

**WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS
SPRING MEETING
APRIL 20, 2007
SARATOGA, WYOMING**

Call to Order – Ed Schneider, President

A sign up sheet was passed around. Ed thanked to the organizers of the meeting, the Cherokee Trail Chapter of the Wyoming Archaeological Society, specifically John Lund, Jan Soldan, and Sarah Crum, Mary Hopkins, and John Laughlin. The new officers introduced themselves. Ed reminded the membership that WAPA is not a venue for agencies to vent about contractors or contractors to vent about agencies. The executive committee reserves the right to intervene in such instances.

Mary Lou Larson remarked on the passing of Rhoda Lewis the previous evening and stated that Rhoda's sons were talking about setting up a scholarship in her honor for non-traditional graduate students. She will relay more information to the membership as it becomes available.

Ed also sent our thoughts to Tim Nowak and Dave Reiss who are currently battling illness. Everyone was pleased that Dave Reiss was in attendance at the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Marty Rogers

The minutes are currently posted on the WAPA website. Attendees were asked if there were any corrections or additions. No one responded.

Treasurer's Report – John Laughlin

John reported that the checking account had a balance of \$6111.56 of which \$1144 belongs to the Project Archaeology account which WAPA just holds for Ranel and from which we receive interest. Overall we now have \$4957.56. Since October, we have had \$820 in expenditures, \$500 of which was Project Archaeology money which went to Ranel, \$50.00 for a deposit for the Spring Meeting room, \$100.00 to Tandra O'Hara who was the 2006 Wyoming History Day winner, \$170.00 to Sam Trautman for website updates and improvements. There is now information on the website on how to apply to WAPA and more updates will follow.

The Putnam Fund, as of April 1, had \$14212.73. Interest gained in 2006 amounted to \$1335.51. It is a relatively safe account with over fifty percent of it in money market accounts. It can be expected to earn around \$400 a year during the worst times.

Total assets amount to \$19180.29 as of today.

Ed reminded everyone that cookies and juice were being provided at today's meeting, and that everyone who had not paid their dues should do so.

Committee Reports

Membership and Ethics Committee – Dale Wedel

Dale explained that new members were selected this time according to the method laid out in the by-laws. The Membership and Ethics Committee, chaired by the Vice-President, consists of four voting members, no more than two of whom can be from the Executive Committee. The committee members this year consisted of Dale, John Laughlin, Sam Drucker, Jana Pastor, and Ian Ritchie. The committee read the vitas of all applicants and voted on accepting them to membership. There were 18 applicants, all of whom were accepted to membership. Cody M. Anderson, Rory J. Becker, Karina Bryan, Paul C. Burnett, David M. Crowley, Daniel Hoyt Eakin, Colin R. Ferriman, Ryan T. Garber, Ardeth Hahn, Alan W. Hutchunson, Todd Kohler, William R. Latady, Mary M. Prasciunas, Juliane K. Risenhoover, Bryon Schroeder, Robert C. Schweitzer, Joshua L. Tatman, and Sage B. Wall.

Wedel asked if anyone had a problem with this method. No one responded.

A discussion was held on the subject of considering a dues increase. Mark Miller suggested that, if the dues were to be increased, we should keep a lower rate for students. Mary Lou Larson asked how we would justify an increase with nearly \$20,000 in the bank. What are we doing with the money now? Julie Francis stated that it was the viewpoint of the Executive Committee that we should leave things alone until we get some direction.

Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee – Julie Francis

The committee consisted of Julie, John Albanese, Bill Curent, Tom Larson, and B. J. Earle. The business address of WAPA will need to be updated as it is supposed to be the address of the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist which has changed since the by-laws were written. Julie will compile any other proposed changes and present them to the Executive Committee who will look them over. We may need some changes in the language regarding the membership and voting privileges. The Executive Committee will propose changes to be voted on at the Fall Meeting.

