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Light sentences imposed!

GRAVE ROBBERS PLEAD GUILTY

Four individuals involved in the looting of a late 19th Century American Indian burial recently plead guilty to charges of theft and destruction of government property and aiding and abetting theft and destruction, according to Bureau of Land Management officials in Cheyenne.

The two individuals who plead guilty to theft and destruction were fined \$250.00 and given 1½ year suspended jail sentences while the two who plead guilty to aiding and abetting were also fined \$250.00 and given 1 year jail sentences which were also suspended. All four were placed on unsupervised probation for the duration of their suspended sentences.

The case involves the grave looting at Sage Creek Mountain, near Mountain View in Uinta County last year. BLM Archaeologist Bill Metz reported that Bureau law enforcement officials were happy with the convictions since they were for felony offenses and any future offenses during their probation period would require the individuals to serve the sentences in jail.

Federal District Judge Clarence Brimmer reportedly said that he felt the sentences would be a deterrent to future activity of this kind.

EDITOR'S COMMENTS

Well, I guess the story on page 1 says a lot about the Federal bureaucracy's concern for priceless ethnohistorical resources. The BLM officials involved did an excellent job though and deserve our commendation. This issue deserves further discussion at our upcoming meeting. Perhaps the guilty parties should have been fined a dime for each bead in the burial. Curators at Western Wyoming College estimate that there were 27,000 beads recovered.

Since our last Newsletter one of our most active members has left Wyoming. Dean Decker, BLM Archaeologist at Rock Springs was transferred to Folsom, California. Dean will be missed here and we wish him good luck in his new assignment.

It sounds like everyone has had a real busy summer. Hopefully this will lead to a greater understanding of the prehistory of Wyoming. I look forward to hearing about all the old ideas that were tested over the summer and new ones generated when we get together in Rock Springs in November.

Best regards,
Russ Tanner

*** FALL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV. 9-10 ***

Steve Creasman of WWC and WAPA President Mark Miller have been putting together plans for the fall WAPA meeting to be held on Nov. 9-10, 1984 at the Holiday Inn in Rock Springs. Plans are still tentative regarding specific rooms etc. and Steve will mail out an announcement later regarding details.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I want to urge each WAPA member to attend the Rock Springs meetings this fall. Several critical issues are before us and we need to develop resolutions regarding our position on them. We are trying to schedule a two day meeting so we can spend a morning in committees and use the afternoon for the general business session. This way committee members can debate an issue, draw up a resolution and present it to the general membership for ratification. The executive committee can then forward resolutions to appropriate agencies or institutions. The morning of the second day would be reserved for contributed papers, etc. As you know, archaeologists in the Rock Springs area are sponsoring the fall meeting.

Enclosed is a list of subject assignments for each committee. Chairpersons, please outline your treatment of these issues ahead of time and discuss them with your members so everyone will come prepared to the meeting. I encourage you to get all committee members to attend. See the last Newsletter for your membership list.

Good luck this field season. See you all in Rock Springs.

Mark E. Miller
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WAPA President

TENTATIVE COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR ROCK SPRINGS MEETING:

Resource Base Committee
Tom Marceau, Chairman

1. IMACS
2. Operating Order #1

External Relations Committee
Brian Aivasian, Chairman

1. Lobbying
2. New Permitting Policy

Peer Review Committee
Dave Eckles, Chairman

1. Format for Reviewer File
2. Review of Non-Contract Publication

Research Design Committee
Julie Francis, Chairwoman

1. Predictive Modeling
2. Coordinate with Resource Base on Operating Order #1

Membership and Ethics Committee
Greg Smith, Chairman

1. New Members

MILLER APPOINTED STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST

Our own president Dr. Mark E. Miller has recently been appointed Wyoming State Archaeologist. Mark replaces Dr. George C. Frison who held the position for several years. Mark is a native of Rawlins, Wyoming and has been very active in archaeology and historical research for most of his life. He holds a doctorate from the University of Colorado, and is a charter member of WAPA and a longtime member of the Wyoming Archaeological Society. Mark tells us he is looking forward to the challenges of the position and hopes to visit all of the ongoing archaeological projects in the state. Those of you who have not worked with Mark will find doing so a pleasure. He is an impressive scientist; it's a real honor to have him in the position of State Archaeologist.

