



# Newsletter of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists



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## 2024 Conference Information

There is so much to tell you about the upcoming Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologist (CCPA) conference happening March 7-10, 2024. **The conference will be held at the Hays Student Center at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado.** Inside the newsletter, you will find information about:

- Call for presentations and posters
- How to be a conference sponsor
- How to register
- Election bios and ballots

Click on the link below to register!

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/22100ea8-cb4f-4767-839a-7af8d9d937f9>

If you have any conference-related questions, please email the organizers at [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com). We will make sure your email is directed to the right person.

*Photo above: Volunteers gather at International Archaeology Day, October 2023. Kudos to Jessica Ericson and Jasmine Saxon of Community Connections for organizing such a successful event!*

## Important Conference Deadlines

- Abstract submission ends February 16.
- Early registration closes 5:00 PM, February 23.
- Hotel conference rates expire February 22. See inside for more information!

## Upcoming EC Meeting

The CCPA Executive Committee will meet on March 8, 2024, during the annual conference. If you have any topics or concerns you would like the Executive Committee to discuss, please contact President-Elect Becca Simon at [rlsimon1415@gmail.com](mailto:rlsimon1415@gmail.com) by Monday, February 26, 2024.

## Renew Your Membership!

The new year is upon us, which means it is time to renew your CCPA membership. A membership renewal form can be found at the end of this newsletter and on the CCPA website at: <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/>



## President's Corner

**By Mary Sullivan, CCPA President**

Happy New Year, CCPA! The new year brings us that much closer to the annual meeting. Planning for the 2024 conference is well under way with Jason LaBelle, Kristi Gensmer, and Chris Kinneer leading the charge. The meeting is being held in Sterling from March 7–10, 2024. A lot more information can be found in the following pages.

Over the course of the last year, a lot has happened. Most notably, we finally got our investment accounts set up and funded. This has been a goal of the organization for years and thanks to the hard work of Dante Knapp, Charlie Reed, Jody Clauter, Chris Johnston, and Katy Waechter, it has finally been realized. For all the gory details, please see Charlie's investment update in this edition.

I am happy to report that all the open committee positions have been filled! Please welcome Kimberly Bailey as the new head of the Government Review Committee, Sarah Rothwell as the head of the Archives Committee, and Jen Kolise as the new Newsletter Editor! I thank you all for stepping up and helping out!

We also need to thank the wonderful, talented Jacki Mullen who has been serving as the newsletter editor for the last nine years. She truly transformed the newsletter into a very useful, informative, work of art. At the meeting in Sterling, please buy Jacki a beer, or whatever else she is drinking, for her dedication!

I am looking forward to seeing many of you, hearing your papers, seeing your posters, and drinking beers with you at Northeastern Junior College and the Overland Trail Museum, in stunning, stupendous Sterling. With the upcoming annual meeting, this will be the last message I share with you. It has been my honor and pleasure to work with the Executive Committee this past year. I have sat on Executive Committees with other organizations but none of them have been as dedicated, hardworking, and enjoyable as the CCPA EC! Thanks to outgoing president Paul Burnett for all he has done and, hopefully, will continue to do, for the organization. In March, Becca Simon will be taking over as the next CCPA President. I'm looking forward to seeing the direction she moves the organization!

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## Host the 2025 CCPA Conference!

The CCPA is on the lookout for a volunteer firm, group, or organization to host its 2025 meeting. Are you passionate about preserving history and excited to showcase the beauty of Colorado? This is your chance to shine! We're seeking a host to welcome fellow archaeologists from near and far, providing a memorable experience filled with knowledge sharing, networking, and good times. If you're up for the challenge and want to be a part of this exciting event, please reach out to CCPA President-Elect Becca Simon at [rlsimon1415@gmail.com](mailto:rlsimon1415@gmail.com). Let's make 2025 a year to remember for the CCPA community!

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## 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at Northeastern Junior College – Preliminary Schedule



### **Thursday, March 7: Tour – Sterling to Julesburg, Colorado (leave from Sterling)**

- Tour of Fort Sedgwick and Julesburg area, group tour: 9:30 AM–4:30 PM; Vans provided for tour participants.

### **Thursday Night, March 7: Early Bird – Overland Trail Museum, Sterling**

- Early Bird Welcome Reception: 5:00–8:00 PM
- Registration on site.

### **Friday, March 8: Business Meeting, Papers, and Posters – Hays Student Center, Northeastern Junior College**

- Registration & Merchandise Sales: 7:45 AM–5:00 PM
  - Coffee and pastries provided
- CCPA Business Meeting: 8:00–10:30 AM (students welcome)
- Federal and State Agency Reports: 10:30–11:30 AM
- Lunch Break (on your own): 11:30 AM–1:30 PM
- Silent Auction: 1:00–5:00 PM
- Paper Session: 1:30–4:30 PM
- Poster Session: 1:30–5:00 PM (all-afternoon viewing)

### **Friday, March 8: Executive Committee Lunch – by Invitation Only**

- 11:45 AM–2:00 PM

### **Friday Night, March 8: Banquet & Scholarship Fundraiser – Hays Student Center, Northeastern Junior College**

- Banquet: 6:00–7:15 PM (advance ticket purchase required)
- Trivia Bowl after the banquet (open to all): 7:30–9:30 PM

### **Saturday, March 9: Papers & Posters – Hays Student Center, Northeastern Junior College**

- Registration & Merchandise Sales: 8:00 AM–12:00 PM (noon)
  - Coffee & pastries provided
- Silent Auction: 8:00 AM–1:00 PM
- Poster Session: 8:00 AM–4:45 PM (all-day viewing)
- Paper Session: 9:00 AM–12:00 PM (noon)
- Student Poster Competition: 10:30 AM–12:00 PM (noon)
- Lunch Break: 12:00–1:30 PM (on your own)
- Paper Session: 1:30–4:45 PM
- Student Presentation and Poster Awards/Silent Auction Winners: 4:45 pm

### **Sunday, March 10: Tour – Flattop Butte Quarry Site, Logan County, Colorado (leave from Sterling)**

- Tour of Flattop Butte, group tour: 9:00 AM–approximately 12:00–1:00 PM; Carpool/caravan, with vans available for some of the tour participants.

# 2024 Conference Information

## Conference Contacts

General Inquiries: [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com)

Venue/Fundraising/Tours: Jason LaBelle ([jason.labelle@colostate.edu](mailto:jason.labelle@colostate.edu))

Registration/Paper/Poster Submissions: Kristi Gensmer and Chris Kinneer ([ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com))

Sponsorship: Kelton Meyer ([kelton.meyer@colostate.edu](mailto:kelton.meyer@colostate.edu))

Volunteers: [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com)

Banquet: Jason LaBelle ([jason.labelle@colostate.edu](mailto:jason.labelle@colostate.edu))

## Conference Lodging

The Conference Committee has arranged group discounts at two hotels in Sterling, both of which are located adjacent to the Overland Trail Museum. These are the Holiday Inn Express and Suites and the Best Western Sundowner. Please let them know you are with the CCPA Conference when registering. **Call the conference hotel directly before February 22. Be sure to mention CCPA or Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologist when booking.**

### Holiday Inn Express and Suites

- Across the street from the Overland Trail Museum.
- CCPA has a block of 40 rooms reserved at a discounted rate of \$124/night + tax.
- Amenities: parking, pool, and breakfast.
- 1555 E. Chestnut St., Sterling, Colorado 80751
- (970) 425-7414



### Best Western Sundowner

- Next door to the Overland Trail Museum.
- CCPA has a block of 20 rooms reserved at a discounted rate of \$129/night + tax.
- Amenities: parking and breakfast.
- 125 Overland Trail, Sterling, CO 80751
- (970) 522-6265



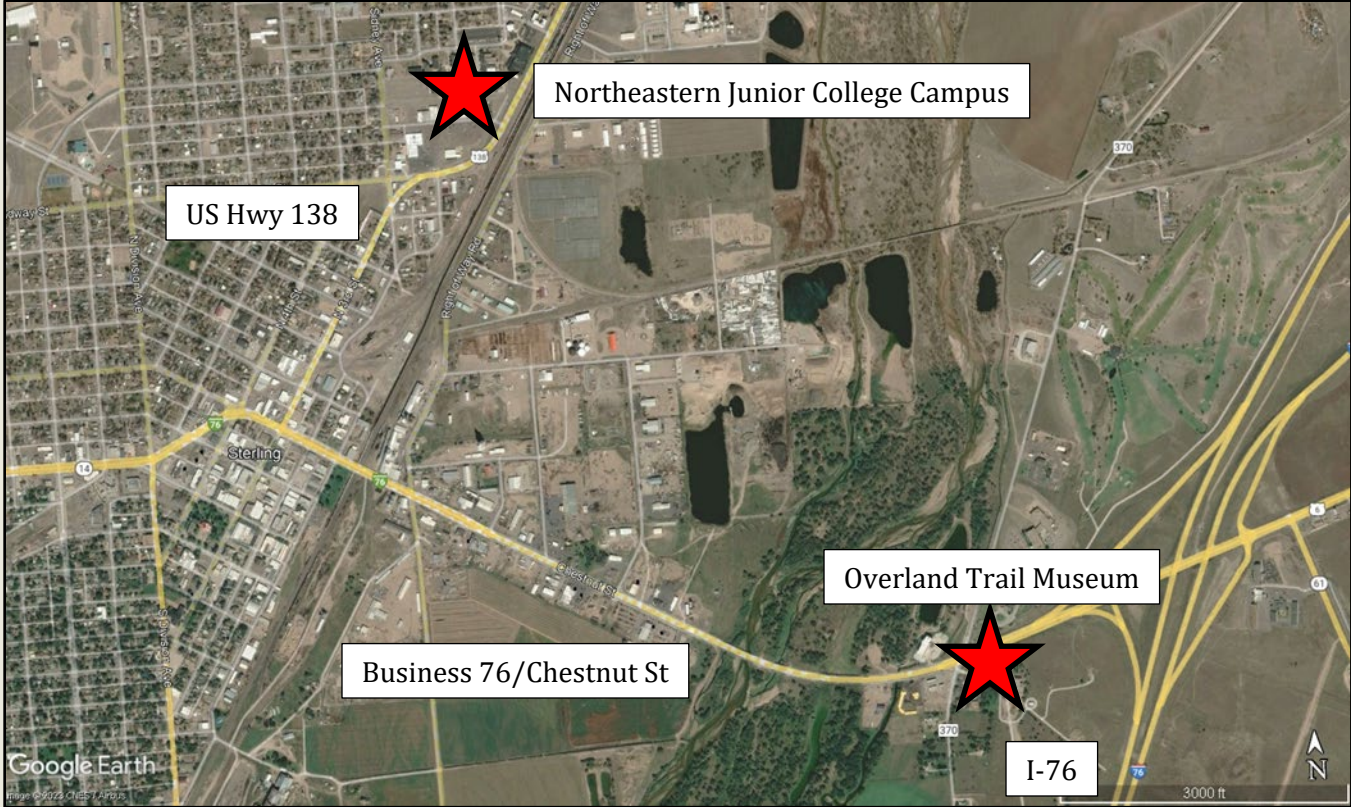
### Accessibility

Please note any accessibility needs to the hotel when reserving your room to make sure they can accommodate you.