Agency Reports

State Historic Preservation Office – Mary Hopkins

Mary announced that Sara Needles was appointed the Division Administrator of the Cultural Resources Division. Mary is serving as the Interim SHPO, and has been sent out nationwide for a new SHPO. She also announced the birth of Luca Daniele to Joe and Melissa Daniele, both of whom work for the State Historic Preservation Office. Jeff Pappas, who was the National Register Program Coordinator, will be leaving to work at Yosemite National Park and teach at CSU. SHPO will be advertising for his position also.

They have applied to the National Park Service and to the National Trust for Historic Preservation for grant funding to do formal preservation Section 101 training. While the plan would be aimed primarily at historic buildings, but they can also build archaeology into the plan. They hope to do at least 20 sessions around the state. They are also working with Main Street and Tourism to host the first Historic Preservation Conference, probably in the spring of 2008.

They have sent forward to the Keeper of the National Register the nominations for T Cross ranch and the Mt. View Hotel in Centennial. The next review board meeting will probably be in Sept. Nancy Weidel is working on the nomination for the Fossil Cabin and the nomination of the Medicine Bow Airport, which has remained unchanged since the 1930's, as a National Historic Landmark. The possibility exists that it can be used to interpret the history of aviation in the state. In addition to the intact physical features, the family who lived there for years maintained all of the paper records associated with the airport.

SHPO also has the Centennial Ranch Program for families who have owned or operated the same ranch for 100 years or more. The nomination form is on the SHPO website, and awards will be handed out at the Wyoming State Fair.

Sara and Mary both attended the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers Meeting in Washington, DC. They are on the nationwide task force to approve the BLM Programmatic Agreement and the National Park Service Programmatic Agreement. Mary will serve on both of those committees until a new SHPO is selected. At the same time they met with Senators Enzi and Thomas and were received at Representative Cubin's office. Cubin has joined a Historic Preservation Caucus for the House. Wyoming is also hosting a NICSHPO Board Meeting this fall in Jackson on July 8-11. The plan is to give them a tour of the Pinedale Anticline, the Jonah Field, and Trapper's Point on the first day, and Yellowstone is planned for the second day. If anyone would be interested in attending the tour, let Mary know.

The Site Stewardship Program is getting underway and is scheduled for July 6 & 7 in Pinedale. Joe Daniele or Sam Drucker can answer questions on the meeting. The first site to have stewardship will be Wardell.

Under Section 106, the Programmatic Agreement with the Forest Service is almost out for public comment. The agreement with NRCS is being revised and it will be out for public comment soon. They are also developing a Programmatic Agreement with US Fish and Wildlife. They met with Rawlins on a PA for the Atlantic Rim Oil and Gas Field. The Overland Gas Pipeline will be coming up, and the Jonah Field PA is being rewritten. They did work with the DEQ this spring giving them training on Section 106 and looking at how they do 106 compliance. They have internal rules for compliance on actions that are not federal undertakings and SHPO is working with them to ensure adequate assessments.

For about the last two years they have been negotiating with State Lands. The number one purpose of leases on state lands is to fund education. Work on state lands is approved by the State Board of Land Commissioners, which is comprised of our five elected officials. There is no state cultural resource statute to guide this, but there is a clause that states that if you find something on state land, you must report it to the State Land Board. They give SHPO their lease list, and they go through them and have the opportunity to comment on which ones have problems or resources which need to be addressed. In February, on Crazy Woman Battlefield and the Bozeman Trail, they had the first state plan stipulating cultural resources and they required an inventory and assessment of visual impacts. For the next leasing pact in June, they have agreed to 25 stipulations on 25 oil and gas leases. SHPO is slowly making progress on the protection of cultural resources on state lands. They also consult with SHPO and State Parks on the transfer of state lands. Harold Kemp is their contact with the State Land

Board, and he has agreed to meet with them on how their rule is written as it is reactive and not proactive at this time. Mary said she will contact the membership if there is any way in which we can help SHPO in getting more protection for cultural resources on state lands. If you know of instances which would be helpful to bring before the board, contact Mary or Mark Miller, but not the board. Lynne Boomgaarden who is the Director of the Office of State Lands and Investments is very sympathetic, so if you know her you can thank her.

