



WAPA NEWS

WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS

1990 Spring Meeting

The Spring meeting of WAPA will be held in Jackson, Wyoming on April 6 and 7, 1990. A conference room has been reserved at the Antler Hotel. The business meeting will begin a 1:00 pm on Friday. WAPA's executive committee will meet at 11:00 am. A paper session will be held on Saturday, beginning at 9:00 am. All WAPA members are encouraged to participate. If you wish to present a paper (formal presentations are not required) or have an agenda item for the business meeting, please contact Jamie at 733-2752.

The Antler Hotel is willing to provide the conference room free of charge if a number of WAPA members stay at the hotel. Rates are: 1 double bed \$36, 2 double beds \$42, 1 queen bed \$42, and 2 queen beds \$46. A block of 10 rooms has been set aside for WAPA. There is a large event in Jackson that weekend so make your reservations early. The hotel is centrally located, within walking distance to a variety of restaurants and the Cowboy Bar. The hotel's address is 43 W. Pearl Street, 733-2535.

WAPA Comments on Bairoil

WAPA, under the signature of John Albanese, provided comments on both the Bairoil Programmatic Agreement and draft "Data Recovery Plan For Historic Properties At Bairoil-A Component Of The Bairoil Cultural Resource Management Plan". WAPA has identified itself as an interested party pursuant to 36CFR800. The ACHP, BLM (Rawlins and State offices), and SHPO were provided a compilation of comments received from the WAPA membership. Generally, it was the feeling of the

membership that the documents provide a base framework and represent a step in the right direction. The membership pointed out that both documents still need work to bring them to acceptable standards. There was still concern over the overall direction of archaeological work at Bairoil and what the future may hold for the completion of that work. If you would like a copy of the comments contact the Newsletter Editor.

National Park Service Releases Technical Brief No. 6

The NPS has issued Technical Brief No. 6 entitled "The Kentucky Archaeological Registry: Landowner Participation in Site Preservation". The publication describes the Kentucky Archaeological Registry created through a cooperative program between the Kentucky Heritage Council and the Kentucky State Nature Preserve's Commission and the problems of protecting

archaeological sites located on private property.

The report addresses the objectives of the Registry, how a landowner can participate in the program, and the steps in the landowner contact/site registration process. Also discussed are the results of the first two years of the program and the role that such a program plays in the broader site protect and

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A number of members have not paid their 1989 dues. Please send your payment to: Julie Francis, WAPA Treasurer, OWSA, Box 3431 University Station, Laramie WY 82071. 1990 dues are payable at the Spring Meeting in Jackson.

WAPA Member to be on Wyoming Consulting Committee

The Wyoming Consulting Committee on the National Register of Historic Places is the state review board responsible for reviewing all Wyoming nominations to the National Register. The members of the committee are appointed by the governor. The committee has requested that one committee member be a representative from WAPA. WAPA submitted the names of five of its members, interested in filling the appointment, for consideration. The governor has appointed Craig Bromley of Lander to fill the position. Our congratulations to Craig, he will represent us well.

preservation program.

This report is the sixth in a series that cover topics emphasizing the improvement of the effectiveness of archaeological programs and communication between various groups. Technical Brief No. 6 is available free of charge by writing to: NPS, Archaeological Assistance Division, Publication Specialist, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127.

Vermillion Reburial Conference

by Dr. Danny Walker

In August 1989, I had the distinct pleasure of being asked to attend the First Inter-congress of the World Archaeological Congress. I was asked to replace a session chair who was not able to attend at the last moment and to present a paper on the inter-congress topic from a Wyoming viewpoint. The topic of this inter-congress was "Archaeological Ethics and the Treatment of the Dead." This topic and meeting was proposed over two years before by Dr. Larry Zimmerman of the University of South Dakota, Department of Anthropology. Initial flyers on the meeting were first distributed all over the world and requested input on the subject from archaeologists, physical anthropologists, interested lay-people, and indigenous groups. By the time the final announcement was mailed, many papers had already been received for inclusion in the conference and for pre-circulation.

The final program included over 126 papers planned for presentation. Because of funding problems, some papers by people overseas were not presented. Most of these, however, were included in the pre-circulated

papers and so were available in written form at the conference. Sometime this winter, the call will be sent to all participants for final versions of the individual papers for publication. The last estimate was that three or four volumes would probably be needed if all papers were published.

Attendees at the conference included people from 30 states, 6 Canadian provinces, and 17 countries. These people were professional archaeologists, avocational archaeologists, interested lay-people, clergy, and indigenous peoples. The latter group was almost as well represented as the professional archaeologists. Many presented papers on how their society looked at and felt about desecration of burials and ultimate reburial of such remains.

