

**Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists
Minutes of the Fall Meeting, September 7, 2018
Laramie, Wyoming**

The meeting is called to order at 1:40 pm by President Naomi Ollie.

Minutes

- On Rachael Shimek's motion, the Spring 2018 minutes are approved, as posted on the WAPA website. All are in favor.

New Business

Treasurer and Membership Report (Jason Bogstie):

- As of 9/4/2018, the WAPA checking account has a balance of \$6400.86, and the Putnam account has a balance of \$16,863.20.
- Expenditure since the spring meeting: \$550.00 to Marcia Peterson, for mammoth bone collagen date.
- WAPA currently has 139 members, including 2 pending membership applications. The Membership and Ethics Committee will review applications after this meeting and includes Kelly Pool, Rachael Shimek, and Julie Francis. Ten members are currently unpaid and will be dropped at the conclusion of this meeting.

Executive Board Report

WAPA Advocacy:

- **Alkali Creek MOA:** WAPA is a concurring party. Meetings should begin in late September; the president or vice president (or someone else) can attend for WAPA. **Coal Draw MOA:** This involves biweekly meetings about the bentonite mine, regarding mitigation of adverse effects. It's important to have WAPA involved. **Moneta Divide PA:** WAPA is a concurring party. Meetings are now slated to start October 2 and 3. They are usually in person, but call-ins can be done once they have started. Let the Board know if you want to be involved. **Converse County EIS:** We provided comments on the Draft EIS during the public comment period, but we have no status. They will do a PA. No kickoff date has been set for the meetings, and it basically involves all Converse County.

Cultural Resource Regulation:

- **PIM-2018-014 on fee/fee/fed wells:** A BLM Permanent Instructional Memorandum (PIM) was released in June that "establishes policies and procedures for processing Federal APDs proposing to drill into and produce leased Federal minerals from well pads on entirely non-Federal locations." It provides three scenarios: (1) new fed well drilled from existing fee well disturbance, with no new disturbance (no work required); (2) new fed well drilled from existing fee well disturbance, with new disturbance (work required); and (3) new fed well drilled from new fee pad (no work required if development for fee minerals would occur anyhow without fed minerals). The third scenario is the most problematic and, for example, would affect about a third of the APDs in the Powder River Basin. Discussion surrounds advising clients on how best to proceed, especially with regard to a Class I. The IM is confusing. There are language discrepancies; BLM is requesting and not requiring information, and they are putting it more in the clients' hands; this could be a slippery slope. Various WAPA response options are brought up, including a letter to the Secretary of the Interior. Online: <https://www.blm.gov/policy/pim-2018-014>.

Next Meeting:

- The spring WAS meeting will be in Rock Springs, with a date not yet set.

Contractor and Agency Reports

- Contractor reports are presented by Becca Mashak for Grouse Mountain Environmental Consultants; Nathan Fleming for TRC Environmental; Paul Burnett and Naomi Ollie for SWCA; Kelly Pool for Metcalf Archaeological Consultants; and Larry Todd for the Greybull River Sustainable Landscape Ecology project. Agency reports are presented by Adam Guinard, Brigid Grund, and Natasha Keierleber for BLM; Mary Hopkins, Judy Wolf, John Laughlin, and Richard Currit for SHPO; and Greg Pierce and Marcia Peterson for OWSA.

Announcements

- Today is Ross Hilman's last day at SHPO. This position will be advertised soon.