The Cultural Resource Trust Fund has ten million dollars for grants. The deadline for applying this year is June 20. Grants cover the arts, bricks and mortar projects, education, outreach, etc. While Mary is Interim SHPO, she will be reviewing applications and will look favorably on any dealing with archaeology. Bob Kelly had a grant approved in the last round as did Dan Eakin. Money was also given to the Sheridan Inn. They decided at the last board meeting that they are going to cap it at \$50,000 and will try not to award to the same recipients year after year. The applications are on the State Parks and Cultural Resources web site. They look favorably on projects with multiple partners. The scope of projects which would qualify for grants is extremely broad and would include ARPA projects.

Planning and Historic Contexts– Judy Wolf

Judy talked about the Historic Preservation Plan revisions which are required periodically for the Historic Preservation Grant. A series of tours will be made around the state to receive comments, and Judy encouraged everyone to come and add their input.

Generally, the meetings start at 5:30. In the past, the plan was generally based on a survey. This year Judy went to the individual programs for descriptions of the duties of each program and goals for the next five years. She wants public input on what you want to see us include. Judy noted that, for the first time, the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist was included in the plan. The plan will be available on the web.

The new Archaeology Month posters featuring Mummy Cave are out and can be picked up now. This year's shirts feature rock art from the Powder Wash Site and are available along with mugs of the same design. All of the funds earned from the sale of the shirts and mugs go toward the printing of the posters.

The Historic Contexts didn't get funding from the legislature this year. They will work harder to get it next year during the budget session. They do have two new contexts out. One is on Transportation Networks in the Powder River Basin, and the Stock-Raising, Ranching and Homesteading in the Powder River Basin. The contexts are available on the SHPO website. The Transportation, Recreation, Wildlife and Cultural Resources Committee will be studying the need for funding. They will be testifying before the committee May 1 & 2. The membership can help by contacting the committee and supporting the need for funding. Industry, agency and private letters will help. It was asked if industry could help support the contexts. The reply was that the original concept was to get state funding for the project and try to get it all done. They felt that industry funding would be too unreliable.

Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist– Mark Miller

Mark has completed the National Register Nomination for Trapper's Point, and it is now in Washington. The first student to complete his PhD. under the new doctoral program at UW, Jack Fenner, included an isotopic analysis of the teeth from Trapper's Point in his dissertation. The survey section of OWSA would like to do more research on the site also. Mark is working on the Military Sites Context now covering the time from AD 1700-1920. There are over 250 known sites and information ranges from pictographs to pictures of WWI. They are still planning the move to the new Anthropology Building. The current building has to be vacated by June 1. A Ribbon Cutting Ceremony is being planned. Mary Lou Larson said the Frison Institute speaker is scheduled for Sept. 27. Mark Aldenderfer from the University of Arizona will come up to give a talk on his research on high altitude adaptation. The Department of Anthropology is going from 11000 square feet to 45000 square feet and everyone will be included within the new building. Mary said that we will try to let everyone know when we will be having down time to move.

OWSA Survey – Dave Eckles

Dave said that the survey section will be doing a Class III survey of Ft. Fetterman and coordinate the survey findings with historic maps. They did a survey of the highway from Rock Springs to Pinedale for the addition of passing lanes. There is a project in the Shoshone National Forest and Grand Targee recording Protohistoric sites and sheep traps. Allen Madril will be leaving the Shoshone National Forest in May and it would be nice if WAPA could send him a letter of appreciation for his help in attaining funding for the projects. Funding was also received from State Parks and Cultural Resources, University of Wyoming National Park Service Research Center, and the Wyoming Archaeological Society, and they would like WAPA to send letters to them. It was agreed that the letters would be drafted by OWSA and signed and sent by WAPA.