### Other Lodging Options

There are many lodging options available in Sterling, many near Interstate 76. These include other historical hotels, modern lodges, and vacation rentals. There is no obligation to stay at any of the conference hotels.

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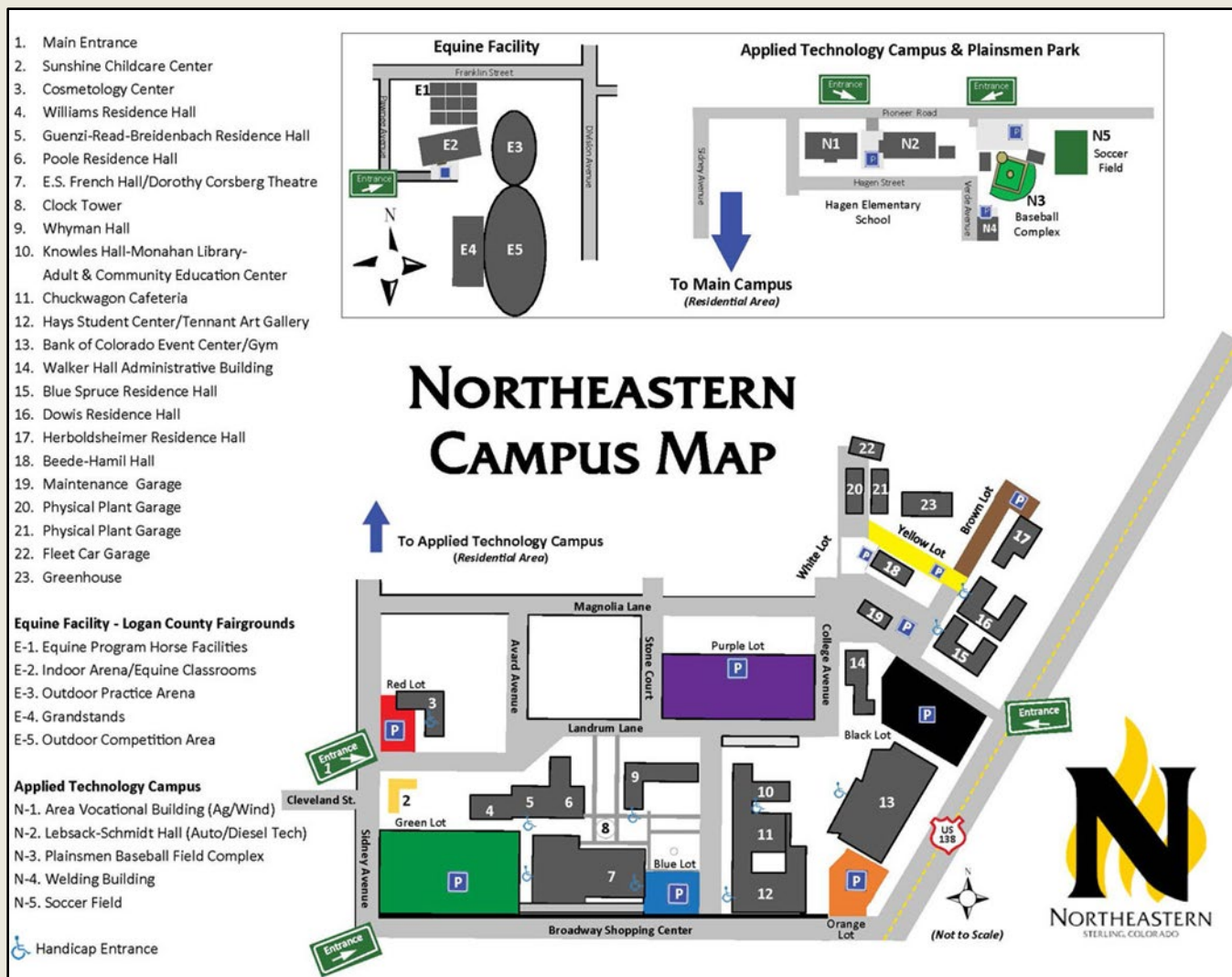


Map of the Sterling area and CCPA conference events.



Map of the Overland Trail Museum in relation to the Holiday Inn and Best Western hotels.

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**Map of the Northeastern Junior College Campus. The CCPA Conference will be held in the Hays Student Center and Tennant Art Gallery (Building 12 on the map). There is free parking in campus lots (orange, blue, and purple are the closest parking lots).**

## Early Bird Welcome Reception

Please join us on Thursday, March 7, from 5–8 PM, for the Early Bird Welcome Reception at the Overland Trail Museum. Appetizers and drinks will be provided. Conference registration will be available on site.

## Friday Evening Banquet – Hays Student Center, Northeastern Junior College

A plated dinner banquet will be held Friday evening upstairs in the Student Center. Common dietary restrictions will be accommodated, and choose a meat or vegetarian option online when you register. Please direct any questions to Jason LaBelle at [jason.labelle@colostate.edu](mailto:jason.labelle@colostate.edu).

Banquet tickets must be purchased by February 23 (the early bird registration deadline). There will be no banquet tickets available to purchase on site.

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## 2024 CCPA Scholarship Fundraisers

We will be holding a variety of scholarship fundraisers during the Sterling annual meeting, including a Trivia Bowl following the conference banquet dinner, our annual silent auction, and a used book sale.

Our Trivia Bowl is open to all conference attendees, so even if you don't attend the banquet, we encourage you to come to the Student Center by 7:15 PM Friday night in order to participate in this fun event. We will be participating in small teams, so be sure to draft your friends into teams, get your costumes ready, and come prepared for some brain battles! We strongly encourage cash donations to support the scholarship fund, but even if you forget your wallet at home, you are welcome to play along. In between rounds, we will host a live auction of a few select items.

In addition, we will be holding a silent auction that will run from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon. Please consider donating an item. Popular items include art, jewelry, handcrafted works, and destinations. Think outside of the box! If you know artists, artisans, craftspeople, or business owners who might like to donate, please reach out to them about this event. It is good marketing!

Finally, we will be having a used book sale – lots of fantastic donations for sale, so come prepared to fill your bookcase with some new “old” books!

Contact [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com) about your donations. The proceeds from these events will go to the scholarship fund that supports students. The CCPA has a strong history of supporting students with these scholarships, and many CCPA members have benefited. Please consider donating to these events.

Cash, check, or credit cards will be accepted.

**Thank you for supporting CCPA scholarships!**

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*CCPA members attend the 2022 conference in Denver (left) and enjoy the banquet in Durango in 2019 (right). Photos courtesy of Jacki Mullen.*

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## Field Trips and Tours

We are excited to offer two fantastic tours during the 46<sup>th</sup> annual conference! The first tour will take place on Thursday, March 7. We hope that you'll either come out the night before or get up early that morning and come to Sterling (about 2 hours from Denver) and take part. On Sunday, March 10, we will host an additional tour north of Sterling, depending on the weather/roads. Visitors can depart to home after this partial day tour. More details about the tours are presented below.

### **Fort Sedgwick, the three old Julesburgs Italian Caves – Thursday, March 7, 9:30 AM–4:30 PM**

Join us for a tour of the Julesburg area, where we'll tour many sites related to Camp Rankin, Fort Sedgwick, 1865 Plains Indian battle sites, and multiple locations of Old Julesburg. Ray Sumner, PhD candidate at Colorado State University, will be leading the tour of these sites, many of which are the subject of his dissertation. We plan to leave Sterling at 9:30 AM and return at 4:30 PM. Vans will be provided for guests. The tour is limited to 25 individuals. We will stop at a café in Julesburg for lunch, but lunch is not provided in the tour fee. Fee for the tour is \$20 to cover the van rentals.

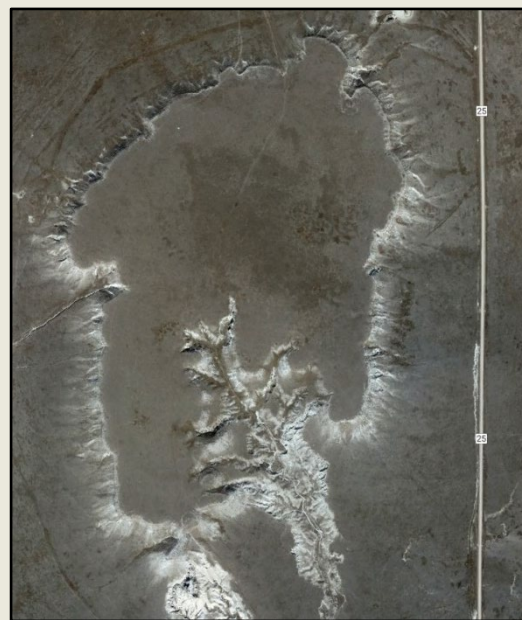
### **Flattop Butte Quarry Site (5LO34) – Sunday, March 10, 9:00 AM–12:00 or 1:00 PM**

The post-conference tour is to the Flattop Butte Quarry Site, located northwest of Sterling. Tour members will carpool/caravan (transportation will be available in vans for around 25 participants) out to the site and then take a short hike to the Butte. The tour is limited to 60 people. The hike is mostly across flat terrain, but there is a short, steep (non-technical) section to get to the top of the Butte (less than 100 feet in elevation gain). Once on top, we will visit several quarry pit concentrations, as well as the location of recent excavations during the past summer. Robert Madden, M.A. student at Colorado State University, will lead the tour and describe his thesis research at the site. Following the tour, participants can return to Sterling or head home on their own. There is no charge for the tour.

**For more information on the tours, contact Jason LaBelle  
([jason.labelle@colostate.edu](mailto:jason.labelle@colostate.edu)).**



*Pony Express marker at the location of the original Julesburg, in Sedgwick County, Colorado.*



*Aerial image of Flattop Butte, in Logan County, Colorado.*



# 2024 Conference Information

## Call for Papers, Posters, & Sessions

The CCPA conference organizers are issuing a call for Sessions, Papers, and Posters for the annual meeting. If you would like to propose a session or present a talk or poster, please email [CCPAconference@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAconference@gmail.com).

**Propose a paper:** We are accepting abstracts on all topics of interest and value to Colorado archaeologists. Topics of general interest will be presented on Friday and Saturday afternoons. Presentations will be either 15 or 20 minutes, depending on the number of entries and presenter preference. **Time limits will be strictly enforced.**

**Propose a poster.** All attendees are welcome to develop a poster to share at the conference. Posters should not exceed 60 inches wide and 48 inches tall. Posters will be displayed on easels. Posters will be displayed from Friday and Saturday.