The format of the conference was a single presentation room, with no concurrent papers. All attendees would be in one room. Each paper was to be presented, with a maximum of 10 minutes of presentation time for papers not included in the pre-circulated volume. Those papers were limited to five minutes of presentation time. The format was set in this manner so plenty of time would be available for discussion following each paper. As it turned out, the total amount of discussion probably exceeded the total amount of presentation time.

Over the four days of papers, ten sessions organized by topic were planned. These were:

1. Human Remains: To Interfere or Leave Untouched?
2. On Common Ground: Skeletal Biologists and Community Interests.
3. Evidence from Burials in Archaeological Interpretation.
4. Recent Disturbances of the Dead.
5. Human Options: The Spirit, the Body, and Disposal of the Dead.
6. Archaeology and the Burials of Living Traditions.
7. Tourism, Museum Studies, Education, and the Dead.

8. The Law, Politics, Ethnicity, and Burials.
9. Challenges Presented by Changing Beliefs.
10. The Future of the Reburial Issue.

Several evening programs, usually presentations on films about reburial issues, were also presented.

This meeting was the most intense and powerful I ever have attended. We would start at 8:00 in the morning and often finished after 11:00 at night. The topic of the meeting was on everyone's mind all day long.

From the beginning of the planning for the meeting, The World Archaeological Congress Board of Directors included time on the final afternoon for all participants to discuss and prepare a statement to be presented to the Congress at its next meeting (in 1990) on how human remains should be treated by all scientists and other interested parties. Attendees had the opportunity to present their own ideas for discussion as well as one prepared by Board members who were present. The written resolution prepared by the Board was approved with minor changes by the attendees. I don't have a copy of the final changes, but the draft statement is as follows. This statement will be discussed at the next World Archaeological Congress and, if passed by that body, will be a recommended policy for all members of the congress or people who support the ideals of the Congress and the reburial statement.

1. Respect for the mortal remains of the dead shall be accorded to all, irrespective of origin, race, religion, nationality, custom, and tradition.
2. Respect for the wishes of the dead concerning disposition shall be accorded whenever possible, reasonable, and lawful, when they are known or can be reasonably inferred.

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If you have news that would be of interest to the membership, please forward it to the editor.

Treasurer's Report

11/3/89

Balance as of 4/21/89 -

Spring Meeting \$1,478.32

Expenditures:

WAS Donation \$150.00

Spring Newsletter

& Mailing 80.90

Refund to Mike Burney 5.00

Room - Fall Meeting 100.00

Total \$335.00

Income:

Dues \$490.00

Interest 40.43

Total \$530.43

Current Assets:

Checking Account \$1,672.85

Petty Cash \$46.50

Total \$1,719.35

Vermillion Reburial Conference, cont.

3. Respect for the wishes of the local community and of relatives or guardians of the dead shall be accorded whenever possible, reasonable, and lawful.
4. Respect for scientific research value of skeletal, mummified, and other human remains (including fossil homonids) shall be accorded when such value is demonstrated to exist.
5. Agreement on the disposition of fossil skeletal, mummified, and other remains shall be reached by negotiation on the basis of mutual respect for the legitimate concerns of communities for the proper disposition of their ancestors, as well as the legitimate concerns of science and education.
6. The express recognition that the concerns of various ethnic groups, as well as those of science, are legitimate and are to be respected, and will permit acceptable agreements to be reached and honored.

MINUTES**WAPA Fall Meeting, 1989****Executive Meeting, 3 Nov 1989, 11:00 a.m.**

The executive board met to set the agenda for the regular business meeting in the afternoon. No pressing issues were discussed other than what follows in the regular meeting minutes.

General Meeting, 3 Nov 1989, 1:00 p.m.

The minutes from the Spring, 1989, meeting were unanimously approved as printed in the newsletter. Julie Francis submitted a treasury report indicating a total of \$1719.35.

The Membership and Ethics Committee had nothing to report. Steve Creasman, newsletter editor, indicated that photos can be accepted for inclusion in the newsletter and not to send copyrighted information. Send all submissions to Steve at Western Wyoming College.

Federal Agency reports included the following:

BLM - ARPA regulations, land exchanges, and new rangers were discussed briefly. The revised manual and permit slips will be available this winter. Mike Beis gave an update on Soapydale. Danny Walker was the only person from WAPA able to volunteer his services this past July. They had a good group of volunteers and got quite a bit done. A carbon date was processed resulting in a date of 810 ± 60 BP. Julie Francis suggested that a news update on Soapydale be included in the newsletter. She also suggested a list of the new rangers with phone numbers and addresses be published in the next newsletter.

Forest Service - Bob York presented a review of what was happening with the proposed management plan for the Medicine Bow Forest. It is being scrutinized by several special interest groups, especially examining timber sales. The plan for the Shoshone Forest is being questioned for its lack of cultural resource coverage.