DR. FRISON HEADS SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

Dr. George C. Frison, Chairman of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Wyoming, is presently serving as president of the Society for American Archaeology. In that position he is actively working to improve federal guidelines covering cultural resource management and the quality of archaeological nationwide. We should all be extremely proud to have Dr. Frison at the helm of S.A.A. His research has been honored many times and he is considered the authority on Plains prehistory. Frison was awarded the WAPA Service Award in 1983. His current research includes continuing study of PaleoIndian cultures as well as study of Late Prehistoric and Protohistoric adaptations to the Absaroka Mountain-Sunlight Basin environment.

CALL FOR PAPERS

Fall WAPA Meeting

The Fall WAPA meeting will include a session for the discussion of current research scheduled for the morning of Nov. 10, 1984. This session will be informal so bring along slides and be prepared to discuss whatever current research you may be involved in.

Wyoming Contributions to Anthropology

The graduate students of the Anthropology Department at the University of Wyoming are again putting together a publication on Anthropological research in this region. We are hoping to have the publication out in the Spring of 1985. Anyone interested in having a paper published should send it to Howard Haspel and Dale Wedel, Editors, Wyoming Contributions, Anthropology Department at the University of Wyoming.

The Wyoming Archaeologist

The publication of the Wyoming Archaeological Society is alive and well with Danny Walker serving as editorial coordinator with W.A.S. Editor George Brox. Any amateur or professional anthropologist interested in having research published should send papers to Danny or George. This publication is instrumental in promoting archaeology among Wyoming residents and it badly needs our help since without the support of these folks there would be little or no archaeological research in Wyoming. I strongly urge you to help Danny and George with this.

WAPA Minutes
April 5, 1984

The spring 1984 WAPA meeting was called to order by Mark Miller, President, in Cody, Wyoming, April 5, 1984, at 1:30 p.m. Mark called for corrections/additions to last meeting's minutes; none were suggested, and they stand approved as read. No committee meetings were held, due to lack of attendance, and committee chairmen were called upon to report on progress since the last meeting, following reports on finances and correspondence.

Treasurer's Report by Julie Francis: Julie explained a problem with the taxpayer identification number on WAPA's checking account. Application has been made for a number, but it hasn't arrived yet, so the Treasurer is temporarily unable to write checks on the account. Julie has paid WAPA bills herself and will be reimbursed when the taxpayer ID no. is obtained. M. Miller noted that the ID no. brings up a new tax status for WAPA. Bryan Aivazian suggested paying dues in cash for the time being. Julie reported that, as of April 2, 1984, the Treasury contained \$903.27, and dues collected today would increase that amount. John Jameson motioned to approve the Treasurer's Report, and B. Aivazian seconded. All approved.

Report on correspondence by M. Miller: WAPA's predictive modeling paper was sent to the federal agencies since the last WAPA meeting. The only response was a letter from Neil Moric, the Deputy Director of the BLM, Washington, D.C., who wrote that the BLM is evaluating the status of predictive modeling.

M. Miller called for committee reports next:

Research Design Committee report by J. Francis, and discussion:

J. Francis: After the predictive modeling paper was sent out, a meeting was held in November to discuss the IMACS form; Jude Carino, Dave McGuire, Rick Bryant, Julie Francis, Greg Smith, Josie Kantner, and Mary Featherers attended. As a result, a memo with some changes went out to contractors, and the discussion brought out problems. It was felt that the manual and form should be revamped for Wyoming.

J. Carino: Tom Marceau, Bill Metz, J. Carino, and others went to an IMACS council meeting. A new user's guide is coming out with new definitions. The next meeting will be the first week in October at the Great Plains Conference. A point typology will be drawn up for all states, not state by state. B. Metz is working on a pared down user's guide to make it a field guide; no changes will be made on the form. B. Metz is also working on redefining the vegetation categories to better fit Wyoming. A memo was sent out to contractors in December to ask for comments, but none were received. However, some contractors didn't get the memo. Comments can still be made; additions can be made but not changes/deletions.

