

**WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL ARCHAEOLOGISTS**

**FALL MEETING**

**OCTOBER 25, 2007**

**JACKSON, WYOMING**

Call to Order – Ed Schneider, President

The meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Ed reminded the membership that the meeting was not a venue to vent on other individuals or agencies. The Executive Committee retains the right to eject any members who violate these rules.

Secretary's Report – Marty Rogers

Marty reminded the membership that the minutes are posted on the WAPA web site and they should read them there and send any additions or corrections to her. Bill Current moved that the minutes be accepted. Judy Wolf seconded. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report – John Laughlin

WAPA's assets total \$19387.56. The Putnam account holds \$14,543.95 as of Sept. 30 with a second quarter gain of \$529.81 and third quarter losses of \$198.69 resulting in a total gain for the year of \$435.26. In the checking account we have \$6087.61 of which \$1144 is Project Archaeology money. The WAPA checking account funds total \$4843.61. Since the last report expenditures total \$1066.64 and include \$275.50 to Sam Trautman for web maintenance, the majority of which went to web site and domain hosting for \$188.00. There was a fee of \$40.00 for a post office box and \$10.00 for stamps and supplies, \$200.00 donated to Wyoming Archaeology Awareness Month. In addition, WAPA will donate \$150.00 to the RMAC and there will be a cost of \$391.14 for the room and refreshments for today's meeting. Dues notices have been sent out to those members who have not yet paid dues.

Ed Schneider moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted. Richard Currit seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Committee Reports**

Membership and Ethics Committee – Dale Wedel

The committee members, Dale, Sam Drucker, John Laughlin, Jana Paster, and Ian Ritchie approved four new members:

Cliff Knesel - Dust Devil Archaeology

Colleen Seivers - Bureau of Land Management, Rock Springs

Leigh Grench – Bureau of Land Management, Buffalo

Matt Kautzman – Western Archaeological Services

#### Ad Hoc By-Laws Committee – Julie Francis

The proposed changes have gone out on the list serve. The committee members are Julie, Tom Larson, John Albanese, Bill Current, and B. J. Earle. Julie sent out the old by-laws to the committee and got good input from Tom Larson and John Albanese which she compiled into a draft presented to the Executive Committee at a meeting earlier in October. After their input was added, the proposed changes were sent out on the WAPA list serve. She did receive comments. Most of the proposed changes concern general housekeeping items.

A lifetime membership was approved according to the minutes in 2002 but was not added to the by-laws. In the section regarding individual voting membership, it is suggested that the “closely” be removed from the “closely related discipline”, that the line regarding research interest be removed, that we request dues be submitted with the application, and that we insert a clause stating that the payment of dues is required.

A family membership is proposed with the same requirements for membership for each member of the family as for the individual voting members and the same rights. The proposed amount for dues would be 75% of what each individual would pay for an individual membership.

A student membership is suggested. The dues would be 50% of the normal individual member dues. The members present at the meeting felt that we should allow full membership rights to student members including the right to serve on committees and as an officer.

The honorary membership currently carries no voting rights. The committee suggested that we set up both voting and non-voting honorary memberships. The non-voting membership would be awarded to non-members and the voting membership to voting members of WAPA.

For institutional memberships, it is proposed that the by-laws state that they not be entitled to access the list serve.

A lifetime voting membership and proposed fees were discussed. It was suggested that there be a fee of \$500.00 for individuals or for a couple.

The membership was asked to feel free to email their comments, suggestions, additions, etc. to Julie. The proposed changes will be posted on the web site. Ballots will be sent out prior to the Spring Meeting and members are encouraged to return them with their vote.

#### Agency Reports

BLM

B.J. Earle – Buffalo

B.J. noted that it was business as usual in Buffalo, but things are running a bit slower than last year. They have only had about 50 projects so far this year for coal, coal bed methane, oil and gas, and some recreation.

Mike Bies – Worland

Mike announced that Kierson Crume for the Cody position. He will be starting around Thanksgiving. Things in Worland are business as usual.