Rick Laurent gave an update on the Medicine Wheel site. Thus far, no agreements have been reached with the Indians. They are still discussing alternatives for use by the general public. One of the major problems is little or lack of money. There is another major meeting in January. Rick also noted that the contract for Twin lakes is out and that WWC will be doing the survey on the Dry Fork wild and scenic area.

Jamie Schoen presented the final EIS for the Bridger-Teton Plan and Summary. It needs review. Comments can be put into the decision section or the report can be protested in full. Bob York commented on the importance of the need for our professional organization to respond; we need to defend the profession. It was also noted that the Forest Service must adhere to the 36CFR219 planning regs. Jude Carino and Dave Vlcek will look at the report and draft comments.

SHPO - Update on activities presented by Tom Marceau. Anthony Swenson has been hired full-time and Julie Francis part-time until January with monies from a Humanities grant to work on the Medicine Wheel boundary definition project. Tom has also submitted to the governor information with regard to a potential State Historic Preservation act. Copies of this can be obtained by writing to Tom.

State Archaeologist Report - by Julie Francis for Mark Miller. The Wyoming Archaeology Foundation has donated money for further improvements at the Hellgap Site. WAPA is well represented in the Plains Anthropology Society through reports and as officers. The reburial issue is becoming a hot topic in North Dakota, once again. They need research articles for *Wyoming Archaeologist*. Send contributions to the state office. The WAS meeting is next weekend (11 Nov) in Laramie. Topics will include Physical Anthropology and the reburial issue. For those interested in a copy of the state government reorganization plan for AMH and the new Department of Commerce contact Linda Rollins at AMH, Barrett Building in Cheyenne.

Fremont Lake - update by Dave Vlcek. The south end of the lake has proven to be a rich archaeological find. The expansion plan for the dam did not adequately address cultural resources, consequently the EA has been rewritten.

Bairoil - Jude Carino. A copy of the WAPA response has been submitted for the newsletter. Tom Zale reported the revised plan was accepted by the Council. Mariah and Assoc. was awarded the contract. WAPA has never received a final on the data recovery plan. It was

reported that a modified built-in test phase was added. Mariah has excavated up to 10 square meters at each site. No formal report has been submitted; should be out by December. SHPO is waiting for a MOA to come back from the Council. At this time, according to Tom, Amoco is doing work at the cathodic stations supposedly in disturbed areas only; all activities are to be monitored.

We took a break and a group counted ballots from the election.

New Officers are: VP - Jim Welch, Treasurer - Julie Francis, Secretary - Beth Sennett, and Member at Large - Dave Vlcek. Not enough people voted to make changes in the bylaws. It was moved that ballots concerning the bylaws changes be sent with return envelopes to all members including notes to those whose dues are delinquent. It was approved unanimously.

New Business:

A letter was received from the Wyoming Consulting Committee for the National Register of Historic Places requesting representatives from WAPA be presented to the governor for appointment to this committee. The following people will submit their vitae to Jamie Schoen by 3 December 1989: Jude Carino, Lynn Harrell, Jim Welch, Julie Francis, and Alice Tratebas. A copy of this letter is available for review.

Secondary Lithic Procurement sites and how to deal

with them were discussed extensively. This remained basically an unresolved issue; it seems to be a matter of how to deal with the regulations and realities versus our professional obligations. There are no BLM regulations on how to record these sites. It was proposed that WAPA should present some possible standards to the BLM. A task force was formed with the following people: Sandy Todd, Mary Hopkins, Fred Chapman, Gene Romanski, Lynn Harrell, Mike Bies, and Bob York. We will have a round table type discussion on this topic at our Spring meeting.

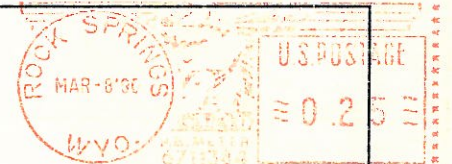
It was noted that a WAPA representative should attend the annual fall BLM meetings. This should be a non-BLM member as a representative. A letter will be drafted and sent to the state director concerning this. Should have an answer by the Spring meeting.

Questions were raised concerning copyright laws. No one had an answer, so Jude Carino will look into this.

It was determined the Spring meeting will be in Jackson, sometime in April, but not conflicting with SAA or WAS. It was suggested the professional organizations from Utah and Idaho be invited. Business meetings would be held the first day with presentations beginning the following morning.

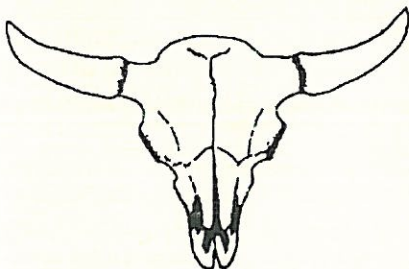
By 6:00 p.m. it was unanimously decided to adjourn the meeting.

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