**Abstract Submission:** The deadline for submission is midnight on **Friday, February 16, 2024**. Please submit your abstracts to [CCPAconference@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAconference@gmail.com). Abstracts should be limited to 150 words and include the presentation title and all authors and author affiliations for inclusion in the CCPA program. As always, there are a limited number of available paper presentation and poster slots—entry will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Please direct any questions on paper or poster presentations or on abstract submission to [CCPAconference@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAconference@gmail.com).

## Student Competitions

The CCPA is excited to host its 14<sup>th</sup> annual graduate and undergraduate student research presentation and poster competitions. Graduate and undergraduate students will compete separately in two categories: research paper presentations and posters. A panel of judges will evaluate the entries and present awards in each category. The competition will provide students an excellent opportunity to present research in a supportive environment, to meet and get feedback from professional archaeologists from across the state and beyond, and to meet and engage with students from other academic institutions.

Research presentations will be judged throughout the conference and awards will be presented at the end of the day on Saturday.

For more information, please contact Mary Van Buren at [mary.vanburen@colostate.edu](mailto:mary.vanburen@colostate.edu).

## Awards

- Graduate poster: \$125
- Graduate research presentation: \$200
  
- Undergraduate poster: \$125
- Undergraduate research presentation: \$200
  
- Runner-up in each category: \$50

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## Qualifications

- Competitors must be students who are enrolled as full- or part-time graduate or undergraduate students or those that are recently graduated (December 2023).
- Abstract submissions should note the student's intent to participate in the competition.
- The student must have registered for the conference and is strongly urged to be a CCPA member.

## Competition Details

- Abstracts for all entries must be submitted to [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com) by February 16, 2024. Abstracts should summarize the content, and include the title, all authors, and author affiliations.
- Entries must be submitted to [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com) by March 4, 2024.
  - Presentation: PowerPoint slides
  - Poster: PDF or PowerPoint slide of final poster.
- Presentations and posters may be co-authored, with the entry category sent by the lead author. Any award for a multi-authored entry will be split among the authors.
- Entries can be on any topic of archaeological interest and do not need to be about Colorado archaeology.
- The content of the entries must adhere to CCPA's Code of Ethics.
- Students may present research that has been submitted for publication, has been published, or has been written for an academic course during the past year. The entry needs to have been written when the author was a student.
- The entry cannot have previously been entered into a CCPA student competition.

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## Student Volunteers Needed!

Students, if you plan to attend the Sterling conference, consider volunteering four hours of your time to receive free conference registration (a \$30 savings!). Volunteer slots will be granted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please email [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com) to sign up today!

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*Has it really been 8 years since the conference in Salida!? Shout out to Tom Carr for capturing these gems so we can relive the fun and excitement of the 2016 trivia bowl.*

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## Conference Sponsorship

*Do you want to support the professional community? Do you want to be a direct part of the best archaeology party in Colorado? Do you want to make sure that when you retire, the person replacing you has the right networking skills? If so, be a sponsor!*

### **Be a Sponsor of the 46<sup>th</sup> Annual CCPA Meeting!**

Sponsorships help keep conference costs affordable for individuals and provide great networking and marketing tools for organizations. Additionally, the CCPA wants to increase student engagement. To increase student attendance and participation, a portion of the sponsorship funds will support student awards.

#### **Drake (\$1000)**

Your support includes three conference registrations, select CCPA merchandise, and your name/logo on CCPA social media and conference material.

#### **Frasca (\$750)**

Your support includes two conference registrations, select CCPA merchandise, and your name/logo on CCPA social media and conference material.

#### **Dipper Gap (\$500)**

Your support includes one conference registration, select CCPA merchandise, and your name/logo on CCPA social media and conference material.

#### **Donovan (\$250)**

Your support includes select CCPA merchandise and your name/logo on CCPA social media and conference material.

#### **Flattop Butte (\$100)**

Your support includes your name/logo on CCPA social media and conference material.

### **Marketing & Advertisements (\$350)**

If you would like to advertise your company or services in the conference material, please select this option on the conference registration page. If you would like marketing materials to be printed and distributed in conference packets, please email the materials to Kelton Meyer ([Kelton.meyer@colostate.edu](mailto:Kelton.meyer@colostate.edu)). Sponsors and advertisers must provide logos in high resolution (300 ppi or greater at print size) and at screen resolution (72 ppi) for the website.

Pay for your sponsorship/advertisement by clicking on the link: <https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/22100ea8-cb4f-4767-839a-7af8d9d937f9>

**For more information about sponsorship, contact Kelton Meyer ([kelton.meyer@colostate.edu](mailto:kelton.meyer@colostate.edu)).**

**Sponsorships and logos must be received by February 23, 2024.**

**Thank you for supporting CCPA!**

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## Conference Registration

We are excited to be using Zeffy again as our registration platform for the CCPA Conference. Zeffy caters directly to non-profit organizations such as CCPA. Zeffy relies entirely on donations to support its services and passes none of the fees onto CCPA. When you register, you will see an option to donate to Zeffy. This is entirely voluntary, but please consider donating to Zeffy when you register.



Please click on the link (<https://www.zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/22100ea8-cb4f-4767-839a-7af8d9d937f9>) or scan the QR code to visit the registration website.

### Early Registration Deadline

Early registration will close Friday, February 23 at 5:00 PM Mountain Time. On-site registration will be available but at an increased rate.

### Banquet Tickets

Banquet tickets MUST be purchased in advance and on-site sales of banquet tickets will not be available. You will choose your vegetarian or meat option when you register.

Please direct all registration questions to [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com).

### Summary of Registration Costs.

Item	Cost
Member Early Registration (includes CCPA and CAS members)	\$60.00
Non-Member Early Registration	\$80.00
Native American Members	Free
Student Registration (no fee difference early to on-site registration)	\$30.00
On-Site Registration (Member)	\$80.00
On-Site Registration (Non-Member)	\$100.00
Banquet	\$50.00

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### In-Person Cancellation/Refund Policy

No refunds will be given after March 1, 2024. If you need a refund prior to this, please contact Kristi Gensmer and Chris Kinneer at [ccpaconference@gmail.com](mailto:ccpaconference@gmail.com).

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### Conference Merchandise

Newly designed CCPA merchandise will be available to purchase at the conference venue and through Zeffy once final pricing is confirmed.

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*CCPA Fellows at the 2017 conference in Grand Junction (left to right), Front row: Adrienne Anderson, Susan Chandler, Susan Collins. Back row: Mike Metcalf, Kevin Black, Steve Cassells, and Alan Reed. Photo courtesy of Jacki Mullen.*

## Nominate a CCPA Fellow

**By Michelle Slaughter, Awards and Recognition Committee Chair**

The CCPA Awards and Recognition Committee is soliciting nominations for CCPA Fellows. A CCPA Fellow is an individual recognized as a senior scholar in archaeology or a related discipline, as well as someone who has made substantial contributions that are extraordinary accomplishments of lasting quality to Colorado archaeology. Fellows are individuals who have contributed to Colorado archaeology through research and service to CCPA as a member. Nominees must be CCPA members at the time of nomination and must meet the standards of the CCPA Code of Ethics. Please refer to the CCPA Bylaws for more information. If you would like to nominate someone, please submit your nomination

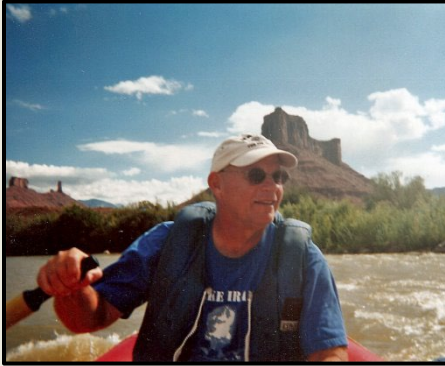
(a page or two that details their professional accomplishments and contributions to Colorado archaeology and the CCPA) to the Awards and Recognition Committee Chair Michelle Slaughter at [mslaughter@sricrm.com](mailto:mslaughter@sricrm.com) before February 9, 2024. Acceptance and recognition of a new Fellow is dependent upon a majority vote of the CCPA Executive Committee. The Executive Committee strongly urges nominators to keep nominees unaware of the nomination process should the nomination be unsuccessful. Fellow awards will be announced during the Friday evening banquet on March 8, 2024.



*Conference attendees mingle at the Wright Opera House in Ouray in 2023. Photos courtesy of Meg VanNess and Jacki Mullen.*

## Michael Piontkowski (March 6, 1951 to December 31, 2023)

### Respectfully Submitted, *Dominquez Archaeological Research Group*



Michael Piontkowski absolutely loved archaeology. He loved the science, the practice, the work, and especially the mystery of the unknown. Putting the puzzle pieces together was a joy to him and he was deeply committed to the preservation of historic and prehistoric cultural resources.

Michael was the archaeologist for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Craig and Grand Junction Field Offices from 1980 to 1995. During this time, in addition to developing a cultural resource database, writing standards and procedures for the BLM, and refining consultation processes, he diligently protected public lands from pothunters and vandals. He was dedicated to educating the public, especially school children, on the value and importance of western Colorado archaeology. Of great importance were his efforts to preserve the historic uranium mining sites located on the Uncompahgre Plateau. He was particularly satisfied with the work he did to assist with the placement of several historic buildings in Grand Junction on the National Register of Historic Places.

Michael's knowledge and understanding of cultural resource management and archaeological laws and ethics was vast and always up-to-date. As an Adjunct Professor at Colorado's Mesa University, he taught the Business of Archaeology: Introduction to Cultural Resource Management class. Those students fortunate enough to take his class came away with a thorough understanding not only of CRM but of the origins and purpose of historic preservation laws and regulations and the history and evolution of American archaeology as a scientific endeavor.

As the owner of Uncompahgre Archaeological Consultants, LLC and Confluence Research Associates, Inc., Michael completed a wide variety of projects. Many miles were traversed in surveying grazing allotments, oil and gas lands, and mountain bike trails. He always did the hard work and never took the easy way. His motto was "If it's worth doing, it deserves to be done right!"

In addition to serving as an emergency room aid at St. Mary's Hospital, giving ski lessons at Powderhorn Ski Area, and volunteering as a board member for KAFM Public Radio, Michael somehow found time to help Grand River Institute with countless surveys, monitors, and excavations. For over 20 years he was a respected associate with Dominquez Archaeological Research Group (DARG) and a contributor on several significant DARG projects. His vast experience and knowledge of western Colorado archaeology and history was an invaluable asset to the team.

Of all of his projects assisting DARG, work on the Taylor site artifact collection was of the greatest interest to him. He did a remarkable amount of research, poring over old records, documents, and photos of the site trying to clarify the complicated and confusing notes and artifact cataloging system. He was proud of the final report, *A Reexamination of the Uncompahgre Complex: A Reanalysis of the Taylor Site (5ME97)*, Mesa County, Colorado (SHF 2014-AS-007, Dominquez Archaeological Research Group, Inc. for the State Historic Fund).