- The new CRM Tracker is in “go live” mode and is undergoing lots of testing, with roll out hopefully by the end of the year.
- SHPO has met with BLM and a fiber optic company about a new broadband expansion, which will result in guidance on how to complete broadband inventory and will align more closely with nationwide guidance on telecom work.
- SHPO’s Paleoindian Context by Brigid Grund was reviewed in July and approved. It is nearly done, pending return of a few more reviews.
- The Record of Decision for the NPL EIS was completed 27 August, so development of that field should soon begin.
- The transfer of the Quebec 01 Missile Alert Facility to the state of Wyoming was just completed. It will be the first state historic site and will be managed by State Parks. It is the only remaining accessible Peacekeeper Missile Alert Facility and will preserve history of the Cold War. The Air Force covered all restoration costs.
- OWSA has begun its avocational archaeologist training program, which has been very popular. Thus far, Marieka has taught curation, and Marcia has taught survey and recording at Ice Cave.
- With regard to WAPA’s donation of money to OWSA for a date on the mammoth, Greg reports the bone contained insufficient collagen. They’re figuring out what to do next, but he asks WAPA what to do with the \$363 remaining in University of Arizona credit.
- Rep. Boner will probably introduce another bill similar to SF101 during the next legislative session. It may be a resolution this time but will be couched the same. Draft bills will probably come out in November and December. WAPA advocacy made a difference last year, and with this next 40 day session, there’s more time to delve into issues. Please talk to your legislators; tell them why archaeology is important. We should regroup in January just before the legislature reconvenes. Working with others and perhaps helping to support an existing lobbyist will probably be the best, most effective use of our money. The WAPA Board can gather information and post it on the listserve. Kelly reads email responses regarding the usefulness of lobbyists she received from Michael Lange, Wyoming Arts Council, and Julia Stuble, Alliance for Historic Wyoming. Our members already know a few of the lobbyists mentioned in the emails and will contact them.
- The Nuclear Regulatory Commission no longer operates in WY, and WY will take over primary by the end of September. WAPA sent three letters of concern regarding proposed rules for the DEQ Land Quality Division’s Uranium Recovery Program and attended a meeting, but this work is no longer considered an undertaking in Wyoming. Other states have laws to cover this gap; we don’t.
- Cleanup of WAPA records (5.5 boxes and a binder) is at UWAR this afternoon. Bonnie Smith and Rachael Shimek will help; others are welcome. Marieka has several options to consider if we want to keep some of it.
- John Laughlin asks for a volunteer/s to take over listserve and website management. John and Dan Bach have done it for 12 to 14 years, rebuilding the website twice in that time. John would help with the transition and says getting responses to requests for chapter updates is the hardest part. The website could use another rebuild, but otherwise, the job is about adding content. He will put a call for volunteers on the listserve.
- Voting for the WAPA Board is open for another week. John Laughlin and Paul Burnett will count ballots today, and Naomi will forward them ballots she receives after today to be added to the total.
- The Board asks for funding requests. First, Jennifer Lemminger, a University of WY MA student, asks for money for one date. Her project is species identification of wooden artifacts from Daugherty Cave.
RESOLUTION: John Laughlin and Judy Wolf move that WAPA provide funds to Jennifer Lemminger for a \$595 AMS date from Beta Analytic. Richard Currit modifies the motion to read that we provide \$600 to be used for multiple dates, if discounts can be found. All are in favor, and the motion passes.
 Second, Danny Walker has requested \$1,000 to print the Dinwoody rock art manuscript. Since Danny could not be here, Julie Francis explains the book is the result of a 2016 Thermopolis conference organized by Larry Loendorf and Jim Keyser. Proceeds from sales would go to future rock art research. Following discussion, WAPA is interested in the project but would like more information. Third, Naomi Ollie requests \$400 to fund a soil chemical analysis on Cody and Hell Gap occupation levels from Sister’s Hill excavations. She will look at stable carbon isotopes over time and determine how stable surfaces were.
RESOLUTION: Bonnie Lawrence-Smith moves that WAPA provide \$400 to Naomi Ollie for a soil chemical analysis on the Sister’s Hill project. All are in favor, and the motion passes.

On Paul Sanders’ motion, the meeting is adjourned at 3:10.

Meeting Attendees (from the sign-in sheet)

Judy Wolf	Bonnie Lawrence-Smith	Paul Sanders	Jennifer Lemminger	Mary Hopkins
Marieka Arksey	Brian Waitkus	Leanna Flaherty	Naomi Ollie	Clare Farrow
Rachael Shimek	Becca Mashak	Richard Currit	Paul Burnett	Jim Brechtel
Bill Scoggins	Larry Todd	Kelly Pool	Marcia Peterson	Greg Pierce
Bill Elder	John Laughlin	Jason Bogstie	Brigid Grund	
Adam Guinard	Julie Francis	Natasha Keierleber	Nathan Fleming	

Post-meeting note:

Results of the WAPA election were announced on September 17. Congratulations to:

Becca Mashak, President
Kelly Pool, Vice President
Jason Bogstie, Treasurer
Leanna Flaherty, Secretary
Richard Currit, Member at Large
Rachael Shimek, Member at Large