energy.



*"We're having a departmental party, Lenhart. Think you can dig up a date?"*

## EDITOR'S NOTES

If you have recently moved... please contact the Treasurer, Mark Guthrie, who is responsible for maintaining the official roster. The roster provides the Newsletter address labels.

Please contribute to the CCPA Newsletter. The Newsletter is intended to facilitate communication between professional Colorado archaeologists, so please do not hesitate to send stories, opinions, ideas, and photographs that may be of interest to the membership. Your participation will be most welcome!

## CCPA NEWSLETTER

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MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING  
COLORADO COUNCIL OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

The 7th annual meeting of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists was held March 8, 1985 at the Hotel Colorado, Glenwood Springs, Colorado.

Call to Order

I. The meeting was called to order by President Steve Cassells at 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

II. The minutes from last year's meeting were published in the newsletter and the vote was unanimous to dispense with the reading of the minutes and they stand as published.

Officers Reports

III. a. President - Steve Cassells thanked Kevin Black for organizing this year's meeting and also extended his appreciation to the executive committee for their work throughout the past year. He stated that there were two primary issues CCPA was involved with this year: the proposed Chimney Rock Coal lease extension and Pinon Canyon. He said that the letters written in support of the Chimney Rock Archaeological Area by members of CCPA were important for the decision made by the Regional Forester to deny the permit, however, the coal company has appealed the decision. CCPA contributed approximately \$73.00 to help send a representative to Washington to present the concerns of CCPA, the Sierra Club and the Colorado Open Space Council. The second major issue, that of Pinon Canyon, began with a special called-meeting of CCPA in April 1984. It was decided at this meeting to ask SOPA to investigate the issues, however they declined. In the meantime, Bennie Keel conducted an investigation and after the executive committee reviewed the report at their November 17, 1984 meeting, they voted to acknowledge the efforts of Mr. Keel and end the involvement of CCPA.

b. Secretary - the secretary had no report.

c. Treasurer - Steve Cassells read the treasurer's report submitted by Kris Kranzush. The fund balance is \$3,520.90. The receipts from last year's meeting were \$2,153.99. Expenses for 1983-84 were \$1,336.91. As of March 4, 1985 there are a total of 107 paid members and 41 persons had preregistered for the annual meeting. All dues and expenses should be submitted to the treasurer by March 31 to enable the books to be completed and the final figures for 1984-85 to be computed. It was suggested that dues be submitted only after acceptance of a person by the membership committee. Members were reminded that address changes should be sent to the treasurer and that it costs the organization when checks for membership dues, etc. bounce. A motion was carried to accept the treasurer's report.

Standing Committee Reports

IV. a. Nomination - The nominations chairman Paul Nickens reported that no names were submitted for this

year's election. Ballots were received from 55 of the 107 eligible members. He reminded members to read instructions on the ballot, especially concerning the deadlines for submission as he received several ballots long after the deadline.

The following are results of the 1985 election:

President Elect - Sue Collins  
Secretary - Sally Cole  
Treasurer - Mark Guthrie  
Board Members - (Kevin Black and Linda Scott are serving a two-year term which began in 1984)  
Chris Zier  
Jeff Eighmy  
Newsletter Editor - Alan Reed

b. Membership - The membership committee chairman, Reid Farmer, reported that five new members (four voting and one associate member) were accepted into the organization and 17 applications remain partially completed. It was discussed whether or not the membership application could be streamlined and it was suggested that the applicant should receive a copy of the ethics and bylaws with each application form. A motion was made and carried to formulate a form letter nomination for CCPA membership application. This form would require signatures from three CCPA voting members in good standing but would not require actual letters of recommendation. Copies of the code of ethics and bylaws would also be included with the form.

c. Ethics - The ethics committee had no formal report however, Jenny Anderson requested input on a possible problem with the Code of Ethics Section 2F concerning private land owners and confidentiality and suppression of site data. It was decided that there was no major conflict and that the ethics committee was in existence to review any concerns such as this that may not be specifically covered in the Code of Ethics.

#### Special Committee Reports

V. a. Bylaws - The Bylaws committee consisting of Marsha Tate, Betty LeFree, and Jenny Anderson, presented their recommendations after reviewing the Bylaws for Amendment 15 and 17 as follows:

Article IV Censure, etc. Section 3 Types of Actions a. Censure  
iii. Written notice, etc.

Delete "---censured's employer and non-member associates"

Article IV Censure, etc. Section 3 Types of Actions b. Membership  
Suspension iv. Written notice of suspension shall be sent to the

Delete: "member's employer and nonmember associates,"

Motions were carried to delete both of these clauses. The committee also recommended that the Secretary, Membership Chairperson and new applicants have available a set of Bylaws and Code of Ethics and that the updated Bylaws be published in total in the Newsletter. To answer a question raised at the last executive board meeting, Marsha Tate stated that the Newsletter editor is a voting member of the executive committee.

#### Unfinished Business

VI. a. Fall meeting - Steve Sigstad spoke about the possibility of a joint meeting of CCPA and WAPA (Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists). WAPA had expressed an interest in maintaining regular contact with CCPA and a meeting in a mutually agreeable location was suggested. It was moved and carried to accept their invitation.

b. Steve Baker presented a concern about CCPA asking SOPA to help investigate the Pinon Canon issues when very few of the members of our organization are members of SOPA. Jim Hester answered by stating that it was simply a way to look for objectivity and mediation from outside rather than fighting amongst ourselves.

#### New Business

VII. It was discussed that the DU Anthropology Department may no longer exist in the near future and that as professionals we should be concerned about future repository problems and especially the existing collections and what will become of them. A motion was carried that the CCPA president appoint an investigative committee to research the intentions of DU in regard to the collections. It was also pointed out that both federal and private concerns should be assessed. The status of the UNC collections was also noted as a concern but it was decided that the DU problem was more of an immediate priority.

John Gooding and Ivor Hagar reported on the success story of the working relationship between the Denver CAS and the Douglas County Planning Commission. CAS conducted a survey of six square miles of ranch land that had been bought by a developer, and after working with the Planning Commission for several years the Commission is changing its policy in how they review statements from developers. This exemplifies how important it is to maintain a working relationship with local county planning commissioners.

#### Announcements

VIII. It was announced that last year's executive committee members and this year's newly elected members would meet during lunch tomorrow.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m. by Steve Cassells.

Respectfully submitted,

Marilyn A. Martorano  
Secretary