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**IN MEMORY**

Brian Humphrey, a long-time member of WAPA and the Executive Board, died over the Labor Day weekend while on an ice cap expedition in the Arctic. He was the son of John and Linda Humphrey of Iowa. Brian was the Forest Service archaeologist for the Douglas Ranger District since June of 1991. Brian was active in the Douglas area presenting talks about Native American culture resources, paleontology, and history. He was instrumental in organizing the dinosaur excavation of an ankylosaurus skeleton on district lands in cooperation with the South Dakota School of Mines. Brian also worked with volunteers under the Passport in Time Program conducting an inventory of the Walker Tipi Ring Site.

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**!! THANK YOU, WAPA !!**

The following letter was received from OWSA:

Dear Julie:

Thank you for WAPA's generous donation to help offset the cost of the 1995 Plains Anthropological Conference. Outside funding will go a long way toward helping us offer a successful conference and still keep the registration fee at a reasonable level. The support of the Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists is particularly noteworthy, because WAPA has played an important role in Wyoming Archaeologist for over 15 years. We hope to see many of its members at Laramie in October.

Thanks again!

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Mark Miller, Ph.D.  
State Archaeologist

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**FROM THE PREZ . . . . .**

Much has happened since our last meeting. BLM in Wyoming has adopted a "Pilot State" initiative with SHPO and ACHP which alters the way we conduct 106 business. We will discuss the implication of this initiative in Laramie. Note that other states and federal agencies are watching Wyoming BLM pretty closely now, so your perspectives are important. Please take every opportunity to let your opinions be known, whatever they are.

WAPA has suffered its first direct loss, that of Brad Humphrey. The unfortunate fact is we will need to decide how our organization wishes to honor deceased members. Some of the Executive Committee have discussed options and will talk more about this in Laramie. Our hearts go out to Brad's family Wyoming archaeology will be less with his absence.

The southwest Wyoming synthesis is chugging along. All are invited to attend the Steamboat meetings to see where the archaeologists are heading. Those who will miss Steamboat can look forward to a publication down the line. And please remember (Bill C.;Ed) that you can submit a publication if you aren't presenting a paper. Speaking of papers, I need to return to mine. See y'all in Laramie!

Dave Vlcek

MINUTES SPRING MEETING, 21 APRIL 1995, SARATOGA, WY

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as in the Spring newsletter. The following treasurer's report was presented:

Checking Account - Metropolitan Federal Bank/First Bank

Balance - 10/28/94 \$2130.87  
Income Dues \$ 500.00  
Interest \$ 17.84  
Expenses  
DOC-Archaeology Week Poster  
\$ 200.00  
Balance - 4/21/95 \$2448.71

Putnam Money Market

Beginning Balance \$2000.00  
Dividends \$ 48.42  
Current Balance \$2048.42

Putnam Fund for Growth and Income

	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Value</u>
Initial Investment			
	75.301	\$13.28	\$1000.00
Current	78.867	\$13.73	\$1082.84

Petty Cash

Balance \$ 90.16  
Expenses - stamps 6.40  
Current Balance 83.76  
  
Total Assets - \$5663.73

A motion was made and passed unanimously to accept Kelly Quick as a new member.

AGENCY UPDATES

USFS - Brad Humphrey - The Forest Service is presently working on a PA for grazing issues. The agency is looking at doing intense 106 survey areas, especially in drainages, with a 1/4 mile buffer. It was noted that seasonals will probably be in demand.

WYDOT - Julie Francis - They are busy doing data recovery for sites on the Cody/Yellowstone Highway. Seventeen sites near Hewlett are being tested. The transportation department will lose approximately 1/3 of its staff. Don Diller was appointed as head since Harry Underwood is retiring at the end of April. Thirteen people are taking early retirement with only three of the positions to be filled- one being Harry Underwood's position.

Bureau of Reclamation - no report.

BLM State Office - no report. It was suggested by the president that we need an MOU between the BLM and WAPA concerning the status of Federal employees and their being officers of WAPA.

State Archaeologist Office - Mark Miller. They received interagency funding and cooperation from the BLM, BurRec, and FHWA for dealing with NAGPRA and skeletal remains and a 10% sample inventory on what is needed for a total inventory of the repository collections. The Anzasi Heritage Center did an assessment of the University repository; the report is not yet completed. A brief update on the Plains Conference was also presented.