J. Francis: Landforms are inconsistent.

J. Carino: IMACS is working slowly on landforms, and also

on on-site depositional context, which both are the hardest to encode in order to have the data base automated. So we're working on changes.

J. Francis: IMACS is apparently not flexible.

J. Carino: It's very frustrating. Our comments/memos are getting "lost" despite sending them to three different people three different times. We've discussed the communication problem with them, but they're not too cooperative.

M. Miller: What about this field season?

J. Carino: Use the same *form* as last year. The new one won't be ready and a new one will have to be circulated among the professionals first.

John Albanese, J. Carino, M. Miller, J. Francis: Nobody knows why the contractors didn't receive letters asking for comments on the IMACS forms, but any comments should be sent to J. Carino, the Research Design Committee, and to B. Metz, who is coordinator of comments in the State Office.

J. Carino: IMACS has wondered about encoding environmental variables because different people encode inconsistently. WAPA might consider field testing this for the purpose of computerized variables, e.g., have 10 people record one site, or conduct a lab test.

J. Francis, J. Albanese, J. Carino: Lots of ambiguity is built into the environmental stuff and you can't pigeonhole. Different people record different types of site forms differently, as well. We should send in our comments on these problems.

M. Miller: It's more important that the format renders some value at the state level than in the regional filing system.

J. Carino, J. Francis, J. Albanese: Field users should speak up, make notes in the field on how well the forms work, and make constructive criticisms, saying what will work, not just what won't.

B. Aivazian: What happens to the old forms succeeded by the new? Perhaps the forms could be tested by applying to a couple of geographic areas rather than a region.

J. Carino, Dave Vlcek, Tom Peebles: The IMACS form is here to stay; the old forms from before IMACS will have to be updated.

M. Miller: Why aren't Montana and Colorado in IMACS?

J. Carino: Montana is very close to joining IMACS. I don't know if Colorado will join; they seem to like what they have.

B. Aivazian: Is computer data being used?

J. Carino: In Rock Springs, yes.

J. Francis: It will vary in other districts, e.g., vegetation.

M. Feathers: A U.W. geography department student is coming into our office to do a project on landforms and vegetation, using site form information. It will be a small project, but it may be an example on how IMACS is working. The Rock Springs project will be a larger example.

J. Francis: So what's the next step? Do we want to make IMACS more amenable to recoding? Should we get experts in various areas to volunteer their help for coding?

M. Miller: WAPA should take the lead in recommending changes and coordinating them with the BLM. We should work on it this field season.

Mary Hopkins: Jude, can vegetation be reworked?

J. Carino: B. Metz is working on it, using UW publications, e.g., The Flora of Wyoming. I'm working on a field test of IMACS in Rock Springs, and comments can be sent to me or to B. Metz in the State Office.

J. Francis, J. Albanese: Landforms go from big to little, which is good, but the categories are bad. J. Albanese will work on this.

J. Carino: Ray Leicht wants comments on IMACS badly.

M. Miller: Mary, you should be involved, because IMACS needs to be compatible with the state file system.

J. Carino: The two systems aren't compatible yet, but we're working on it.

Resource Base Committee report by Mary Feathers, and discussion:

M. Feathers: Regarding the C-14 list to be made available to contractors, the U.W. Dept. of Anthropology is putting it out in the fall issue of Wyoming Archaeologist. The format will be a catalogue list. Please include in the next WAPA newsletter a request for C-14 dates from contractors; they should be sent to Terri Craigie, the Anthropology Dept. secretary.

On creating a bibliography through WAPA, our office, or jointly, in Arizona the bibliography is by contractor, not by subject or area. What would be the best format? By contractor, by county, by IMACS geographic zone/physiographic region, by type of survey? We can try to do it out of our office, but are not sure how long it will take. We would like to do it for 1983, because that year is complete in our office.