National Park Service – Elaine Hale

Elaine reported that Jaquelin St. Clair of Teton National Park couldn't make it to the meeting as they had to survey a piece of road that washed out to get it ready for tourist season. She will be working on surveying the airport and utility lines this summer. Yellowstone just finished the context of the Old Faithful Development Area that they will be using as the baseline for archaeological inventory there. They will be submitting the Bear Tooth Highway National Register Nomination. They will be doing an inventory of Old Faithful through the Office of the Wyoming State Archaeologist and will be doing testing on a site north of Norris Basin. Dan Eakin will be inventorying a 700 acre area for sheep traps and other sites close to the North East entrance in a proscribed burn area. There will be a continuation of an archaeological survey of the Nez Perce Trail with private contractors and the Nez Perce. The University of Montana Archaeological Field School will be doing a 700 acre inventory of the boundary land around Gardner which was annexed to the park back in the 1930s and there are the remnants of Cinnabar, an old town. They are being required to do an archaeological and historic structures condition assessment of everything that is inventoried but hasn't had its condition assessed in the last five years. They are doing a statistical analysis of debitage from 48YE914, which is a 2200 year old site in a thermal area. They just finished a joint project with the USFS

which was the context and documentation of the Sloop Creek Wagon Road, which is still operating as a wagon road in Yellowstone National Park.

Bureau of Indian Affairs– Joe Randolph

They have just let five contracts for context reports on irrigation on Indian lands. They have received several million dollars for updating their irrigation system. They have some money to do archaeology but are starting with historic context reports. They will begin replacing dams and irrigation lateral canals. They are having a national meeting to talk about developing a policy for handling archaeology on Indian lands across the nation. Since there is currently no such plan, they have been running into problems, particularly in regard to THPOs. Some of the solutions to problems on the Wind River Reservation will probably be taken as a lead nationwide. There is a THPO for the Northern Arapahoe and she is Joanne White. They don't have their National Park Service grant yet, but they are applying for it. The Shoshone are also applying for a grant as both tribes wanted to apply separately. It has become a problem in that the tribal lands are held by both tribes. B.J. Earle noted that Conrad Fisher in Cheyenne had told her he was also applying for a grant. Joe said the THPOs would be contacting people soon. He will be spending a lot of time in Wyoming. They are starting to get a lot of oil and gas development on the reservation. He has been working on a survey of the Elk Creek Mountains for two years and will be starting a third.

BLM

B.J.Earle – Buffalo

They have four archaeologists and are trying to hire a fifth. Last year they processed over 275 Class III inventory projects, and so far this year, they have handled 115120 projects. The contexts for transportation and homesteading were already mentioned. Native American Ethnographic Consultation on Pumpkin Buttes was completed last year, but the MOU still needs to be completed. The Outlaw Cave II fire last year burned right up to the rock art cave and stopped. B.J. is planning a survey down the north side of the canyon. B.J. also wanted it noted that at least 20 people in the Buffalo Field Office purchased WAS t-shirts.

Mike Bies – Worland

Worland will be coming out with an EIS later this year. The West Side Irrigation District had a law passed back in 2001 saying that the BLM will transfer 16,500 acres more or less for agriculture and other purposes. The Class III was done last year, and the report is in progress now. Bill Eckerle developed a buried site potential model to try to assess the unidentified sites on lands being transferred out of public ownership. They are working with State Parks and SHPO on Legend Rock. They are working on recording the rock base so that Danny can record all of the panels. Earlier this spring the Denver Science and Technology Center personnel photographed the images. They have a 3-d model of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile. Danny will do an assessment of the rock art and three 10 days excavating in areas of potential construction and evaluate the erosion that has resulted from current trails and use. On a state level, they are again reorganizing.

Dave Vlcek – Pinedale

The Pinedale Resource Management Plan has been released with comments due by June 19. They are negotiating a Programmatic Agreement for the Jonah Gas Field and are inventorying the entire 40,000 acres and Bill Curren is drawing up a research design. Dave is doing a Cultural Resource Management Plan. Richard Currit is the SHPO contact, and Will Husted has agreed to do a peer review on the CRMP. If anyone else is interested in getting involved with any of these projects, contact Dave, Bill or Richard. They are working under a short timeframe.