SHPO Data Base - Mary Hopkins. All data is now on the BLM network. They are still trying to get a systems analyst hired and are in the finalization stage of a third task order for additional monies. The data base and context project are being combined under one total project. WAPA was thanked for all the assistance on Wyoming Archaeology Week. A final decision on linear resources has been turned over to the consulting committee.

With regards to the IMACS Exclusion Guidelines (handout) - the second draft is out. Items 1-6 can be put on the short form and items 1-15 on page 2 do not need to be recorded. Polaroid photographs will not be accepted. Original color photos are preferred and, as always, black and white is best. A copy of the USGS quad with site location must be included with site maps, sketches, etc. Mary went through the entire draft pointing out the changes from the first draft. It was suggested that UTM's be added to the forms. SHPO presently does not handle UTM coordinates and it was pointed out the a GPS system will generate UTM's. Mary would also like to see lithic materials noted on the forms. It was noted that if an unnamed road encountered during field work appears on a GLO there is no need to record the road.

Irrigation canals were a major compromise with the SHPO. Concerns were expressed over how one determines in the field the size of a 7 cu ft/sec canal. Adjudicated water rights would have to be checked to gain this information. John Keck decided that the National Register consulting committee would decide these issues. Mary will ask Todd Tibedeau about dimensions for these canals that can be used in the field. The National Register review committee includes: John Albanese (chair), Dudley Gardner, Chuck Reher, Jim Rose (architect), Craig Bromley, Bill Baber (architect), Tim Evans (folklorist), D. Palmer (Cheyenne city planner).

The short form goes into effect immediately. No IMACS Encoding sheets are needed. Several names for the form were suggested. It was decided that it would be known as the Wyoming Short Form. Mary also discussed the letter sent to all contractors on how to get File Searches and Smithsonian numbers. File Searches are good for 60 days.

F.E. Warren - Rick Bryant. On May 17, 1995, there will be a symposium on "Women in the Military" at the base. Several sites will be tested this summer and the area will be nominated as an Archaeological District.

BLM-Green River RA. Russ Tanner's extension for voice mail is 112 and Terry Del Bene's is 145.

BLM-Worland - Mike Bies. Washakie and Grass Creek Resource Area have been combined. There is no district archaeologist. Mike will be doing the Washakie Area and John Whitehurst, Grass Creek.

## OLD BUSINESS

The Chrisman Ranch letter was sent. Comments were submitted on the windmill project near Hanna. The ditch committee is on hold until comments are received from the consulting committee.

Russ Tanner and Tim Nowak met with Pat Bergie of the Wind River Reservation. The grave goods from the Lone Tree burial were presented to the tribe. They suggested that Dr. Gill should go to the reservation and make a presentation on what type of bone analysis physical anthropologists would like to perform and the reasons for any analysis.

Mary Lou Larson discussed the Southwest Wyoming Context. A graduate student has compiled the notes from the November 1994 meeting. They are trying to get a broad overview of the prehistoric data which will be closely linked with the data base updating in the Cultural Records Office (CRO). Jerry Clark was able to get more funding for the CRO which went primarily for computer software and additional hardware. Mary Lou hopes to have a draft of the context by August. The context and data management will deal with Southwest Wyoming first. A meeting will be held at the Plains Conference.

## NEW BUSINESS

Alice Tratebas and Cheryl Burgess are putting together the Black Hill Symposium scheduled for December 1-3, 1995, in New Castle, WY. There will be 1 1/2 to 2 days of papers, a banquet, etc. They are attempting to raise money to bring Native American representatives and are developing a poster. They asked for a contribution from WAPA to go toward these financial endeavors. A Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously passed to donate \$200 toward the Black Hill Symposium.

Dave McKee announced that the WAS/ WAPA registration table was in the hotel lobby. The banquet is Saturday at 7:00 p.m. The Silent Auction items are also on display.

Mark Miller announced the Plains Conference scheduled for October 18-22, 1995. Plans are on schedule. Shuttle transportation and other costs come to about \$20,000. Most of the shuttle service will be donated. The WAPA meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 18. Volunteers are also needed in many areas. Twelve hours of volunteer work will get you free registration. Information packet will be out by July or the first of August. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to donate \$400 to the Plains Conference committee.