B. Aivazian: Utah is doing it by county, and that's probably the best way.

M. Feathers: We can do county by county. We have 12,000 reports total, 1200+ for 1983, 2300+ for 1982, and even more for 1981 and 1980, the big years. We want to start with 1983, which is moderate, to see if there's enough information, and contractors can then comment.

Ed Jess, M. Hopkins: ^{possibly do it by} BLM district.

How about by B. Aivazian: Township and Range?

M. Feathers: No, county is the smallest geographic unit. We can go to the files for smaller units.

M. Miller: How much would a bibliography of 12,000 reports cost?

M. Feathers: I don't know; my boss is looking into the budget.

J. Francis: WAPA dues can go for this.

T. Peebles: Isn't this duplicating file search information anyway?

D. Vlcek, ^{B. Aivazian's} It would be better to get select/good reports than all of them, at a loss of information. If the function is for reference, a list is fine.

M. Feathers, D. Vlcek: Contractors and the BLM should send in lists.

J. Francis, M. Feathers, B. Aivazian, ^{D. Vlcek's} Arizona's bibliography also includes research papers. Larger reports could have 1-2 sentence

abstracts. Research designs and the type of report could be included. Conference papers and unofficial papers can be included and/or added year by year.

M. Miller, M. Feathers, J. Francis: A committee should prepare a format for an annotated bibliography for reports that each contractor and the BLM wants included. Let's see what volume we get and go from there. Addresses should be included in the bibliography too, so people will know where to write to get copies of the reports.

G. Smith: Could you recoup some money by selling these?

J. Francis: In Arizona, members get the bibliography as part of their society dues. We could make nonmembers pay.

M. Feathers: By the next WAPA meeting, we'll have an idea of volume. We'll put a deadline of June 1 on asking for stuff from the contractors.

Peer Review Committee report by M. Miller:

The Peer Review Committee will take a non-controversial report and review it just to get the ball rolling. B. Aivazian commented that the committee did that a few years ago and it didn't work. M. Miller said perhaps we can get a file of people interested in archaeology, who aren't in WAPA, to be reviewers.

External Relations Committee report by M. Miller, and discussion:

M. Miller: Bruce Rippeteau has resigned and I will look for a new chairman. The committee hasn't met and has no report. One issue is the potential role WAPA can take in lobbying at the state and Washington levels. What are your feelings on legislative lobbying?

B. Aivazian: A few of us went to the oil and gas meeting. The federal government is trying to do away with the Class III. It's the Solicitor's opinion from Washington that to meet the intent of the law, Class III's are not needed. At the time of the oil and gas application, they get the agency to say whether there's a strong probability, based on a Class I, of there being a significant site present. If there is, then do a Class III; if not, don't. It's a bad precedent, but the BLM has been instructed to do this. Only a very few letters against this have been written to congressmen/Washington. Industry is vocally against doing away with the Class III. This is all coming down from Mark Seifert, the Solicitor for the Dept. of the Interior, whose opinion has been taken by Burford to mean authorizing streamlining the program and implementing this. All but the Casper district will do Class I's in-house; contractors will do Casper's. 3-4% of Wyoming has been inventoried and 20% of all sites recorded are significant.

M. Miller: So 4% of Wyoming is being used as a predictive model.

J. Albanese: Ray Leicht said they're developing a predictive model on 30,000 acres.

B. Aivazian, J. Francis, M. Feathers: This isn't a predictive model; it considers only an immediate area and is subjective. It's

a predictive model in its worst form. A table showing the distribution of sites by National Register status shows what a very bad precedent this is. What do we do?

M. Miller, B. Aivazian, G. Smith, J. Albanese, D. Vlcek: We sent a letter to the state office, but that's as far as it's gone. We all need to send letters; if we don't we won't have a resource base or a profession. This will get worse and we'll have to dig deeper in our pockets. We need perhaps to get somebody to keep track of all this and actively lobby in Washington; we'll need to pay him. There was a comment in the SAA newsletter on this, but don't know what they've done. SOPA was going to file suit against the federal government, but don't know if they did. Individual letters need to be written to Washington. The number of letters is important, and each needs to be individual.