Sam Drucker – Pinedale

They have also been working on the anticline SEIS they have received comments on and are evaluating those comments. Sam is also trying to get the stabilization started at the Wardell Site and is working with Danny Walker and NPS to try to get National Landmark status. The Pinedale office is also busy and has had 200 Class III and 192 Class I evaluations. They now have Dave Crowley as their third archaeologist. They will be moving into their new building in May.

Patrick Walker - Rawlins

The Rawlins office is also busy with the pipelines, etc. The Atlantic Rim EIS was signed recently. They are working on a Programmatic Agreement with SHPO, OCTA, and the companies and landowners on dealing with the historic trails. They are in the early stages of the Continental Divide-Creston EIS in the Wamsutter area. They are going to be analyzing in the neighborhood of 8000 new wells on over a million acres. A rock art study was done at the Powder Wash Rock Art Site. Dr. James Keiser and the Greers did a lot of work on that. Pam Huter is working on the JO Ranch trying to stabilize and preserve it and hoping to get to the National Register Nomination. They have five archaeologists but will be losing one, so that job will be coming up.

WYDOT – Julie Francis

WYDOT is finishing up the EIS for the Hoback-Jackson highway and hoping to start the data recovery excavation on the Game Creek Site. This is a Paleo-Indian multi-component site south of Jackson that Dan Eakin will be supervising. The highway department has less federal funding than in previous years and has had to push back a lot of projects or completely rearrange them. They are looking at environmental documents for a four lane highway from Gillette to Reno Junction. Last year, Ed, Jim and Nancy got to walk from Laramie to the Colorado State Line and back mapping old road segments in the Lincoln Highway and correcting lots of information on the old USGS maps on the Overland Trail Route. Paul Sanders walked from Rawlins to the High Savory Dam with Patrick Walker and got a lot of things done with the Cherokee Trail. Dave Eckles surveyed the passing lanes project on highway 191 from Rock Springs to Pinedale. It will be contained within the existing right-of-way and consists of 16 passing lanes. She will get a set of passing lane reports to the Rock Springs and Pinedale BLM offices so they know what was surveyed in the right-of-way. They are doing a four lane study between Casper and Muddy Gap. They did get a considerable sum of state money this year and intend to have \$100 million worth of projects ready to let by August. These are mostly small repair jobs, but they still will have plant sites and so forth. There will be

lots of walking this summer. Hopefully in 2008 they will be out in the field out at Game Creek.

Wyoming Military Department– Karen Kempton

They have acquired 25,000 more acres for the south training area which is the area where Warm Springs and the Oregon Trail is which is a significant sit and they will be dealing with that as well as trail ruts and possible burial sites. They also completed an inventory and updated National Register evaluations of National Guard Armories across the state. They will be doing a Programmatic Agreement with SHPO. They recently completed draft of an ethnographic study of Tribal Cultural Properties. Wildfires burned 17,000 acres last year, and around 800 archaeological sites were impacted and they will be evaluating the damage. To have something positive come out of the fires, they applied for a grant from the Department of Defense Legacy Program and on May 1-4 they will bring tribal representatives to Camp Guernsey and will be discussing how wildfires impact TCP's. They hope to develop a plan for involving the tribes this type of events, before, during and after which can be disseminated to all camps across the country. They are partnering with technical experts from the National Park Service, Nelson Simpson, who is traveling fire expert and archaeologist from California, along with Chris Arthur, Ian Ritchie, and Clara Dean, who is a rock art specialist, and the Cultural Resource staff from Ft. Carson. If you are interested in their findings, contact Karen. They are also looking for ideas for future projects. They will be doing a poster for a DOD conference in Orlando in August and a presentation at a conference in Colorado. The National Guard Bureau is doing a symposium at the SAA's. Major Sam House who started the Cultural Resources Program for the guard is going to Afghanistan.

Contractor Reports

Current Archaeological Research– Bill Current

They also are very busy. They are writing a PA for the Jonah Field and the project will be reviewed each year by the Pinedale BLM office.

Greer Services – Mavis Greer

The Greers are very busy with volunteer work for American Rock Art Research Association which will meet in Billings the weekend of the Fourth of July. Larry Lohendorf is going to be the guest speaker.