Judyth Reed – Wyoming State Office

Judyth reported that the vacancy announcement for Tim Novak's job would be coming out.

Colleen Sievers – Rock Springs

The Rock Springs office is getting a lot of wind energy proposals and pipelines and has several new people on the staff.

Dave Crowley – Pinedale

The Pinedale office signed a programmatic agreement for the Jonah Field in June. The agreement was also signed by the Shoshone. By next spring, they may have a report. EnCana, BP America, Jonah Gas, SHPO, BLM, the Shoshone, and the State Attorney General's Office were among the signatories. They have 500 square meters of research and excavation space that can be allocated per year for the first five years anywhere in the Jonah. The details will be posted to the list serve. Also, Pinedale is in the process of hiring a fourth archaeologist.

Lynn Harrell – Kemmerer

Kemmerer now has three archaeologists. Kevin Shreier will start around December 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise, it is business as usual with lots of gas and wind power projects.

National Parks

Jacqueline StClair – Teton National Park

The park has been conducting interagency studies of wickiups and a traditional use study. Jackie is on the Condition Assessment Plan. All parks are required to update their database and provide information on unknown sites. Over 240 sites had an unknown condition. They found 80 of the sites last year. This year was a little harder as they had problems with the old maps (a dot on a 1970's map). Next year they will be totally in the back country.

SHPO – OWSA

Judy Wolf – SHPO

The Laramie SHPO and OWSA offices, with the exception of the survey office, are moved into the new Anthropology Building. The State Historic Preservation Plan has been under revision for the past year. They had a 15 community tour for public input and discussion. The plan has been submitted for final review. Judy, Judyth Reed, Colleen Sievers, and Lynn Harrell have been meeting regarding the planned revisions to the BLM Trails Plan. The proposed new plan goes for internal review by Nov.1 and will then be sent to all of the field offices. Bob Rosenberg edited the entire document. The plan must be completed by Sept. of next year.

Mary Hopkins has asked that the members support the SHPO budget requests for Context Planning and new positions. They are asking for \$900,000 for four of the seven contexts which include homesteading, irrigation, the New Deal, and schools. Mary Lou Larson suggested that any letters be sent out as soon as possible, and Judy requested any letters be sent to Gov. Freudenthal by Nov. 5. She noted that the oil and gas industries are lending their support.

They are planning a new Historic Preservation Conference for May 2008 in Cheyenne. This will be the first one, and they are working with Mainstreet on it.

Kara Hahn has been hired as the new National Register Coordinator, and the Tax Incentives Program position has been posted.

#### Richard Currit

The Overland Pass Pipeline MOA just got signed. The Rawlins BLM was the lead agency for it, and it which passes through Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas. The advisory Council wants to use it as a success story as it is complicated to get three different state SHPO's and BLM's to concur. Pam Murdock did a good job on this.

John and Richard went the Lookingbill and Finley Sites to do some work toward writing the National Register Nominations.

#### Dale Wedel – OWSA Survey

Survey is not in the new Anthropology Building. They have hired two new archaeologists who are Linsie Lafayette and Stephanie Caskey. Rich Adams did five trips up to his high country sites in the Wind River and Absaroka Ranges. They did a survey of the Ft. Fetterman State Historic Site and found 110 features. They also did a survey of Independence Rock State Historic Site and found 6 segments of the Oregon Trail. Paul Sanders worked in Yellowstone National Park doing survey and testing around Old Faithful and data recovery on prehistoric sites along the highways. Dan Eakin worked on recording sheep traps and high altitude surveying in Yellowstone and also did some liaison work with tribes on the Wind River Reservation. They had the usual highway projects, and Dave Reiss worked again at Camp Guernsey and located a probable Hell Gap site.

#### Julie Francis – WYDOT

The Game Creek Site just south of Jackson, a Paleoindian site, is the field trip tour for Sunday. The site was discovered and tested by Dan Eakin, and the geology was done by Bill Eckerly. They will eventually be doing data recovery when they get the EIS for the replacement and

widening of the highway. Dan and Bill will be leading the tour. WYDOT is also trying to get on the CRM Tracker program to track WYDOT projects.