M. Miller: I'll send a letter to Burford and also ask SAA what they're going to do.

B. Aivazian: Motion for a committee to write a WAPA letter to Washington on this operating order. J. Francis seconded and all approved.

J. Carino: Write for clarification if they don't make it clear in their answer.

B. Aivazian: They really do read the letters and are familiar with these issues. Send a copy of the WAPA letter to all the members to use as the basis on which to write individual letters.

T. Peebles: Is there a BLM guideline/procedure for an approach to these Class I's?

B. Metz: Washington guidelines put the pressure on the district archaeologists. Right now we're making decisions on a case by case basis, but they want to move in the direction of larger areas. Decisions will be at the discretion of the district archaeologist.

M. Miller: Please put WAPA on the BLM mailing list.

M. Hopkins: Is there a section in the guidelines that says you have to discuss significant sites? If there are no significant sites in that area, you can look to the nearest similar area. If significant sites exist in those, there's justification for survey.

M. Miller, J. Albanese: Let's get back to lobbying and political issues like house bills, etc. Another example in Wyoming is the attempt in Wyoming to get rid of the Rec. Commission, and WAPA needs to address such issues directly. We haven't and should; lobbying by WAPA is important on these.

M. Miller: Constraints can arise in lobbying because of employment or other affiliation, so in the future, WAPA needs to make sure spokespersons on the Executive Committee aren't affiliated.

J. Albanese: We need to talk to county and other representatives

J. Francis: Every year stuff like that gets discussed in the State Legislature and we don't hear about them.

B. Aivazian: Motion that WAPA should write a position letter to the State Land Board condemning/protesting the Land Board waiver of state lands from Class III's. D. Vlcek seconded and all approved.

G. Smith: External Affairs should be restructured in order to deal with these problems.

J. Kantner: Tom Marceau is going to go see the State Land Board, but our legislators need to be educated. WAPA lobbying would

be very effective.

B. Aivazian: Motion that all External Affairs letters on positions be sent to the State Historical Society and the Wyoming Archaeological Society (both state and individual chapters) because they'll be sympathetic. J. Albanese seconded and all approved.

J. Albanese: I suggest that WAPA write a letter to the State Interim Committee and ask to testify on this.

M. Miller: We could invite the co-sponsors of the bill to our next meeting.

J. Francis: An interim committee has been formed to research restructuring the state's archaeology program.

D. Vlcek: The WAS chapters don't understand this issue, even though they voted on it.

J. Francis: At its next session, AMH will be making another move to get hold of everything. WAPA should address this.

D. Vlcek: I'll bring it up to the State Historical Society at its meeting in September.

M. Miller: I appoint B. Aivazian to chair the External Relations Committee.

B. Aivazian: Accepted.

G. Smith: Timing is important in all this.

J. Francis: Our problem is finding things out afterward.

B. Aivazian: If I learn of meetings, etc., I'll ask archaeologists near them to attend. Send me info.

G. Smith: I'm proposing an organized way to do this, for example sending out half page bulletins to mobilize people, or making phone calls.

M. Miller: The limiting factor on that will be the budget. The Executive Committee can act for the membership body in between meetings.

Membership and Ethics Committee report by G. Smith, and discussion:

G. Smith: WAPA has received two new applications, from Susan Hughes and Jim Welsh. I'll coordinate with J. Francis on everyone's dues status, as we have 100 vitae of people who have applied and/or are members, but probably 50% of them aren't members anymore.

M. Miller: If a member misses two consecutive meetings without paying dues, he'll be dropped from the membership.

T. Larson, J. Francis: A notice to remind people to pay dues is in the WAPA Newsletter..

G. Smith: After comparing the dues status with the membership, we'll send out postcards to people informing them of their status.

10 minute break

New Business: M. Miller introduced the following new business:

Resolutions as discussed above.