TRC – Ed Schneider

Ed announced that Craig Smith had resigned his position with TRC, and that TRC has dropped the Mariah portion of the name and will now be referred to solely as TRC. Ed has assumed the position of Program Manager for Cultural Resources and James Lowe is the Associate Program Manager and Nathan Fleming is one of the Project Managers. They too are very busy. They are working on BNSF triple track projects, WYDOT projects, inventory for the DM&E Railroad, a 3,000 acre survey for Cordero Mine, finishing writing up last season's excavations, and writing up the overview for the BLM Rawlins Field Office.

John Albanese

John noted that he was a member of the Natrona County Historic Preservation Committee. About three years ago, John Goss stopped at Hell's Half Acre and discovered artifacts. He called John to go look at the area with him, and they decided to do some work on the 920 acres owned by Natrona County. John has managed to get \$70,000 from the County Commissioners for the project. They are getting about 15 radio carbon dates.

Old Business

Wyoming Archaeologist– Danny Walker

Danny asked that everyone try to send in articles for the publication as the WAS is now two years behind in publishing, which is an improvement over the previous three years behind. The last issue was the first in a long time to have an article by one of the avocationalists and Danny has heard a lot of favorable comments. Their articles don't have to be long and you can send in short reports.

WAPA Newsletter

The WAPA web site will take the place of the WAPA newsletter.

Curation – Danny Walker

At the BLM/SHPO protocol meeting it was suggested that curation be discussed at the WAPA meeting. Under the new protocol, curation will be followed in the new tracker. Once the curation portion of the CRM Tracker is up and running, there will be a place for Marty to check off when the collections arrive at the repository. The protocol calls for them to be submitted within 60 days of the acceptance of the final report. We have been receiving collections from projects that were completed four or five years ago. Under the new protocol, the BLM will not sign off on projects until the repository has checked off the acceptance of the collection as received in good condition and prepared to UWAR standards. According to Ranel, it will reflect on future permits. It does include original field notes or excellent quality copies, photos, site sketch maps, etc., but only for the sites from which collections are submitted. The stipulations in the permits spell this out. The field notes are with the artifacts for future research. No matter what is stated in the report, we still need the original field notes or part of the context of where the artifacts came from is lost. He reminded everyone that this is a part of the protocol as it was signed and approved, and it is both a BLM and federal requirement. Marty will verify both the receipt and then, when verified, the acceptance of the collections. After the CRM Tracker is completed, contractors won't have to send paperwork to the state BLM office as the information will be in the tracker. Contractors will still need to submit the Proof of Curation for this year. Danny reiterated that the requirement for submission of artifacts was 60 days after the acceptance of the final report, not the submission. Mike Bies pointed out that contractors can now go into the tracker and see what day their reports were accepted. Danny also pointed out that there is a problem with many of the collections being submitted to the repository with a lot of errors. Please check all artifact tags against the inventory form prior to submission to be sure that all of the information is

correct on both and that it is all the same on both. Also, double check to be sure the artifacts are correctly labeled, and that the site information is correct on the paperwork.

New Business

Mary Hopkins recognized Steve Sutter for his 25 years of service with the state, and also congratulated him on celebrating his 50th birthday.

Awards Committee

The need for volunteers for a committee was discussed and for criteria regarding the awards. Mary Lou pointed out that under the rules regarding the new Hathaway Scholarships, any "scholarships" awarded to students would be subtracted from their Hathaway monies, and she suggested that for undergraduate students we give "awards" which would not be deducted from the scholarship monies. B.J. asked that we look at all types of students including non-traditional ones. Mark stated that three years ago the Wyoming Archaeological Foundation received some money from the Jensen Trust to generate enough money to, in combination with WAPA and WAS, contribute to the Jensen Doctoral Travel Award for doctoral students travel expenses for Plains or the SAA's. He wants to see WAPA continue to participate in these awards. Julie explained that the Putnam account was originally started years ago with the idea that when the fund was large enough to generate enough interest for a scholarship one would be created. They also thought the scholarship might be named in honor of Brad Humphrey. Now that the account has grown to the point where enough interest is generated to create a scholarship, we need a committee to decide on guidelines. Julie Francis, Mary Lou Larson, Bill Current, John Albanese, and B.J. Earle volunteered to be on the committee. The commitment was made to continue to support the Jensen Award. The committee will discuss the Frison and Mulloy Scholarships.