Contractors

Mike Metcalf – Metcalf Archaeological Consultants

Metcalf is doing pipeline work in southern Wyoming between Rawlins and Rock Springs. They went back into 48SW8842. The site dates to 9300 BP and indicates extensive rabbit procurement. It is too early to give the results of their research, but more extensive sampling was done in a 6 sq meter block. As of Jan. 1, the company is 100% employee owned. Mike and Sally own 0% of the business.

Jana Pastor- Western Archaeological Services

They had a busy year which included an open trench inspection from Casper to Rock Springs. A segment of the Overland Trail was recorded near Kemmerer.

Lance McNeas –Entrix

Lance and Craig Smith have joined Entrix. They are currently investigating house pits on the Sweetwater River.

Ed Schneider – TRC

They are doing the usual oil and gas work as well as working for the Cordero Mine. They are also continuing a survey for the DM&E Railroad which was bought out by a Canadian firm.

Bill Current – Current Archaeological Research, Inc.

They are hard at work in the Jonah Field as usual.

Old Business

Danny Walker – Wyoming Archaeologist

Danny is still in need of articles. If you have the report from an interesting site, make it into an article. He can finish through the Fall 2005 and Spring 2006 publications, but he is still behind.

A general reminder was given to the membership that the list serve should not be used to disparage others. Please be constructive in the comments and replies to questions posted. Putting people down publicly on the list serve discourages membership and use of the list serve to get advice and information.

New Business

Mary Lou Larson and Julie Francis – Scholarship Committee

They reminded the membership that the Putnam Fund was established to provide the money for the Brad Humphrey scholarship fund. There is now enough in the fund to provide sufficient

interest to fund a scholarship. Mary Lou reminded the membership that the WAS and WAPA and WAF support the Jensen Doctoral Travel Award. The WAS awards the Frison Scholarship to graduate students and the Mulloy to undergraduates. Also, the Loveland Stone Age Fair has sponsored a graduate scholarship for students at UW. Rhoda Lewis' sons set up a fund for non-traditional students. Mary Lou suggested that the Putnam Fund might be used for Masters Student travel or thesis research. She would like to see it go to UW students, but we might also consider students who go elsewhere but work for Wyoming contractors. Julie and Mary Lou offered four possible plans to the members:

1. One idea is to follow in the line of Brad Humphrey and set up a scholarship at Luther College, his alma mater. The scholarship would have to be solely for BAs as Luther has no post graduate program. Luther College does seem to send a lot of post graduate students to Wyoming. The advantage is that it would honor Brad. The disadvantages of this possibility are that we would have no control over the awarding of the scholarship, and that the recipient might not continue at UW. Also, we will lose control of the original money.
2. We could offer a research award like the Mulloy or Frison WAS to a student at UW or one writing a thesis on a topic associated with the state. This would support Wyoming archaeology and would not be limited to UW. Another advantage is the likelihood that people doing research on Wyoming will end up working in Wyoming. We would need to keep the requirements minimal. Since the amount of the award would be relatively small, you don't want the student to have to meet rigorous or costly requirements. If you decide to expand beyond UW, there will be a problem concerning who will collect the applications and working with other schools.
3. This would be a travel fund for Masters Students. There are only a few small sources available to students to obtain funds for traveling to conferences. WAPA could help with getting students to the Plains Conference, RMAC, or Great Basin. The advantage is that it would provide a small amount of money in an area where there is none. Again, the disadvantage is that you have to decide how you would want to do it if you want to go outside of the state of Wyoming.
4. The final possibility is the simplest. Create a Brad Humphrey Award for MA students with no strings attached. The advantage is that the money could be used by the recipient however they might wish. It could be used for books, travel, research, or food and rent. The disadvantage is that you are giving the money with no say in how it will be used.