Service Award Committee:

T. Peebles: Motion to continue the service award.
G. Smith seconded and all approved.

M. Miller: G. Smith and Dave Reiss will prepare the nominations. Bruce Rippeteau will prepare the plaque this year, but next year we'll find someone in Laramie or Cheyenne.

WAPA Tax Status and Options:

J. Francis: In order to write checks on WAPA's account, we have to have a taxpayer ID no., which will make IRS know we exist (they didn't know before). This brings up the pros and cons of incorporation. We're applying for tax exempt status.

B. Aivazian: Will being tax exempt affect our political actions?

J. Albanese: It shouldn't. Several geological groups that are incorporated testify and lobby legally.

M. Miller: And we pay taxes as professional archaeologists.

J. Francis: Mary Beth *Carino* advises that it would be beneficial to us as an organization to incorporate, with tax exempt status. The main benefit would be if a WAPA member sued, it could only be against the organization and not its individual members. There's a \$10 annual corporation filing fee, it would require by-law changes, we would have to appoint a board of directors, profits would have to be addressed, a permanent address would have to be established. But it wouldn't change our operation to any great extent.

M. Miller: An accountant in Rawlins has volunteered to talk with us and we'll meet with him before the next meeting. I'll report the results, concerning taxes and incorporation or other formalization of WAPA, at WAPA's fall meeting.

E. Jess: The tax ID no. has to be tied to WAPA's status.

M. Miller: We'll have a more complete report next meeting.

Les Davis's Plains Anthropologist Memoir:

M. Miller: Les Davis sent WAPA a letter detailing his interest in getting a memoir in Plains Anthropologist. He needs \$9000 and is soliciting \$5000. Would WAPA like to contribute at least \$300?

Steve Chomko: Motion to donate \$300 to Les Davis to help him get his memoir in Plains Anthropologist. E. Jess seconded.

J. Francis, M. Miller, B. Aivazian, S. Chomko, D. Vlcek: WAPA is in good enough financial shape to do this.

All approved the motion.

WAPA's Fall Meeting:

M. Miller, D. Vlcek, J. Carino: The BLM, and perhaps

Western Wyoming College will host WAPA's fall meeting in Rock Springs. The date will be decided later.

WAPA Sponsorship of Anthropology Paper Contest:

T. Peebles: Would WAPA be interested in sponsoring an undergraduate paper contest at the spring meetings?

J. Francis: It could be similar to the WAS's Mulloy Scholarship.

M. Feathers: Or it could be run in conjunction by WAPA and WAS.

T. Peebles: No, the idea is to get the research going. It would be a paper contest rather than scholarship.

T. Larson: It would be nice to coordinate it with WAS and make undergrad and grad awards.

J. Albanese: We should talk with WAS, as they're proud of the Mulloy Scholarship.

M. Miller, B. Aivazian: No, we don't want to step on any toes. It would be good to keep the contest separate in order to stimulate activity with a cash award without the restrictions of scholarship.

George Brox: WAS would be glad to go in on a shared contribution for something like this. Their finances can probably stand it, even with the Frison Award, Mulloy Award, and the Wyoming Archaeologist.

T. Peebles: WAPA should appoint a judging committee.

S. Chomko: We'd need to narrow the focus because, for example, a physical anthropologist isn't competent to judge other anthro fields, and vice versa.

D. Reiss: If you keep the guidelines broad enough, that's not a problem.

B. Aivazian: Maybe we should have a committee to look into this.

D. Vlcek: Maybe the paper should be non-archaeology.

M. Feathers: The award could be a subscription to a magazine or a membership in a professional society.

T. Peebles: Motion to authorize the concept of a joint sponsored contest in anthropology papers for a spring award.

T. Larson seconded.

J. Francis: The paper could be published in the Wyoming Archaeologist. We need an ad hoc liason committee to formulate this with WAS.

Above motion, plus coordinating with WAS approved by all. George Brox is the liason and the Executive Committee with coordinate with him.