WY/BLM PA The PA, signed by the Council in November, 1993, was suddenly put on hold this spring. Training sessions and new manuals were undertaken prior to implementation. Now we have nothing; we are back to square one. The following letter was sent from the president of WAPA, Dave Vlcek, to Marilyn Nickels, BLM in Washington, D.C.:

Dear Dr. Nickels,

This letter raises concerns relating to the long-delayed implementation of a Programmatic Agreement (PA) for cultural resource management on BLM projects in Wyoming. We request that our organization be granted equal standing commensurate with the mineral industry in development of

Section 106 Consultation-Wyoming Test State procedures. We have requested "interested party" status on numerous prior occasions.

The Wyoming Association of Professional Archaeologists (WAPA) has been concerned for some years about the inordinate amount of influence the oil and gas industry wield pursuant to cultural resource management in Wyoming. Recent events surrounding delays in implementing the Wyoming statewide Programmatic Agreement (PA) for cultural resource management and its required training underscore our concern.

Our organization is composed of over 100 professional archaeologists in federal, state and private positions throughout Wyoming. Our membership includes all the field expertise necessary in order to seek reasonable solutions to real and pressing problems. For example, WAPA members initiated the concept of a Southwestern Wyoming Regional Synthesis so that important data key to deciding upon site significance wouldn't be lost. We view field input on the Section 106 process implementation as essential and offer our organization's resources to aid in the mutually satisfying job of managing our cultural heritage while facilitating development in Wyoming.

We have members willing to act as WAPA liaison. Our next semi-annual meeting is scheduled for April 21-23, 1995 in Saratoga, Wyoming at the Saratoga Inn. We can appoint our representative then. Your attendance at this meeting could serve to acquaint yourself with our organization. We hope you can attend.

In the interim, please correspond with the organization care of the Dept. of Anthropology, University of Wyoming, P.O. Box 3431, University Station, Laramie, WY 82070. Or you can call me evenings at (307) 537-5660. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
(signed)  
Dave Vlcek  
President

It was indicated in a letter from the Council that they too were distressed over the cancellation of the PA.

Dave stated that the following appear to comprise a committee to deal with this idea of a test state for streamlining the 106 process: Jerry Clark, John Keck, Mary Lou Larsen, Mark Miller, Cathy Springer (PAW), John Douglas, Cathy Cameron (ACHP), Jana Pastor (requested by PAW), and Donald Craig(sp?;SAA). Mark Miller confirmed this as the potential membership of this committee. Mary Lou noted that this situation came about due to a number of concerns with the 106 process. Keck has an edict from the governor to do something and all activities from Keck's office must be justified. There is a serious lack of understanding on the 106 process. Archaeology is viewed as standing in the way of development in Wyoming. The pressure is on the BLM and SHPO from Washington and industry to streamline the 106 process. Dave Vlcek pointed out that in all this discussion those people actually doing the field work are not represented or consulted. It was said that at the second meeting of this committee it was suggested that someone closer to the 106 process and Native Americans be included in these decisions.

It seems apparent that we need to respond and act or the archaeology will not be protected and we will have no jobs. There was no indication of when or who will be involved in future meetings. It was felt that Jerry Clark seems to be spearheading this effort and WAPA should contact Jerry. All communications should be sent to the BLM State Director. Rick Bryant suggested that WAPA send a letter to the state BLM director giving reason why the PA needs to go ahead so we know what rules we are playing under. This test state idea will have an effect on archaeology nationally. The vice president needs to sign this letter (a non-BLM employee). A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to write a letter to the BLM State Director indicating a WAPA representative to this committee and implementing the PA. Dianne Berrigan, John Albanese, and Bill Current (assist on a part-time basis) volunteered to be considered for this position. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to set up a WAPA committee to assist the individual selected in the previous motion. The following will comprise the WAPA Rep advisory committee: Gary Demarcay, Russ Tanner, Julie Francis, Beth Porter, Mike Bies, Ed Jess, and Craig Smith.

It was announced that on April 28, 1995, a retirement reception will be held for Dr. Frison at 3:00 in the UW Student Senate Chambers in the Union Building.

Nominations were held for WAPA officers:

VP - Bill Current, Russ Tanner

Sec. - Beth Porter

Treas. - Julie Francis

Member at Large - Mike Bies, Rich Adams, Dianne Berrigan

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to close nominations.

Fall meeting date was set to coincide with the Plains Conference in Laramie on October 18, 1995.