There will be other administrative decisions to be made, but they can be handled by the Scholarship Committee after we decide the direction of choice for the award. Members were reminded that the money should be titled as an "award" to avoid any deduction from Hathaway Scholarships. WAPA currently donates \$250 to the Jensen Award, and Dave Vlcek suggested we add funds to an existing award to enhance it and make it a bigger award. Julie said that the Putnam Fund is currently producing around \$500 in interest that we could use for the award. Paul Sanders agreed that the simplest solution would be to contribute to an existing award. Julie suggested that it would be best to get the permission of the WAS to contribute to the Frison and Mulloy awards prior to making a final decision. Dale Wedel pointed out that the WAS already had a procedure in place for applications, etc. and that would save WAPA the problem of instituting procedures. Mary Lou also pointed out that the president of WAPA is on the WAS Scholarship Committee. Julie said this plan would increase the WAS award amounts and

WAPA could offer to help in reviewing applications and administering awards. Danny Walker was asked for his opinion on how the WAS would feel regarding this plan. He stated that one problem is that the WAS currently has no separate account for scholarship funds. The money for the Frison and Mulloy awards comes from the general fund and the amount awarded each year depends on the surplus funds. This plan might require them to set up an award account and to change the scholarships to awards to avoid loss of Hathaway funds. He did feel that the WAS would be happy to take the donation from WAPA of extra award money. Marty Rogers asked if we wanted to keep Brad Humphrey's name on the awards, and if so, how we could do this. Richard Currit suggested that we give Brad Humphrey Awards to those selected for the Frison and Mulloy awards. Mary Lou said it could also be given as the Brad Humphrey Award through the WAS. Ed Schneider asked if the scholarships were well advertised, and Mary Lou and Danny assured him they were. Richard Currit asked if we wanted to award fewer people more money or more people less money. Danny said more to fewer people. Dave Crowley pointed out that Montana gave money to any student who presented a paper which helped graduate students and encouraged them to present. Danny stated that the same sort of thing was done by South Dakota this year at Plains. He agreed that it would be a good idea to give the money to the WAS to split between the winners of the awards. Mary Lou liked the idea of going through the WAS but wanted to maintain the identity of the Brad Humphrey Award and suggested that we call it a travel award for MA students and associate it with the Spring WAS Meeting. It could also be a research award. She felt we should keep it separate from the WAS named awards but give it out at the WAS meeting. It could be funding for travel to a meeting or be tied to publishing in the *Wyoming Archaeologist*. Danny thought it would be best used as a travel award. Mary Lou said it could be for either Masters or undergraduate students. Mike Metcalf wanted to know if there was a mechanism within the department or student organizations for dispensing travel funds, but Mary Lou thought we would lose the identity of the award if we went that way. A discussion ensued regarding the possibility of giving out money for travel to the WAS meeting to present papers and giving \$100 to each of the first five students. The WAS meeting is a good place for students to get a start in presenting and give them the experience and confidence to go on to the bigger professional conferences. Ed Schneider moved that we create the Brad Humphrey Travel Stipend and give the money we have available each year to that. Mary Lou and Julie are to investigate the WAS-WAPA connection. Mike Metcalf seconded the motion, and it passed. It was suggested that the students be encouraged to work with Danny on preparing their papers for publication in the *Wyoming Archaeologist*.

#### Membership and Ethics Committee

Ed told the membership that during the Executive Committee meeting in early October Julie had discussed the need for looking into possibly revising the ethics portion of the by-laws. Julie pointed out that the clause stating that only qualified personnel be hired doesn't allow for Earth Watch or PIT projects and the use of volunteers. There are a couple of other questionable things. It was asked if we could use the RPA or SAA ethics as a guide. Danny Walker suggested that we read the SAA and RPA ethics and decide if we can simply state that the members will follow those standards. It was decided that Julie Francis will chair a committee including Bob Kelly, Mike Bies, and Richard Currit to look into this. The ethics of the SAA on the list serve and solicit comments from the membership. A proposal will be presented at the spring meeting.