His ongoing recovery from life-threatening injuries incurred from a 60-foot fall while hiking in a remote area of Utah, challenged his ability to continue to work in the field. Though his physical well-being was compromised, he continued to participate in projects to the best of his ability. He never "retired" from archaeology.

Michael Piontkowski will be remembered as an accomplished archaeologist, a valued colleague, a dedicated teacher, a good father and grandfather, and a friend to many. His sense of humor and irrepressible smile will be especially missed.

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## Reminiscing on Michael Piontkowski

**By Michael Selle**

On July 1, 1984, when I arrived in Meeker and the White River Resource Area, as the units were then named, Michael Piontkowski was, as far as I know, the second-ever Craig District archaeologist, having succeeded Beth Walton, the first District Archaeologist. My immediate predecessor, Priscilla “Prill” Mecham, had moved to the Kremmling Resource Area as Assistant Area Manager and Archaeologist. Henry “Hal” Keesling was the Little Snake Resource Area Archaeologist.

At that time, we were still in the aftermath of the OPEC embargo and the Craig District was the Colorado BLM’s hot bed for energy production. It was the home of what the United States Geologic Survey designated as the richest oil shale deposits in the world. It was also the lower end of the Green River-Hams Fork Coal region, an area rich with oil-and-gas development. The Craig District received between 500 and 600 Applications for Permit to Drill for oil and/or gas per year. In the Little Snake area, heavy oil-and-gas development was occurring along the Colorado-Wyoming border. In the Hiawatha Camp and the White River areas, drilling was mostly at the western end of Rio Blanco County in the so-called Rangely Field and along the Douglas Arch and Douglas Creek area. There were a few gas wells drilled in the Piceance Creek drainage too, but not a lot. That was where the oil shale activity was at its highest.

As I recall, at the time, there didn’t appear to be any rhyme or reason to what was sent to the Colorado State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) and what was not. If field examinations resulted in no resources identified, the BLM didn’t necessarily send that information to the SHPO. On the other hand, if resources were present and could potentially be impacted by any land use activity then we had to resort to the regulations under Title 36 Code of Federal Regulations Subsection 800 for consultation. That was, of course, a long and somewhat tedious project at times.

Sometime in late 1985, Michael canvassed the staff on the idea of some sort of programmatic agreement for the district, in accordance with the regulations, that would simplify the process and make sure the SHPO was kept consistently informed on actions in the field. We all agreed it sounded like a great idea, so Michael contacted our SHPO compliance coordinator, James “Jim” Green, and inquired about the SHPO’s opinion on the value of a programmatic agreement. Jim agreed that the idea had merit, so informal brainstorming and idea-sharing between Jim, Michael, and the resource area staffs began.

In the process, the Craig District was assigned a new district manager, William Pulford, and the BLM acquired a new state director, Kannon Richards. After about a year, Michael informed Mr. Pulford that we were ready to begin formal negotiations for a programmatic agreement. At a subsequent State Management Team meeting, Mr. Pulford informed Mr. Richards that we were in the process of beginning the formal consultation process for a programmatic agreement. Mr. Richards was curious, of course, and asked some questions and Mr. Pulford obliged by relating the idea as he understood it.

Upon hearing the idea, Mr. Richards looked at his newly appointed State Office Heritage Program lead, a certain Dr. Fredrick J. Athearn Jr., and declared that if it was good enough then, “By God it is good enough for

the entire state” (as the story was relayed to me) and ordered Rick, as I was privileged to address him, to take it over and make it a statewide agreement.

It took a little more than another year for Rick to coordinate with all the district and resource area archaeologists and get ideas, opinions, and inputs that would ultimately result in the programmatic agreement for the state that was signed into effect in either 1987 or 1989 (I forget the exact year). As far as I know, it was one of the first in the nation and the envy of adjoining state BLM offices.

As a result, there was now a very systematic method for making sure the SHPO got all inventory reports; there was a provision for referring to previous reports where it was suggested that no further work was necessary by citing the previous inventory data; and there was a system in place for speeding up the consultation process on finding “determinations of effect” to about 10 days unless an extension was formally requested by the SHPO. The upshot was that using the process allowed the SHPO to identify all those reports that were never submitted and allowed us to remedy that oversight.

By all accounts, the process was a great success and remained in effect until the National Programmatic Agreement and local state protocols superseded it many years later. Of interest is that the State Programmatic Agreement Appendix C Consultation Form Letter became the basis for the consultation cover letter for the new statewide protocol that, as far as I know, remains in effect to this day.

Michael’s pioneering idea was a great boon for the BLM in Colorado and the legacy continues to this day with the consultation cover letter still in use.

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## Updates from the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

### By Colton H. Snyder, State Curation Coordinator, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

The State of Colorado's recently updated *Submission Guidelines for State-Owned Archaeological Collections* will take effect July 1, 2024. These Guidelines are intended to serve as the minimum standards permittees are expected to meet for submitting archaeological collections and documentation to a state-approved repository. Each repository is allowed to set more strict standards, as it sees fit, that supersede those outlined in this document. Such conditions should be discussed in the process of securing a curation agreement and included as part of the agreement.



**History Colorado**

Three main changes have been made to this document. First, its focus has shifted from all state collections to solely those generated under an archaeology permit. This should remove some confusion as to the amount and types of conservation expected and permitted for biological material. Second, many sections have been updated to better account for the lack of lab space and limited personnel at the majority of our repositories. These updated guidelines are intended to ensure that collections arrive in a stable condition ready for storage. Third is the addition of a section outlining the fee structure that may be imposed by repositories for collections that have not been prepared following these guidelines. While this is not a new policy, it was added to ensure that all permittees are aware of the fee schedule.

These guidelines are set to go into effect on July 1, 2024, coinciding with the state’s financial calendar and ensuring that permittees have adequate time to make changes to schedules and contracts before the effective date of the new guidelines.



## Colorado Archaeological Society Update

CAS held its third hybrid conference and annual meeting on September 30–October 1, 2023, 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

### Southwestern Lore

In 2021, the CAS Board approved a plan to provide a digital copy of Southwestern Lore 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 CAS 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, and Amy Gillaspie) for their dedication in getting this report finalized. The report will be published in 2024; it will be 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](mailto:kinnear.rockies@gmail.com).

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## Archaeology Meet-Ups!

Join Community Connections for its monthly Archaeology Meet-ups, where history enthusiasts, archaeologists, students, teachers, and anyone with a passion for the past come together to connect and share their interests. Usually held on the third or fourth Thursday of each month, meet-ups are open to everyone, creating a welcoming space for diverse perspectives. Whether you're a seasoned archaeologist or just curious about archaeology, there's a place for you in our community. The gatherings take place at various locations around metro Denver, often in local breweries or similar venues, starting at 4:30 PM. Feel free to drop in at any time and be part of this engaging and fun group! Stay updated on upcoming meet-ups by following us on social media @communityconnectionsllc or visiting our website: [www.communityconnections.biz](http://www.communityconnections.biz).

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## Join the CCPA Listserv!

Being on CCPA's listserv is a great way to post and see posts related to job opportunities, current regulatory issues, general notices, and updates from CCPA. Don't be left in the dark between newsletters. Join 192 other members already in the group! Send an email to Greg Williams, and he will add you (it usually takes about a week). He can't add you without a request, and it is best to use your personal email instead of a business email or a .gov or .edu email because these often get blocked. If you submit an email that forwards to another email, it usually won't work either. Sorry, that's how Google does it. Email Greg at [greg@redpoint-resources.com](mailto:greg@redpoint-resources.com) or call him at 303-748-0321 and he will be glad to help you out.

## Reflecting on the Success of International Archaeology Day 2023

**By Jessica Ericson and Jasmine Saxon**

Community Connections LLC is thrilled to share the resounding success of International Archaeology Day (IAD) 2023—a groundbreaking event co-hosted with Colorado Preservation, Inc. and generously funded by the State Historic Fund History Colorado, along with valuable sponsorships. International Archaeology Day 2023 was held on October 21 in the Lower South Lot #2 at Red Rocks Park & Amphitheatre in Morrison, Colorado. Our collaborative endeavors not only marked the largest attendance in IAD history, drawing an impressive count of 997 guests, but also underscored our unwavering commitment to inclusivity and community engagement.

Beyond the nearly 1,000 guests at the main event, an additional 300+ participants immersed themselves in guided tours and off-site activities, delving into the rich history of iconic sites such as the Civilian Conservation Corp Camp, Seven Ladders Rock Tour at Red Rocks Park, Buffalo Bill Museum and Grave, Lamb Springs Archaeological Preserve, and Roxborough State Park.

The success of the event was further amplified by the dedication of 62 volunteers, who received IAD shirts and complimentary meals from food trucks as tokens of our appreciation. A total of 34 exhibitors showcased the diverse facets of archaeology and history—an impressive turnout!

Special activities, including face painting by Roxborough State Park volunteers, atlatl throwing by ERO Resources Corporation, a tipi demonstration, and earth watercolors by the Northern Arapaho Tribe, not only added vibrancy to the event but also imparted educational value. Notably, the engagement of American Sign Language (ASL) interpreters ensured accessibility for the deaf community, aligning with a commitment to inclusivity.

Diverse and informative presentations were a highlight of IAD 2023, attracting standing-room-only audiences. Renowned speakers like Jon Hedlund, Ernest House Jr., and Camryn Sample addressed various topics in archaeology, history, and culture, fostering engagement and interest.

While not covered by grant funding, the food trucks and beer garden played a pivotal role in enhancing the guest experience. Historical braggot beer, cream ale, and root beer at the beer garden raised \$1,466.28 for Colorado Preservation, Inc. Merchandise sales, featuring Elena Haverluk's art, generated \$1,549.44 for IAD 2024, underscoring the community's enthusiasm for the event.

The success of IAD 2023 was a collective effort, and we extend special recognition to our dedicated IAD 2023 committee. Their strategic planning, community engagement, and networking efforts significantly contributed to the event's triumph.

International Archaeology Day 2023 not only celebrated the profound significance of archaeology in our society but also set the stage for future growth and improvement. Plans for IAD 2024 are already underway, incorporating valuable lessons learned to enhance attendee experiences. Our heartfelt gratitude goes to sponsors, contributors, and the State Historic Fund for their unwavering support in preserving and celebrating our rich cultural heritage.

Learn more at [www.communityconnections.biz](http://www.communityconnections.biz)

All of the images on the next page are courtesy of Community Connections, LLC.



**LEFT: Tipi demonstration with Mike Redman from the Northern Arapaho Tribe. RIGHT: Ernest House Jr. inside the IAD 2023 presenter tent.**



**Some of the exhibitors at IAD 2023 at Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre.**



**LEFT: A volunteer posing in front of the IAD poster. RIGHT: Atlatl throwing was provided by ERO Resources. Many guests enjoyed this activity!**

# 2024 CCPA Elections

## 2024 Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists – Candidate Bios

It's election season! We have four (4) positions to be filled, including President-Elect, Student Board Member, and two (2) At-Large Board Members. Please read the candidates' biographies below, then submit the accompanying ballot sheet to Paul Burnett via email at [PBurnett@swca.com](mailto:PBurnett@swca.com) no later than **February 21, 2024**.