Dave Reese is becoming an unofficial WAPA historian. If you have questions about WAPA's past or want to make contributions, he's the one to get in touch with.

A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Porter, Secretary, WAPA

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The following is a summary of the WYCRO PROGRESS REPORT from Mary Hopkins and Mary Lou Larson, AUGUST 18, 1995

The Systems Analyst position was approved on August 16 and will be advertised as a combination of a BA in Computer Science/Information Systems plus four years experience as a systems analyst with a preference for individuals with a humanities or social science background.

A user accessible data system has been developed and a local network installed at CRO and on the BLM network making it accessible for file searches. Two major procedural changes at CRO are that file searches are good for 60 days and that updates will no longer be free of charge.

One of the next goals of the project is to provide consultants direct access, including dedicating a file server for outside dial-up access. The project data base is also being updated. Presently, 75% of the pre-1988 project information has been entered on the database. The goal is to enter all pre-1988 projects; approximately 1200 are outstanding. There is a grand total of 18,728 projects on-line.

Outside funding sources are being pursued through the University of Wyoming Research Office, the Wyoming Science, Technology, and Energy Authority (STEA), and the Nature Conservancy. Funding through the National Endowment for the Humanities is being looked into, but with the current situation in Congress, local support is probably more realistic. Funding has been established for the support of the systems analyst for a two year period, the purchase of a UNIX based computer system, and for data entry of information on Southwestern Wyoming. It is hopeful that money can be obtained to initiate a pilot study involving the incorporation of GIS into the data system.

The Wyoming Short Form is being used for sites which are not affected by project activity. Feedback has been favorable. A very preliminary 'long site form' is being drafted by Jana Pastor and Mary Lou Larson. Comments from Kevin Thompson, Russ Tanner, and Terry Del Bene are being incorporated in the revisions. These revisions must be in concert with the changes in the CRO database so that the data entry process is a 'seamless' flow requiring little duplication of effort. Work on the form will resume when the Systems Analyst is hired. WYCRO has requested time from WAPA on Wednesday morning during the business meeting for a progress report and question and answer period.

The results from the Southwestern Wyoming Context conference are being written up, thanks to the support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration. Specifically, the report will include the results of the study sessions held at the conference that identified data gaps and the direction that archaeological work in southwestern WY needs to take. A proposal will be included on the direction of the proposed Southwestern Wyoming Context study. This draft should be finished by the end of September. In addition, a graduate student from the University of Wyoming is abstracting data recovery and major testing reports from SW Wyoming. To date, close to 60 abstracts are completed. Rather than randomly going through all of SW Wyoming, reports from WYDOT, ASWWCC, Mariah, and OWSA are being targeted. A list of reports from Metcalf Archaeological Consultants will also be included in the project. The problems encountered in abstracting these reports provide an indication of what we face in the next few years if we do not upgrade our computer access to information. A collection of comment, experience and fortitude by all involved will help guide future decision within this process.

Please feel free to contact the WYCRO office 307-776-5324 or 307-766-5566 if you have questions or would like to discuss any of these issues.



According to Reader's Digest, laughter is the best medicine. It has also been said that if you can learn to laugh at yourself, you will never lack for entertainment!!

With that in mind, the following was submitted by a LONG-TIME member of WAPA (who shall remain anonymous):

Since it seems the Christian Right has achieved substantial influence in Washington policy-making, we need to begin to analyze cultural resource policy in religious terms so we may communicate with the christian conservatives in their own language. The following Bible quotes may be useful when dealing these individuals.

#### BIBLE QUOTES FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL SURVEYS

Can two walk together, except they be agreed Amos III,3

And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?  
Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.  
Job I,7

Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.  
Daniel XII,4

Walk while ye have the light, lest Darkness come upon you; he who walks in the darkness does not know where he goes.  
John XII,35

I spread out my hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; a people who provoke me to my face continually.  
Isaiah LXV,2-3