Membership input on how to spend our money

It was asked if we plan to continue to award the Wyoming History Day Award of \$100 to a student paper or presentation on an archaeological topic. Ed Schneider moved that the contributions we are currently giving to the Wyoming History Day Award and the Jensen Award be continued until any motion in the future to decide not to fund them. Gene Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Suggestions for ways to spend the money:

1. A stipend for graduate research.
2. An honorary plaque for the new Anthropology Building honoring people who contributed to archaeology in the state.
3. Contribute to the family scholarship being set up for Rhoda Lewis.
4. Contribute to the Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference in Jackson this fall and the Plains Conference in Laramie next year.
5. Create a brochure or a power point presentation for students to recruit members for WAPA.
6. Host a Job Fair at the colleges for contractors to come in and recruit

7. Use the list serve to notify the Anthro department of who is hiring. SHPO has a list of contracting firms on the SHPO website.
8. PIT projects were suggested to involve volunteers. The projects are done through the Passport in Time program of the USFS. They have to be open to anyone unless there are health restrictions. The federal agency would take the lead on these and partner with WAPA. WAPA would do the organizing. Other federal agencies have similar programs.
9. The board suggested that at the fall meeting a laptop and projector will be provided so that agencies or contractors can screen short presentations of their summer's work.

The date and place for the fall meeting were discussed. Dave Vlcek moved that we meet in Jackson along with the RMAC on Oct. 25 at 1:00 PM at a location to be announced. James Lowe seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Ed Schneider announced that the report on the geophysical protocol would be delayed as it is still in review. John Laughlin explained that he was contracting with Sam Trautman to work on improving the WAPA website. He is currently working on trying to find links to add to the site. The minutes will be up to date in a week or so. Gene Smith suggested that we post discussions of sites for people to look at. Mike Bies cautioned that you have to be really careful about that on federal land as once any locational information is posted online, site information falls under the Freedom of Information Act. It may be acceptable for sites on private property, but the Park Service and the BLM are not in favor of doing this. Information would have to be very general. He cautioned the members to be cautious about this in presenting at conferences or publishing in journals and be careful not to reveal detailed locational information. Danny reminded everyone of the place and times for the WAS meeting. Dewey Baars moved that WAPA support a survey being done by a group of people from WAPA, WAS, WAF, UW and SHPO on the Ord Ranch located between Lusk and Hell Gap. It consists of mining claims, copper mining artifacts, the Cheyenne-Deadwood Trail, and intact prehistoric features and sites. Start up money is needed prior to getting grant money. John Laughlin is heading the project and they are asking for \$500. Judy Wolf seconded the motion. The motion passed. John said the project will probably take 20 years, will use mainly volunteer labor, and cover 7,000 acres. Julie requested an update on the project at the fall meeting. John said the project would be piggy backed on the second ten day at Hell Gap and the WAF is allowing them access to the facilities at Hell Gap. They plan on working June 18²⁷th.

Ed Schneider moved that the meeting be adjourned. Bill Current seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Attendees:

Ed Schneider	Richard Currit
Dale Wedel	Karen Kempton
Marty Rogers	Linda Reed
Sam Drucker	Leigh Grench
Mike Bies	B.J. Earle
James Lowe	Tom Young

Nathan Fleming
Bill Current
Dave Vlcek
Dan Wolf
Mary Hopkins
Mary Lou Larson
Mark Miller
Judy Wolf
David Reiss
Carolyn Buff
Brian Waitkus
Steve Sutter
Danny Walker
David Eckles

Wil Husted
Dewey Corhu
Gene Smith
Patrick Walker
Mavis Greer
Alice Tratebus
Elaine Skinner Hale
Joseph Randolph
Wendy Sutton
Dewey Baars
John Albanese
Julie Francis
John Laughlin