### Candidates for President-Elect (Vote for 1)



**Chris Johnston**

**Biography:** I grew up in Steamboat Springs and found myself constantly wondering about the people who lived and traversed the mountains long before I did. After a circuitous route, including a break from college to ski bum for a few years, I worked on Doug Bamforth's field school in 2008 and have been in archaeology since. I earned my BA from Colorado University at Boulder in 2010, followed by my MA from Colorado State University in 2016. During those years, I had the good fortune to learn from Mark Mitchell and Jason LaBelle, among many others. Between multiple stints at Paleocultural Research Group (PCRG), and working for the Center of Mountain and Plains Archaeology at Colorado State University, I've also held seasonal positions for the Forest Service and at private firms. In 2016, I became the assistant state archaeologist,

filling the unsurprisingly large shoes of Kevin Black. My desire to be in the field conducting research ultimately led me back to PCRG in 2018, where I am currently the Operations Director and a Project Archaeologist. This journey has allowed me to work on and lead a variety of projects in Colorado, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Nebraska, many with an emphasis on citizen science research and public outreach. This has given me the opportunity to interact with a variety of stakeholders and showcase the importance of archaeology and preservation on a larger scale. I have also been the treasurer of the Plains Anthropological Society since 2014, served on the CCPA financial review committee since 2020, and led the planning of the 40<sup>th</sup> annual CCPA meeting in Longmont in 2018. Outside of archaeology, I enjoy spending time with my wife and two young sons, coaching a variety of youth sports, and the peace of being alone with a hot cup of coffee before everyone else awakens.

**Statement:** Attending the CCPA annual meeting has been a highlight of my year since 2011. The community and camaraderie fostered within this group is exceptional, and I'm humbled to be considered as someone who could follow the many capable leaders of the organization's history. If elected, I will work with the Executive Committee to continue fostering the success of the CCPA. Growing our membership, and engaging students, tribal, and early-career researchers is critical to ensure the health of the organization for another 45 years. An updated and modernized website will offer a fresh point of entry for current and potential members exploring the CCPA and is one way to reach a larger audience. I have years of experience building and maintaining several websites, including for PCRG, ORCA (<https://archaeologycolorado.org>), and the Plains Society, and I plan to apply these skills to the CCPA website. Building upon what Mary Sullivan and others have begun, launching a new CCPA website will be a primary goal of my tenure.

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**Jasmine Saxon**

**Biography:** I am a dedicated and passionate archaeologist with a strong commitment to community engagement and the preservation of our shared history. Born and raised in Maryville, Tennessee, I obtained my B.A. in archaeology, specializing in Middle Eastern studies. During my undergraduate years, I worked in both art and archaeological museums, participated in a six-week dig in Israel, and embarked on a study abroad tour of Turkey and France. These experiences broadened my perspective on the diverse applications of archaeology in connecting people across various settings.

Upon relocating to Denver, Colorado, I earned my M.A. in anthropology with a concentration in archaeology from the University of Denver in 2018. Throughout my graduate studies, I engaged in diverse projects, including ground-penetrating radar initiatives, archaeological excavations, and roles as a teaching and research assistant. It was during this time that I developed a deep appreciation for the importance of involving community members in archaeological endeavors.

My passion for public and community archaeology was solidified during my thesis project, which heavily incorporated community collaboration, and my involvement with the Campus Archaeology project at DU, where I contributed to historical research, collected oral histories, and participated in archaeological excavations.

In 2018, at the CCPA conference in Longmont, CO, I met Jessica Ericson, and our shared enthusiasm for public archaeology led us to establish Community Connections LLC in 2019. Through this endeavor, we have successfully organized International Archaeology Day at Red Rocks Park and Amphitheatre, created educational and outreach materials, and undertaken projects focusing on community and heritage connections through archaeology.

As the President-Elect of the CCPA, I will be determined to leverage my experiences to deepen the organization's connection with the community. I believe that archaeology can serve as a powerful tool to unite individuals during times of social unrest, division, and racism. My vision is to bring a fresh perspective to how archaeology can contribute to understanding the human condition and foster inclusive communities. Working with the CCPA will enable me to connect with diverse backgrounds, particularly minority communities, and ensure that our field meets the needs of an inclusive community. I live in Denver with my husband, David, and our English mastiff, Jango, I find joy in traveling, cooking, exploring international foods, playing games, laughing, and spending time outdoors.

**Statement:** As the President-Elect of the CCPA, my primary focus will be to absorb knowledge on effectively engaging the community with archaeology and applying that knowledge within our industry in Colorado. In the current climate of social unrest and division, I firmly believe that archaeology can be a vital tool in connecting community members.

I am committed to bringing a fresh outlook to our approach, emphasizing the role archaeology can play in understanding the human condition. With a dedication to fostering inclusivity, I see working with the CCPA as a remarkable avenue for connecting with individuals from diverse backgrounds, particularly minority communities. These connections and relationships are crucial in informing archaeologists about what an inclusive community truly needs within our field and translating that understanding into action.

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## Candidate for Student Board Member (Vote for 1)

### Caden Hooker

Hey there! My name is Caden Hooker and I'm a senior at Colorado State University. I became an archaeologist the moment I realized that there is a job that combines my two loves—the outdoors and history. Ever since then, the idea of exploring the past while being immersed in nature has kept me excited to go to work! As for my experience: my time at CSU has been fantastic, and I've had the pleasure to work for academic ventures, as well as cultural resource firms. From survey and excavations in the backcountry to the Front Range, I've worked two seasons in Colorado's Rocky Mountains, and the sagelands of Wyoming.

When the field season is over, my other passion in life is education. One of the best jobs I've ever worked was as a teaching assistant in a kindergarten classroom. While my priorities in life are now different than helping kids pick the right color of crayon to use, I'm still an advocate for the importance of public outreach. I believe that there needs to be a greater accessibility to knowledge in our discipline for aspiring archaeologists and the general public. For this reason, I created a website for projectile point identification that students can use. As I built the website, I saw how daunting the literature can be for someone unacquainted with my line of work. I want to try my best to make these concepts understandable and less of something that pushes people away. Conversations about preservation are important whether you're an archaeologist or not!

Looking ahead, I'm excited for a future in this career and the day that I will be able to mentor the next generation of archaeologists, just as my friends and coworkers have for me.



### Andrew Milam

**Biography:** I became a new resident of Colorado after joining Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc. as a Project Archaeologist in May of 2023 and I'm excited for the opportunity to get involved with the CCPA as a student board member. Since graduating with my B.S. in Anthropology from Texas State University in 2015, I've worked throughout the United States, including the Great Basin, Great Plains, Rocky Mountains, Midwest, and greater Southwest region, as well as some fieldwork on historic colonial sites in Belize. I've worked on all phases of fieldwork, including data recovery, testing, metal detecting, survey, and monitoring for a variety of clients, as well as emergency response to wildland fire and flood infrastructure restoration projects. I'm experienced with working on

sensitive prehistoric burial sites, alongside tribal cultural representatives and at historic African American cemeteries in an urban context. My career trajectory has driven my broad interest in cultural resource management and after nearly 10 years in the field, I am now a part-time student in my second semester at Adams State University pursuing my M.A. in Cultural Resource Management.

**Statement:** In my role as student board member for the CCPA, I look forward to engaging with a community of professional archaeologists who are likewise concerned with the preservation, recovery, and interpretation of cultural resources in Colorado. As an archaeologist, student, and new Colorado resident, I'm eager for the opportunity to learn from other professionals working within the state and to contribute to furthering the CCPA's goals.

# 2024 CCPA Elections

## Candidates for At-Large Member (Vote for 2)



**Natalie Clark**

**Biography and Statement:** Natalie Clark is the deputy preservation officer for the Colorado BLM. Her interest in archaeology dates to a trip as an 11-year-old to Mesa Verde National Park. Though at the time she didn't know what an "archaeologist" was, she would soon learn and eventually obtained a B.A. in Anthropology from Colorado College and an M.A. in Anthropology from Washington State University. Since graduating from college, Natalie worked on and off at the Canyons of the Ancients Visitors Center and Museum (formerly the Anasazi Heritage Center) and Canyons of the Ancients National Monument in southwest Colorado, as well as for Abajo Archaeology in southeast Utah. Eventually, she became the BLM field office

archaeologist in Grand Junction. This move allowed her to step out from the adobe curtain to see the amazing archaeological resources across the rest of the state. In 2020, Natalie transitioned to the deputy preservation officer position, which has offered her the opportunity to continue developing relationships with archaeologists from all sectors, as well as tribal representatives, throughout the intermountain region. Natalie has experience in the Four Corners region, the western slope, and the mountain region in Colorado. Her heart lies in southwest Colorado, even though she hasn't found a painted pottery sherd in the field in over a decade. Now that she's a "desk archaeologist," she is hoping to contribute to the professional community in Colorado as an at-large member of the CCPA Executive Committee. Natalie has seen first-hand how important collaboration in our state is, especially among the private, academic, and government sectors. As an at-large member, Natalie would like to help bridge the gap between these different sectors and create more opportunity for collaboration. Additionally, Natalie sees the growing challenges in training and hiring new archaeologists. As an at-large member, she would be interested in helping CCPA address these challenges in Colorado, specifically in CCPA's continued efforts to welcome and mentor new students and colleagues. She appreciates the opportunity to ask for your consideration to serve on the CCPA Executive Committee.



**Craig Dengel**

**Biography:** My path in archaeology began here in Colorado while pursuing my B.A. in Anthropology from Metropolitan State University of Denver. That experience led to my first professional job with the National Park Service in Tallahassee, FL and my M.S. in Geography from Florida State University. I've spent lots of time working in the swamps and along the coastlines of Florida and Louisiana investigating Woodland period villages and shell middens, as well as a couple of summers working on surveys and excavations in the central Peruvian Andes. I've been lucky enough to make my way back to Colorado, and I'm currently employed as the state cultural resources specialist for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service. Previously, I've worked for the Department of Defense at the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site in southeastern Colorado, at Fort Polk, Louisiana, and at Tyndall Air Force Base in Florida. My professional research interests lie in the best methods and practices for incorporating CRM survey with the

broader research objectives of the archaeological community. This includes the implementation of federal laws and holistic consultation on both federal lands and private property where federal grant dollars have been allocated.

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**Statement:** I am pleased to be considered by the membership to serve on the CCPA Executive Committee as an at-large member. I have represented the NRCS at past CCPA conferences, and I'm excited to integrate my professional experience with other like-minded professionals. I also bring my experiences as the president of the Denver chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. CAS, like the CCPA, is an important organization in Colorado for promoting the future directions of historic preservation, for the management of cultural resources, and for offering scientific interpretations to the public. The CCPA often participates in the consultation process and represents an important voice in promoting and protecting our shared cultural heritage. One of my primary objectives as a prospective member of the Executive Committee would be to work with membership to increase participation and retention among field technicians, recent graduates, and students. As this new generation enters the professional ranks, there is an opportunity to incorporate different backgrounds and diverse voices while respecting established ethical practices and professional standards. As a member of the Executive Committee, I would work alongside the student board member and Membership Committee chair to encourage increased representation and retention of this demographic within the organization.