The BLM's RFP on Predictive Modeling:

J. Francis: Who understands this RFP? It's vague, with

poor instructions. It will be explained in Portland before the SAA's, but no one from WAPA is going.

B. Aivazian: A transcript of the SAA meeting on this will be available. Basically the RFP is a call for a Class I/cookbook on predictive modeling, an overview document.

M. Miller: If you have criticisms of the RFP, write individually to Washington. What's the status of predictive modeling and what's forecast in Wyoming?

D. Vlcek: The individual district archaeologists (6 in Wyoming) will decide what wells get surveyed.

M. Miller: Then this will be a feasibility study on whether Operating Order No. 1 will fly?

J. Jameson and others: Yes.

T. Peebles: Different people will write different things on the same subject, depending on expertise/experience.

J. Francis, T. Larson: We Wyomingites need input so that the High Plains won't get written off.

M. Miller, D. Vlcek: Testing of a model, restructuring of a model, and further testing is needed. This directly coordinates with Operation Order No. 1 and the PMOA.

G. Smith: This all gets back to lobbying. We need to focus on people who are proposing these premature and bad ideas. That's what happened with the coal PMOA; it died because Tom King got so much flak for going on premature ideas.

M. Miller: So where do we go from here? We can write Neil Moric with our feelings on it.

B. Aivazian: Let the BLM State Office (at the Denver Service Center) know, and request that WAPA monitor the progress of the contract.

M. Miller: We'll need to coordinate with SAA on that.

T. Peebles: Steve Sigstadt at the CCPA spring meeting said that the WAPA predictive modeling position paper made waves and carried weight in the federal agencies.

D. Vlcek: One problem is that the BLM district archaeologists aren't up-to-date on statistics.

T. Peebles: Plus, by the time the report is out it'll be passe and out of date.

B. Aivazian: The only people qualified to evaluate the report will be the ones writing it, not the BLM. So the BLM is going to trust the big names editing the chapters. Maybe WAPA should ask to place someone on the technical evaluation committee.

J. Francis: Maybe we should write the Denver Service Center to express our concerns.

M. Miller: We will coordinate with SAA on it.

D. Vlcek: Our best bet is to let the Denver Service Center know WAPA's concern, then wait and see.

G. Smith: Do we have the mechanisms to implement all these many political things we've discussed?

B. Aivazian: Right, I can't do everything. Six months between meetings is too long. I can canvass with phone calls.

M. Miller: The External Affairs Committee coordinates with the Executive Committee.

G. Smith: Will you be able to coordinate ok and make your report at the next meeting? Do you have an agenda?

B. Aivazian: I'd like an assistant. And we all need to contribute to lobbying.

G. Smith: The External Affairs Committee will be a key committee and needs to be expanded, and to define its goals.

M. Miller: J. Albanese has just volunteered to help B. Aivazian. Mike Metcalf and Russ Tanner are also on the committee.

D. Vlcek: We need to write positive letters as well as critical ones.

M. Miller: We don't want to put federal and state employees in compromising positions either. And we don't want to turn off any of individual WAPA members with critical, rather than constructive politics, either.

Nomination for Officers:

Vice President: Julie Francis
Steve Chomko

Secretary: Barbara Hickman
Dave Eckles

Treasurer: John Albanese
Dave Reiss

Executive Board Member at Large: Dave Vlcek
Tom Larson

T. Peebles: Motion to close the nominations. B. Metz seconded and all approved.

Wrap-up/Closing:

M. Miller: At our next meeting I suggest morning committee meetings before the business meeting in the afternoon, then the next morning we can have papers and informal presentations on current research. Let's make this the tentative agenda.

J. Francis: We're changing over the issues discussed today. We're becoming more political. I hope we'll increase our activity and become more involved.

D. Vlcek: We need to further the good name of archaeology, for example, public statements on TV really reach a lot of public.

B. Aivazian: We need positive media exposure.

J. Francis: Motion to have a party after the meeting.

T. Larson: Motion to adjourn. J. Albanese seconded and all approved, the meeting ending at 4:39 p.m.