#### Donations for Rhoda Lewis and Tim Nowak

Ed asked if everyone agreed that we should make a donation in honor of Rhoda and Tim. Mary Lou stated that Rhoda's sons had set up a fund and \$10,000 would be donated to the Wyoming Archaeological Foundation and be put into the Frison Institute Endowment to be matched by state funds. From this, they will pull the 4.5%/yr (up to \$900) to donate to a non-traditional student for living expenses. Julie asked if Rhoda was a founding member of WAPA and it was decided that she was, or at least an early member. Ed Schneider moved that we donate \$500 to the Rhoda Lewis Award in honor of Rhoda. Judy Wolf seconded the motion, and it passed.

A discussion ensued on where to donate funds in honor of Tim. A donation to the site stewardship program was suggested, but the propriety of donating to a federal agency was questioned. It was asked if we could donate equipment for the volunteer stewards as they receive no equipment from the program. Mike Bies pointed out that all of the avenues you can use to donate through the BLM will take 40% off of the top. Danny Walker stated that we could donate through SHPO with no overhead. They do need a publication for the stewards, and this might be a possibility. John Laughlin is to look into the SHPO possibilities. He will discuss it with Joe Daniele.

### Job Fair

The spring meeting will be a good time to host a job fair with the field season coming up and the fact that the WAS is at the same time and students will be there. Ed suggested that the contractors be available for an hour or so after the meeting to talk with students. The spring 2008 WAS meeting will be in Rock Springs, April 25-26 with the WAPA meeting on Friday April 25<sup>th</sup> at the Outlaw Inn. Ed will head up the job fair. It was suggested that there be a formal time and place for it.

### Archaeology Channel

The Archaeology Channel/Archaeological Institute emailed Ed asking if WAPA would like to become a member with a membership fee of \$250 at which time they would put a link to our website on their website. A discussion ensued regarding what the web site is and what its goal is. Bill Current moved that the members look at the site and be ready to discuss this at the next meeting. Dave Vlcek seconded the motion. Bob Kelly suggested that Ed ask for a financial statement so we could see where the money goes. B.J. Earle suggested that we ask if the WAS would like to go in with us.

### WAPA Website

John Laughlin announced that all of the previous meeting minutes are now posted on the site. There is a membership page. No current news is on there as no one has submitted anything. It would be nice if people would post things people would be interested in seeing. Sam Trautman is doing a good job with the site.

### Other Issues

Dave Crowley talked about the skeletons that were excavated near Pinedale. He wanted to recognize Bill Current for his help in donating eight people for two days. The Sublette County Attorney's Office and the Sublette County Sheriff's Office were also a great help. The landowner shut down construction of her house for two weeks so the remains could be removed.



Dave thought it would be appropriate for WAPA to recognize her. Julie suggested that we send them a Service Award and Ed said he would write a letter of appreciation and send awards as soon as Dave emailed him the names of those to be recognized. It was noted that the excavation was an event in Pinedale that generated a lot of interest in archaeology. The radio carbon dating was paid for by Sublette County, and the remains are now being evaluated by Dr. Russell Nelson and will be returned to the landowner after analysis. Their final disposition will be up to the landowner.

Ed Schneider moved that we adjourn. Mary Lou seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Attendees:

**Dave Crowley**

**Steve Sutter**

**Colleen Sievers**

**Debbie Braithwaite**

**Penny Spears Daniels**

**Joni Stainbrook**

**Russell Kaldenberg**

**Mike Metcalf**

**Judyth Reed**

**Jana Pastor**

**Dave Vlcek**

**Paul Sanders**

**Bill Current**

**Scott McKern**

**Judy Wolf**

**Lynn Harrell**

**Richard Currit**

**Jacquelin St. Clair**

**B.J. Earle**

**Mike Bies**

**Lance McNeas**

**Sam Drucker**

**Marty Rogers**

**Dale Wedel**

**John Laughlin**

**Julie Francis**

**Ed Schneider**

**Mary Lou Larson**

**Robert L. Kelly**