## **Rachel Egan**

**Biography and Statement:** Hello, my name is Dr. Rachel Egan. As a recent member of the CCPA, I am excited to get to know this community! I have had a wide range of experience in archaeology over the years. Through my undergraduate, masters, and doctoral programs I worked all over the Americas, spanning from Nebraska to Peru. On these projects I have assisted with, and directed, a range of field-based research programs including (to name a few) community-based initiatives with Dr. Ortman in Pojoaque, New Mexico, radiography applications in Southern Peru, and household archaeology in Ceren, El Salvador. One of my passions, however, has always been in understanding human response to disaster. My dissertation research focused on how small groups living near Arenal, Costa Rica responded to, coped with, and recovered from sudden, repeat,

volcanic perturbations. Since completing my Ph.D. in 2019, I have transitioned to working in Colorado and I absolutely love it. I worked as the archaeologist for Colorado Parks and Wildlife (in conjunction with History Colorado). Together, we helped Colorado State Parks understand, manage, interpret, and preserve their unique cultural resources. This position allowed me to help educate a wide variety of people, from rangers to the public, on the value of archaeology and history—another passion I have nurtured over the last decade as an affiliate faculty member at Front Range Community College (BCC), where I teach Intro courses in Archaeology and Cultural Anthropology. I am now Senior Archaeologist at Tetra Tech.



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## **Brandon Turner**

**Biography:** In 2016, I participated in the tri-institutional Cherokee Ranch Field School that taught hands-on learning to bring respect for techniques used in the field, as well as attention to modern technological hardware and software in archaeology. After finishing an anthropology degree with a concentration in Cultural Resource Management from Fort Lewis College in 2020, I focused on the ethics and community aspects of archaeology. I used my role at the Wooten Site Project of Auraria Campus in 2021 to hone learned skills and worked to spearhead the research and organization of community meetings for the Former Auraria Project as an unofficial crew chief leader in 2022. I have utilized community-based participatory research to gather the community, establish trust and goals, and move forward with community proposed projects. For too long, archaeology has benefitted mainstream Anglo narratives while ignoring black, indigenous, and other people of color desires to tell their own history. As a member of

the Omaha Tribe of Nebraska, it is my professional interest to decolonize efforts into how we interpret and to question whom projects are benefitting. Lastly, it is my goal to steer archaeology into a new generation that embraces collaboration, offers stewardship and opportunity to BIPOC communities by emphasizing the undoing of harm caused by archaeology in the past, and promoting cultural competency for better partnerships among agencies, tribes, and the Colorado community.

**Statement:** While not as seasoned as some practicing archaeologists, I feel the importance to shift from the focus on *what* we are doing to *why* we are doing it is paramount. The discourse after the Black Lives Matter movement needs to be addressed within our field to come up with more strategic ways to engage communities and promote participation. This unique intersection provides Colorado archaeologists with the opportunity to show the public how relevant our discipline is in creating power and agency among disadvantaged communities. I will stand up for ethics and professionally represent our cohort by sharing an ideology of mutual respect and committing to partnering in more equitable ways. I will continue learning for the organization and foster an environment of reciprocity to build community capacity by advocating for fair research strategies that are not exploitative by engaging with local and descendant communities. As a black and indigenous person who believes power lies in knowledge production, I think I am aptly suitable for the endeavor to keep the CCPA relevant and effective.

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# 2024 ELECTIONS

## 2024 Official Executive Committee Ballot for the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists

### For President-Elect (Vote for 1)

- Chris Johnston
- Jasmin Saxon

### For Student Voting Member (Vote for 1)

- Caden Hooker
- Andrew Milam

### For At-Large Executive Committee Board Members (Vote for 2)

- Natalie Clark
- Craig Dengel
- Rachel Egan
- Brandon Turner

**Please clearly mark your votes and email your ballot to Paul Burnett at [PBurnett@swca.com](mailto:PBurnett@swca.com).**

**IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS:** Do not sign your name on the ballot. Doing so will invalidate your vote. The name on your email account must match the CCPA rolls.

**Ballots must be received by February 21, 2024, in order to be tallied in the election results.**

## Test Your Knowledge and Investigative Skills!

By Marilyn A. Martorano and Jon Horn

Guess what these two historical artifacts are and how they were used. Check your answers on page 34.

A.



*Hint: This artifact was found associated with a small family coal mine located near Cokedale, Colorado.*

B.



*This mystery artifact was found in the Cisco Desert of eastern Utah. The left photo is how it appeared in the field, and the right photo is the other side after being cleaned up in the lab.*

## Twenty-Five Years Ago in Colorado Archaeology (Winter 1999)

- As CCPA headed into early spring, members were looking forward to the upcoming get-together at Glenwood Springs—the organization's 21st annual meeting! Preparation of the prehistoric contexts was well underway; folks were tired of it all and wanted a break. The main feature of the meeting was Saturday's day-long symposium on Historical Archaeology that was put together and chaired by Richard Carrillo. A productive discussion on developing a context for historical archaeology followed.
- A new column suggested by editor, Carol Graham, *Profile of a Colorado Archaeologist*, was introduced with the winter newsletter. The concept was that the first to be profiled would select the next, and so on. Todd McMahon, the initial Colorado archaeologist to be profiled in the newsletter, named Meg Van Ness. This turned out to be an intermittent column reprised off and on over the years, along with *Eating on the Colorado Road*.
- Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation Week was scheduled for May 8–16, 1999. The Colorado Historical Society, again, provided small grants of up to \$200 to help organizations hold events for that week. The poster for this year would fete the Cramer stone circle site in the southeast part of the state.
- Under Current Research, Kae McDonald shared her investigations of the Fallen Deer Site (5SM2578) situated on a land exchange parcel in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest. This appeared to be an Early Archaic and Anasazi multi component hunting/butchering site where bones of bison, deer, and unidentified artiodactyl were found. These occurred among chipped stone debitage that suggested ongoing flint knapping. Projectiles similar to Early Archaic Pinto Shouldered and Elko Corner-notched points were found. Two additional points resembled those of Anasazi affiliation and occurred with Mancos Gray, Mancos Corrugated, plain gray, corrugated ware, and Painted White Ware rim sherds. Together, the information dates the Anasazi activity area to ca. AD 910–980. The single obsidian flake matched the chemical signature of the Polvadera Peak source in the Jemez Mountains.

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## Ethics Committee Report

**By Marilyn A. Martorano, CCPA Ethics Coordinator**

No official adequately-documented, ethics complaints were filed from March 10, 2023, to December 31, 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).

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## CCPA Investment Update

**By Charlie Reed, Financial Committee Chair**

I am beyond excited to report that CCPA has completed its long-sought goal of diversifying its financial accounts through the investment of funds into brokerage accounts. These accounts will hopefully grow at rates much higher than when the funds were held in CCPA's money market accounts. This will increase the financial health of the organization, increase CCPA's potential to fund future organizational projects and conferences, and help bolster CCPA's scholarship funds.

High Country Capital Management (HCCM) invested a total of \$127,144.11 into a Charles Schwab account on November 6, 2023. The amount invested was based on available funds as of October 31, 2023 (Table 1). Funds were invested following the CCPA's Financial Investment Guidelines and 2021 Investment Policy Statement. Money was transitioned into three separate brokerage accounts on December 8, 2023. These accounts represent the general CCPA fund (formerly managed as the money market and checking accounts), the publications fund, and the scholarship fund (Table 2). The scholarship account manages money supporting both the Ward Weakly and the Native American scholarships. Money within the brokerage accounts has been invested into 12 different portfolios managed by Charles Schwab and HCCM. The investments include mutual funds (53.4 percent) and exchange-traded funds and closed-end funds (42.1 percent), with 4.49 percent held in a cash and money market investment. A total of \$6,791.46 of funds from the general fund was inadvertently deposited into the scholarship brokerage account. These funds will be transitioned into the correct account in January. Some additional account balancing will occur in 2024 to further align the initial account setup with the investment goals and guidelines set forth in the CCPA Financial Investment Guidelines and Investment Policy Statement.

Per CCPA financial guidelines, enough capital (\$18,000) was kept within the primary (non-invested) scholarship account to cover total scholarship expenditures for a four-year period without drawing into investments. Similarly, a balance of \$15,000 was kept in the checking account to cover general operational costs, and \$2,000 was maintained for short-term publication costs and expenditures. The money market account, formerly serving as CCPA's saving account, will be closed.

I want to express a huge thank you to CCPA Treasurer Dante Knapp for working through the difficult process of getting the investments set up this year—thank you! Dante worked directly with Justin McKenna and Jason Napoli at HCCM and communicated throughout the process with CCPA President Mary Sullivan and the Financial Review Committee (Charlie Reed, Jody Clauter, Chris Johnston, and Mike Metcalf). Although CCPA's investment is designed to seek long-term growth, it is promising to see that the overall account balance has grown \$2,378.79 during its first two months of investment.

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## Strategic Plan 2023 Update

**By Paul Burnett, CCPA Past President**

At the 2023 meeting, we presented the updated strategic plan to replace the 1998 version in the CCPA handbook. The old version is archived as an appendix to the handbook. We encourage involvement from membership in helping push forward objectives, whether it be through an *ad hoc* committee or through other individual or small group actions. Briefly, below are the objectives. These have been revised from what was presented at the 2023 meeting (as presented in the attached minutes). Please refer to the handbook available on the CCPA website for the full plan.

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

We invite you to participate in and promote informal meet-ups, tours, site stewardship programs, and presentations on Colorado archaeology. Your engagement is key in fostering a community dedicated to preserving our rich archaeological heritage. Shout out to Community Connections, LLC for their continued meet-ups!

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

If you are interested in participating in regulatory reviews, permitting requirements, etc., please consider contacting the CCPA president Mary Sullivan or the incoming president Rebecca Simon.

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

Consider taking a leadership role by running for office or joining a committee. To encourage participation, we offer free memberships for those elected or appointed, providing an option for waived fees to be donated to a scholarship or the general fund.

**Objective 4: Promote publications in various outlets.**

Help us amplify our outreach efforts by submitting publications to platforms such as Online Resources for Colorado Archaeology (ORCA), the CCPA website, newsletters, Occasional Papers, and Colorado Archaeology: An Annual Publication of Southwestern Lore.

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

We recognize the importance of diversity and inclusion in our community. Encourage participation from colleges, tribal historic preservation officers, and others to join CCPA. Your assistance in this effort will grow our membership in a healthy direction.

