

**Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists  
Minutes of the Spring 1998 Meeting  
Billings, Montana  
May 7-8, 1998**

**Executive Committee Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 1998, 6:00 P.M.**

The agenda for the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists Business Meeting, scheduled for Friday, May 8, 1998 was discussed. Issues to be discussed include the Secretary's Report, the Treasurer's Report, change in scope to the WAPA-BLM Assistance Agreement to enable payment of teacher facilitators for Project Archaeology, 1998 Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month, the results of the WAPA award for the 1998 Wyoming History Day, agency updates, election of officers, and the next meeting location.

**Business Meeting: Friday, May 8, 1998**

**PRESIDING:** Gary DeMarcay, President

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15 A.M.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Minutes of the Last Meeting were distributed to the membership and time was allowed for everyone to read them. A motion was made for approval of the minutes as written with no changes. The motion was seconded and carried. The Secretary stated that she was concerned that the minutes of the meeting are not available to members who do not attend the business meetings, given that the minutes are no longer published in the WAPA Newsletter due to their length. After discussion it was decided that in addition to distributing the minutes at the meetings, they should also be e-mailed to those members who have e-mail addresses and be put on the WAPA web page.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Julie Francis distributed copies of the WAPA Financial Statement as of May 8, 1998. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded and passed by the membership. Julie mentioned that due to an error in collating the last issue of the WAPA Newsletter, Kinkos reimbursed all copying charges for the newsletter job. This resulted in a considerable savings for WAPA. A discussion was also held regarding donating money to the Montana Archaeological Society for the use of the room for the WAPA Business Meeting. Since MAS did not ask for or expect any money from WAPA for the conference, it was decided that WAPA should offer a donation to help offset the costs. A motion was made to offer MAS a \$100 donation which was seconded and carried.

**NEWSLETTER EDITOR/COMMITTEE REPORT:** Gary DeMarcay stated that Rich Adams has resigned from the Newsletter Committee. His responsibilities had been to contact members and solicit submissions for articles and reports for the newsletter and then compile the information. Craig Smith continues to be responsible for the layout and mailing of the newsletter and Mary Hopkins handles editing. Gary asked for volunteers to take Rich's place. Dave McKee offered to assist. [Follow up: Dave told Gary that he would not be able to assist after all; Gary has indicated he will take on the responsibility of compiling the information for the WAPA Newsletter.]

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT:** Gary DeMarca led a discussion on how to reach out and try to recruit new members into the WAPA organization. It was decided that a recruitment flyer should be developed and sent to contractors, anthropology students, and agency archaeologists. A small display poster should also be designed that can be used in settings such as professional meetings and anthropology departments.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**Bureau of Reclamation:** Dale Austin reported on three Section 110 Inventories including the surveys of the Byron Wilson/County Line Recreation Area at Glendo State Park, the Pathfinder Reservoir - Sweetwater River Wetlands Area, and the Whalen Diversion Dam Public Use Area in Goshen County. Two mitigation projects have also occurred: at stone circle site 48CR3730 at the Miracle Mile Day Use Area and for the Daylighting of Guernsey Tunnel No. 2 in Lake Guernsey National Historic Landmark. Also, refurbishment of several historical objects at Buffalo Bill Dam will occur and will be placed on display near the interpretive kiosk at the Dam parking area.

**U.S. Forest Service:** Dave McKee reported on five Passport in Time projects.

**Bureau of Land Management:** Tim Nowak reported on the status of the BLM statewide Protocol which was signed at a meeting in April. The development of a new handbook for BLM field offices should be complete by the end of the year. The BLM workgroup on testing and evaluation standards has developed a draft document which is currently out for BLM staff review and should be completed in the next few months. The BLM will be discussing the need for contractor review of this document.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**WAPA-BLM Cooperative Agreement for Project Archaeology:** Ranel Capron discussed the need to amend this agreement to broaden its application so that money can be used to pay teacher facilitators who participate in the program. The previous year the agreement allowed only for the use of money to pay for teachers materials. The amendment was read. A motion was made to approve the amendment. It was seconded and passed by the membership.

**Wyoming Archaeology Month:** Judy Wolf reported on the September 1998 Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month planning activities. This year's poster is a photo of a proto-historic pole lodge recorded in 1979 in Tensleep Canyon. Tee shirts are also available for purchase. All proceeds from the sale of shirts benefit Archaeology Month activities. The keynote lecture will be given by Dr. Tom Dillehay from the University of Kentucky who will speak on the Peopling of the New World. The lecture will be held at Casper College on September 19. The Archaeology Month committee is in the process of applying for Humanities Council grant to help cover the costs of sponsoring the lecture. A calendar of events for archaeological events this summer and fall has also been produced.