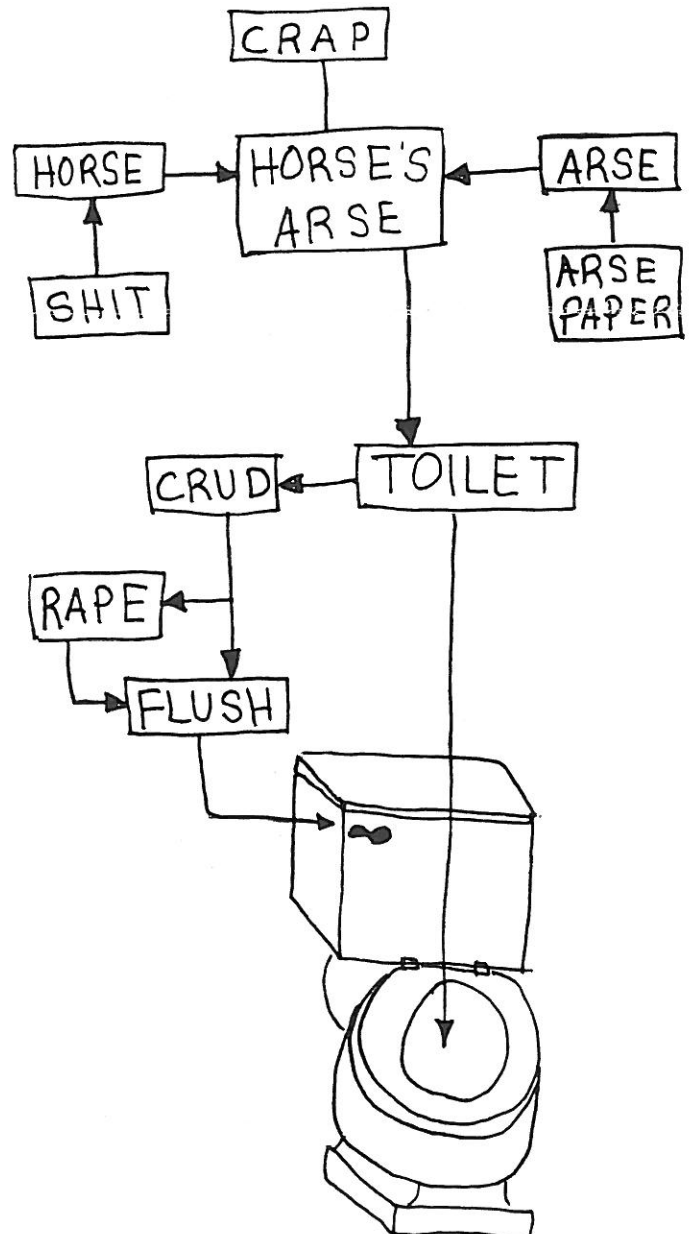
Some research on the new BLM policy for CRM has been done, now that the PA has been canceled. The following top secret BLM memo and flow chart give a general idea of the new program.

In order to provide an overall tool for the management of cultural resources in Wyoming, our staff proposes the development of a statewide Cultural Resource Assessment Program (CRAP) which will provide input from state, local and Federal Historical Organizations (HO's) and Archeological Organizations (AO's). HO's and AO's will prepare a series of Resource Survey and Evaluation (RSE) papers which will outline each organization's interests and methods to survey and evaluate sites. Historic RSE's will consist of a series of papers outlining the Statewide Historic Inventory-Thematic (SHIT) while the Archeological RSE's will identify Archeological Resource Survey and Evaluation (ARSE) plans.

HO's will combine SHIT papers into comprehensive HORSE documents, while AO's will combine their ARSE papers into ARSE reports. Finally all HO and AO RSE papers will be combined into a HORSE's ARSE regional planning document.

These regional planning documents will serve as regional inputs into the statewide Thematic Overall Inventory-Land Evaluation Targeting plan (TOILET). The TOILET plan will identify specific sites which require protection from impacts due to Federal construction or development projects. Plans to protect these sites will be detailed in Cultural Resource Undertaking Documents (CRUD) which are submitted to the Federal agency for review and action. Federal review is accomplished within each agency's Resource Alteration Protection Evaluation (RAPE) program while specific actions designed to protect cultural resources are enforced under the Department of Interior's Federal Land Undertaking Stabilization-Historic (FLUSH) program.

The following diagram illustrates the component parts of the overall planning process, and the role of Federal involvement in the program.



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PLAINS ANTHROPOLOGICAL CONFERENCE  
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No doubt you have already received your information packet for the Plains Conference. All hotel information was listed on page 2. In case you did not receive this information (or have let it escape your possession!!), call Beth Porter at 307-382-8967 and she will be more than glad to answer questions.