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

Peter Gleichman has provided thoughts on this objective, including that the scope could extend beyond scholarships to a broader Native American Initiatives Committee, in part to focus on increasing involvement by Native Americans in archaeology. CCPA would benefit by our membership increasing participation in this initiative.

Please take the time to review the full Strategic Plan and consider how you can contribute to these objectives. Together, we can shape a future for Colorado archaeology that reflects our shared dedication to excellence and inclusivity.

## Ward Weakly Scholarship Program Update

**By Mark D. Mitchell, Committee Chair**

The committee received a single proposal during the fall 2023 scholarship round. The proposal, submitted by Colorado State University Master's degree student Robert Madden, requested funds to date faunal remains from the Flattop Butte quarry in Logan County. Madden's project uses a combination of survey and excavation data to refine the site chronology and to better understand how quarrying activities were organized and how they articulated with patterns of group mobility. The committee unanimously approved a \$1,500 award that will fund a portion of the project's radiocarbon dating costs.

Since 1992, the CCPA's Ward Weakly Memorial Scholarship has awarded more than \$38,250 to 63 undergraduate and graduate anthropology students studying Colorado archaeology. 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/>. Applications for the fall scholarship round are due **March 1, 2024**.

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## Membership Committee Report

**By Jon Horn, Committee Chair**

The membership committee had a busy year in 2023. Many thanks to Kim Kintz, Sean Larmore, Allison Parrish, Michael Retter, and Jena Sadd for their timely review of applications. Toward the end of the year, Allison Parrish resigned from the committee after having been a member for over 10 years. Thank you, Allison, for your many years of service! I also really appreciate the work of Dante Knapp and Jessica Ericson in keeping me up to date on renewals and new applications as they come in.

We had 221 members current on their dues for the year, a slight drop from the 231 that we had in 2022. Thank you to everyone who renewed this year and to the 25 new members who joined. It always surprises me to see names on the list that haven't renewed each year, particularly when they have been long-term members. New members are 15 Voting, two Student Voting, four Associate, two Student Associate, and two members that upgraded their membership to Voting. We had two applicants that sent in some of their materials, but never completed the application form. I still have hopes that they will follow up and complete the process to join.

We already have a few members who have paid dues for 2024. It is not too early to begin renewing! The easiest way to renew your membership is by using the electronic payment process on the CCPA website <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/membership/>. You can also renew by mail by using the renewal form at the end of the newsletter. Membership applications can also be found on the website or by using the form also at the end of the newsletter. If you want to check on your membership status or have any other membership questions, please drop me a line.

We are always looking for new members. We welcome membership applications from anyone who is an archaeologist, working in a capacity associated with archaeology, or students pursuing Anthropology/History/Archaeology degrees, so check in with your colleagues or students and encourage them to join. We now have a dedicated email address to submit applications: [CCPAapplication@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAapplication@gmail.com). This works great, so long as I remember to check it often enough.

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## Treasurer's Report

**By Dante Knapp, CCPA Treasurer**

Happy 2024 everyone! During the last quarter of 2023 and into the new year, CCPA expenditures have included general banking and licensing fees, the renewal of the CCPA's Affiliated Society status with the Register of Professional Archaeologists at \$110.00, payment of its Q4 sales tax (\$0.33) to the State of Colorado, and renewal of its state sales tax license for \$16.00. Additionally, Robert Madden received \$1,500 for the Ward Weakly Memorial Scholarship—congratulations! Another major milestone during Q4 was finalizing and funding CCPA's investment accounts with Charles Schwab. For these investments, CCPA transferred \$127,144.11 from its 1st Bank accounts. Please refer to the Financial Review Committee update for a detailed overview of the investments and how they correspond to the checking, publications, and scholarship accounts. Additionally, in the Statement of Activity below, this investment transfer shows up as an expenditure, which makes it appear as if we had a significant loss last year, but that is not the case. When adjusted accordingly, CCPA made a profit of \$27,162.10 in 2023. The CCPA account balances are provided in Table 1, and the annual Statement of Activity from January 1 to December 31, 2023, is found in Table 2.

**Table 1. CCPA 1<sup>st</sup> Bank Account Balances.**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance*</b>
Checking	\$17,241.70
Money Market	Closed
Publications	\$1,861.08
Ward Weakly	\$16,677.93
PayPal	\$743.16
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,523.87</b>

\*As of January 4, 2024



**Table 2. CCPA Statement of Activity, January 1, 2023–December 31, 2023.**

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>Total (\$)</b>
Annual Meeting	400.00
Banquet	3,450.00
Sponsorship	10,500.00
Registration Fees	7,940.00
<b>Total Annual Meeting</b>	<b>22,290.00</b>
<b>Donations</b>	
Ward Weakly Fund	16,108.29
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>16,108.29</b>
Membership Dues	8,700.00
Merchandise Sales	927.00
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	
Interest earned	56.49
Miscellaneous	10.00
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>66.49</b>
<b>Publication Sales</b>	
Ancient Colorado	23.85
Contexts	770.00
Other Publications	60.00
<b>Total Publication Sales</b>	<b>853.85</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>48,945.63</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>48,945.63</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
<b>Awards</b>	
Native American Scholarship	1,500.00
Student Paper Award	1,075.00
<b>Total Awards</b>	<b>2,575.00</b>
Bank Service Charges	48.00
Contributions	300.00
Licenses & Fees	1,856.41
Meetings	3,152.60
Catering	11,846.01
Facility Rental	1,037.00
<b>Total Meetings</b>	<b>16,035.61</b>
Miscellaneous	127,144.11 *
PayPal Fees	533.01
Postage and Delivery	24.93
Publication Expenses	301.80
Taxes	18.51
Colorado Sales Taxes	90.26
<b>Total Taxes</b>	<b>108.77</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>148,927.64</b>
<b>Revised Total Expenditures Minus Investment Transfer</b>	<b>*148,927.64 - 127,144.11 = 21,783.53</b>
<b>Net Operating Revenue</b>	<b>27,162.10</b>
<b>Net Revenue</b>	<b>27,162.10</b>

## Mystery Artifact Answers! (from page 27)

By Marilyn A. Martorano and Jon Horn

- A. **Reflector plate from a miner's carbide lamp.** Miners first used candles and oil-wick lamps for light in mines but the open flames were dangerous around methane gases and the flame/light did not last long. Carbide lamps were used later and provided longer-lasting light but were still dangerous due to the open flame.

Carbide lamps are powered by the reaction of calcium carbide ( $\text{CaC}_2$ ) with water ( $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ). This reaction produces acetylene gas ( $\text{C}_2\text{H}_2$ ), which burns a clean, white flame. The design of the carbide lamp consists of two chambers: an upper chamber holding water and a lower chamber holding the calcium carbide. The amount of water flowing into the calcium carbide container can be controlled, with more water producing more gas and a bigger flame when the lamp is lit. The gas is funneled to the burner where it is lit by a match or a built-in striker. Once the flame is lit, the reflector allows the miner to control the direction of the light. The lamp would then be worn on a miner's cap, with the reflector providing a much stronger light than the oil lamps or candles that were previously used. Early battery-powered headlamps were safer than carbide lamps, but the first batteries were very large and heavy and didn't hold a charge for very long. Eventually, electric battery-powered lamps came into favor around 1918 due to their superior light, safety, and runtime. They had almost completely replaced carbide lamps by the 1930s. <https://www.si.edu/spotlight/mining-lights-and-hats/carbide-lamps>

Background history of The Mystery Artifact: Bernardo Martorano was born in Bisacquino, Italy in 1887. He arrived in the United States via Ellis Island on September 9, 1905, with \$12 cash and a paid ticket to Sopris, Colorado. His name was originally Martorana but was misspelled by immigration officials and became Martorano. In 1908, Bernardo married Giuseppa Mazarise, who was also originally from Sicily. They purchased 160 acres in Reilly Canyon northwest of Cokedale, Colorado. This property was referred to by the family as the Martorano Ranch. The couple lived in a two-room, log house near the northern end of the property along with their nine children who were born from 1909 to 1929.

Bernardo worked in a number of coal mines in the Sopris area and he opened and operated his own wagon coal mine with his sons in 1932. It was called the Martorano Wagon Mine #1. The family provided coal to the towns of Sopris, Cokedale, Valdez, to businesses in Trinidad including the Rapp-built Tarabino building that provided steam for businesses on Main Street, and to the City of Trinidad Electric Power Plant. On June 14, 1943, Bernardo was in Mine #1 doing an inspection when he was buried in a cave-in. He died later that day in Trinidad. The mine was blasted shut after the cave-in.

One of Bernardo and Giuseppa's sons, Salvatore Sr. (Sal), had married Ruth Margaret Laughlin in May of 1943 and they were living in a two-room, log cabin on the Martorano Ranch until after Bernardo's death. They then moved to Sopris and lived with other relatives there and raised a family of five children. One of Sal and Ruth's sons, Salvatore Jr. (Sal) worked on the ranch with his dad in a new Martorano Family Coal Mine (#2) when he was in his early teens in the 1960s. In the Martorano Mine #2, Sal Jr. remembers often using carbide headlamps when he first worked in the mine since they could not afford battery-powered lamps.



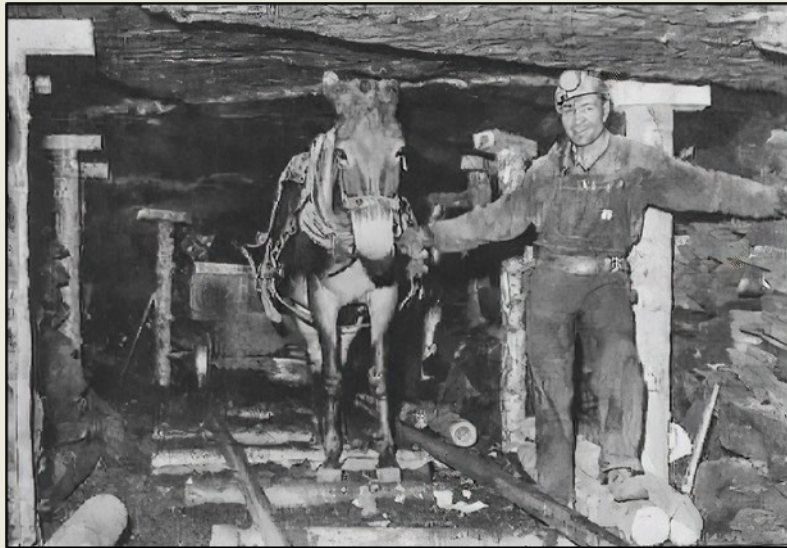
*Example of a miners' carbide lamp showing the reflector plate (similar to The Mystery Artifact) attached to two chambers: the upper chamber that held water and a lower chamber that held the calcium carbide.*

[https://www.si.edu/object/miner-s-carbide-lamp:nmah\\_872194](https://www.si.edu/object/miner-s-carbide-lamp:nmah_872194)

Later, they did use battery-powered lamps. The large battery that lit that type of lamp was suspended on the miner's belt and was wired to the headlamp.