**WAPA Award Winner at Wyoming History Day:** The results of the Wyoming History Day WAPA award winner were presented. The state contest was held in Casper on April 20. Only a few entries contained an archaeological theme. The WAPA award was combined with the WAS award and presented to Kandi Glause for her senior division historical paper entitled "Migration of Prehistoric Man in the Americas". Kandi is a student at Natrona County High School in Casper. A discussion was held regarding the lack of entries that qualify for the WAPA award. It was the general consensus that WAPA should continue to offer an award for an archaeological entry at Wyoming History Day but that we should develop criteria that explains to teachers how an entry can qualify for the monetary prize. This information should be provided to teachers in the History Day packets that are mailed to schools during the fall of each year. Karen offered to write up a draft of the criteria and will have Carolyn Buff review and approve it for WAS. A discussion was held to see if anyone else would be interested in being the WAPA award judge so that the opportunity would be open to other interested WAPA members. Dave Eckles expressed interest in being the judge next year.

**Wyoming Cultural Properties Form:** Gary DeMarcey talked briefly about the new cultural properties form which is now in use for projects in Wyoming. There was discussion about the Cultural Records Office file search capabilities on the internet. It is still not possible to conduct a search of both projects and sites at the same time. Mary Lou Larson discussed the draft instructions and guidelines for filling out the site form which is currently in preparation. The draft on the core portion of the form should be completed in the next few months. It will be sent out for review. Changes will be made based on the comments received.

**Society for Historical Archaeology 1999 Conference:** Julie Francis led a discussion on behalf of Russ Tanner regarding WAPA's participation in and support of the January 1999 SHA conference in Salt Lake City. Several members expressed the opinion that conferences need to be self sufficient, especially a national conference such as SHA, and that WAPA can not contribute to every conference. It was also the opinion of several members that WAPA's money can best be served in Wyoming for Wyoming archaeology. In the past, WAPA has set aside a certain percentage of its budget for donations and the money is given out on a first come first serve basis. Some standard expenses have always been expected such as Wyoming Archaeology Week/Month. It was decided that the WAPA board should develop a donation policy that can be brought before the membership. The executive committee will meet to develop this policy and present it to the members at WAPA's fall 1998 meeting. A motion was made that WAPA would not financially support the 1999 SHA conference. The motion was seconded and carried. If anyone wishes to volunteer their time at the conference they should get in touch with Russ Tanner. Another motion was made that the WAPA board should develop a policy for how funds will be distributed to worthwhile events and activities. It was seconded and carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**4<sup>th</sup> Biennial Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference:** Mary Lou Larson discussed the next Rocky Mountain Conference to be held September 30 through October 3, 1999 in Glenwood Springs, Colorado. She introduced a preliminary request for WAPA financial support for the conference. Conference planning is still in the early stages. However, they will need assistance with mailings and web site development among other things. This request will be considered again by the membership after the donation policy is developed.

**ROPA:** Gary DeMarcey reported that the Society of Professional Archaeologists has now become the Register of Professional Archaeologists. Applications to join are available on the SAA web site. A copy of a thesis cover page is required as proof of a masters degree. A short discussion about the stringent requirements for membership ensued.

**ELECTIONS:** Gary DeMarcey initiated the topic of elections of officers and the possibility of amending the WAPA by-laws to extend the terms of office to two years. The executive committee will plan on getting together to discuss the issue further and will develop a proposal to present to the membership at the next meeting. The proposal should also be prepared in time to be presented in the next WAPA Newsletter. The proposed by-laws amendment will also be presented with the next election ballots. Paul Sanders discussed the efforts of the election committee to seek names of members who would be interested in running for office.

**FALL 1998 MEETING:** After some discussion, a decision was made to hold the next WAPA business meeting in association with the University of Wyoming Department of Anthropology's archaeology workshop to be held in Laramie the weekend of November 7, 1998. Mark Miller is the coordinator for the workshop and will assist in arranging for a room for the WAPA meeting. Tentatively, the WAPA Executive Committee will meet the morning of Friday, November 6 and the business meeting will be held that afternoon. More information will be sent to the membership when it becomes available.

**ADJOURN:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 A.M.