*View looking southeast from the tiple of the Martorano Family Wagon Mine #1 where Bernard Martorano died in a cave-in. Fisher's Peak is visible in the background. The Mystery Artifact was found on the slope just below this tiple. Photo by Marilyn Martorano 2023.*



*Salvatore Sr. in the entrance to the Martorano Family Coal Mine #2, ca. 1940s/1950s. The mule was sold by Sal because he told his two sons, Sal Jr. and Bernard, that he didn't need a mule anymore because he had the two boys for labor to push the coal car! Note that Sal is wearing a miner's headlamp attached to his helmet. This could possibly have been a carbide lamp with a reflector similar to the Mystery Artifact, but the placement of the headlamp on his helmet suggests that he was wearing a battery-powered headlamp. Photo courtesy of the Martorano family.*

Thanks to Jon Horn for helping to confirm the identity of this Mystery Artifact and providing pages from an old Hendrie & Bolthoff MFG. and Supply Co. catalog showing example carbide lamps, reflectors, and parts.

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Mangino, Judy Martorano, Patricia Martorano Gagnon, Salvatore Martorano, Jr., and Contributors

2020 Treasures of Sopris. A Collection of Pictures, Stories and Memories from the Families of Sopris. Trinidad Historical Society, Schusters Printing, Pueblo, CO.

Trinidad Historical Society

2023 The History of Coal Mining in Las Animas County. Facts, Figures, Miscellaneous. Compiled by the Trinidad Historical Society/Town of La Animas County Committee. Cedar Street Printing, Trinidad, Colorado.

- B. This mystery artifact is a curry comb, but not just any curry comb.** The photo is the back side after being cleaned up in the lab, and the right photo is what it would have looked like with its handle attached. It was one of three curry combs found in the Cisco Desert between Green River and Westwater, Utah, while doing an inventory of the Old Spanish Trail in 2010–2011 for the BLM’s National Historic Trails Project.



The curry comb is made of thick, iron sheet metal with a decorative design and a hand-wrought spike for wooden handle attachment. Because the comb was an equestrian artifact, it was of special interest and was photographed for later identification. The photographs were emailed to Ephraim Dickson, the curator of the Fort Douglas Museum in Salt Lake City, Utah. Mr. Dickson was able to confirm that the curry comb was likely a military issue. The decorative pattern of the comb identified it as a Carpenter’s No. 333, made in Great Britain and purchased by the army about 1856–1857. Several similar knock-offs were produced by American companies by at least the Civil War. This design of curry comb was sometimes referred to as the “Fat Lady” because of the shape of the back bracket. It was replaced in army service by a new design in 1859 that was manufactured by the army at its own arsenals.

So, who was in the Cisco Desert that might have had a military connection sometime between 1856 and 1859? Well, of course, that was Colonel William W. Loring in 1858, who was accompanied by 100 wagons and 300 men. The group was tasked with improving the route that was followed by Captain John W. Gunnison in 1853, through the area along the Old Spanish Trail. The U.S. military had gone to Utah in late 1857 and set up what was known as Fort Scott near Fort Bridger, Wyoming. The Mormons almost instantly destroyed most of their supplies. Needing to acquire new supplies, Captain Randolph B. Marcy left with a party of mountain men as scouts and soldiers on November 27, 1857, taking the fastest route possible to Fort Union, New Mexico. He dropped into the lower end of the Grand Valley near Grand Junction from the Uintah Basin and followed the North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail through present-day Montrose and headed for Cochetopa Pass. Having been warned by the Ute that they would die in the mountains, the party encountered deep snow that forced them to crawl on their stomachs to break trail and were soon eating their horses and mules for food. Nearly dead, they reached the San Luis Valley and were rescued by supplies brought to them by two scouts they had sent ahead. They reached Fort Massachusetts on January 17, 1858. After getting resupplied at Fort Union, Marcy returned to the Salt Lake Valley with fresh supplies, horses, and mules, with

Colonel William Wing Loring in charge. They took a route back to Fort Scott, northward along the Front Range of Colorado and into Wyoming.

By summer 1858, the army had moved to Camp Floyd, south of Salt Lake City. Still wanting to have a reliable and shorter route to Fort Union as their supply line, Loring was sent out on July 19, 1858 to make a road passable for wagons. He encountered the Old Spanish Trail west of the San Rafael Swell, passed through the Swell, crossed the Green River near present-day Green River, Utah, and continued across the Cisco Desert to Westwater on the Colorado River. They then entered Colorado, passed through the Grand Junction and Montrose areas, and over Cochetopa Pass, following the Main Route and North Branch of the Old Spanish Trail. Along the way, Loring's troops improved troublesome spots so that wagons could easily pass and, evidently, took very good care of their animals, including brushing their coats with curry combs that they lost or disposed of along the way. Almost no artifacts from before the 1880s are typically found along the route of the Old Spanish Trail, so discovery of curry combs was quite unusual. They also provided confirmation that the Alpine Archaeological Consultants crews tasked with identifying the routes of the Old Spanish Trail were clearly on the right track.

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## Mark Your Calendars!

### **CCPA 2024 Conference**

Sterling, Colorado, March 7–10 2024.

[www.coloradoarchaeologist.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeologist.org)

### **SAA 89th Annual Meeting**

New Orleans, Louisiana, April 17–21, 2024

<https://www.saa.org/annual-meeting>

### **Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference**

Laramie, Wyoming, May 2–5, 2024

<https://rockymtnanthro.org/ConfRegistration/>

### **American Cultural Resource Association**

Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 26–29, 2024

<https://acra-crm.org/annual-conference/>

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# 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.

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**CCPA Membership Application Form** (Revised 2023)  
**Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address : \_\_\_\_\_

Institution/Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUESTED: \_\_\_\_\_

You will receive notice of the newsletter publication by email. The newsletter is available to members on the CCPA website at [www.coloradoarchaeologists.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeologists.org).

I certify that my vita is true and correct and that I have read and agree to adhere to the Provisions of the Code of Ethics of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists as written in the Bylaws. Available at [www.coloradoarchaeologists.org](http://www.coloradoarchaeologists.org)

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to receive a free copy of *Ancient Colorado*

All membership applications are reviewed by the CCPA Membership Committee prior to admittance.

Email application and appropriate accompaniments to [CCPAApplication@gmail.com](mailto:CCPAApplication@gmail.com), and make payment via this link: [Become a Member](#).

If online application is not an option, you may send application, membership fees, and appropriate accompaniments to: **CCPA, c/o ERO Resources Corporation, 1626 Cole Blvd., Suite 100, Lakewood, CO 80401**. Make checks payable to Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists.

All members agree to adhere to the CCPA Code of Ethics as outlined in the Bylaws. For additional information write to the CCPA Treasurer/Membership chair at the above address, or call and ask to speak to a CCPA member at the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (303) 866-3395.

Membership requirements, as defined in the Bylaws, include the following:

**Voting Member:** Professional resume or vita listing 12 months professional experience, and an undergraduate degree in anthropology or a related discipline. Annual Voting membership fee is \$45 (Retired \$40).

**Native American Member:** Sponsorship by any member of any recognized tribal organization, government, or by the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. Annual Native American membership fee is \$45.

**Associate Member:** BA or BS degree or enrollment in a degree program, sponsorship by one Voting or Fellow Member (name only needed), and a professional interest in Colorado archaeology, including contributors to archaeological research and teachers involved in archaeological education. Include a copy of vita or resume with application. Annual Associate membership fee is \$35 (Retired \$30).

**Student Voting Member:** Professional resume or vita listing 12 months professional experience, a BA or BS degree in anthropology or a related discipline, and proof of enrollment in a postgraduate degree program in anthropology or a related discipline. Upon completion of the postgraduate degree, the individual will become a Voting Member and will be required to pay the full dues for that status with the next annual renewal. Annual Student Voting membership fee is \$10.

**Student Associate Member:** Professional resume or vita with one reference from a CCPA Voting or Fellow member (name only needed) and proof of enrollment in an undergraduate degree program in anthropology or a related discipline. Upon completion of the undergraduate degree, the member will become an Associate Member with commensurate dues at next annual renewal. Must reapply to become a Voting Member. Annual Student Associate membership fee is \$10.

## Colorado Council of Professional Archaeology Membership Renewal Form (revised 2023)

Instructions: Please pay via PayPal at <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/membership/>  
or write check to - **Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists**

Please Print

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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With my renewal, I certify that I agree to adhere to the provisions of the Code of Ethics of the Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists available at:

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Voting Member/Native American Member .....	\$45.00 _____
Retired Voting.....	\$40.00 _____
Associate Member .....	\$35.00 _____
Retired Associate.....	\$30.00 _____
Voting Student Member .....	\$10.00 _____
Associate Student Member .....	\$10.00 _____
(Please see CCPA bylaws for student membership requirements)	
Ward Weekly Fund Contribution .....	\$ _____
<b>Total Due:</b> .....	<b>\$ _____</b>

### Thank you for renewing your membership!

Please send this form and payment (if paying by check) to:

CCPA, c/o ERO Resources  
1626 Cole Blvd, Suite 100  
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### **President 2023–2024**

Mary Sullivan

### **Past President 2023–2024**

Paul Burnett

### **President-Elect 2023–2024**

Rebecca Simon

### **Secretary 2023–2024**

Jessica Ericson

### **Treasurer 2022–2024**

Dante Knapp

### **Treasurer Elect 2023–2024**

Katy Waechter

### **American Indian Board Member 2023–2025**

Anna Cordova

### **Student Board Member 2022–2024**

Chance Ward

### **Board Member 2023–2025**

Talle Hogrefe

### **Board Member 2023–2025**

Sara Millward

### **Board Member 2022–2024**

Brandon Turner

### **Board Member 2022–2024**

Jasmine Saxon

### **Student Board Member Elect 2023–2024**

Spencer Little

### **Awards & Recognition Committee Chair**

Michelle Slaughter

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Mary Sullivan



## **About CCPA**

The Council is a non-profit voluntary association that exists for the purpose of maintaining and promoting the goals of professional archaeology in the State of Colorado. These goals shall include but not be limited to: a. establishing and promoting high standards of archaeological research, reporting, and management. b. establishing and promoting a mechanism to represent professional archaeological interests in political and public forums. c. establishing and promoting a mechanism for communication within the archaeological community. d. promoting public education and interest in the fields of archaeology and cultural resources management. e. providing Council input to the Office of the State Archaeologist of Colorado. f. demonstrating concern for the archaeology of Colorado. g. establishing and promoting open communication and cooperation between archaeologists and the living descendants of groups subject to archaeological research in Colorado.

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Digital copies of CCPA's Colorado contexts (prehistoric and historic regional overviews) as well as Occasional Papers are available as free downloads from the CCPA website. Issues of *Colorado Archaeology*, *Ancient Colorado*, and two paper contexts are available for purchase through the CCPA website. Visit <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/contexts/> for free downloads, to download a mail order form, or to order through PayPal.

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