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NOTICE .. At the 2009 annual meeting, the Board of Directors voted to make *ACRA Edition* quarterly. The newsletter will continue to be sent to ACRA members, SHPOs, and THPOs, with the exception of one issue each year, which will be made available to nonmembers as part of a membership recruitment initiative.

ACRA's Mission

Our mission is to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association by:

- promoting and supporting the business needs of cultural resources practitioners;
- promoting professionalism in the cultural resources industry;
- promoting and providing educational and training opportunities for the cultural resources industry; and
- promoting public awareness of cultural resources and its diverse fields.

A basic tenet of ACRA's philosophy is the cost efficiency of private-sector firms in meeting the need for expertise in cultural resource management. ACRA is strongly opposed to unfair competition from tax-supported contracting programs. We believe that a greater benefit to society, and to the resources, derives from the existence of a healthy community of tax-paying, job-generating, private-sector CRM businesses.

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Lucy B. Wayne



The new year of 2010 has started with a lot of activity for ACRA. We were very much a presence at the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) conference at Amelia Island, Florida, from January 6 to 9. In addition to our booth in the bookroom, along with those of a couple of other member firms, the plenary session,

Coastally Connected: Current Ethical and Preservation Dilemmas on Land and Underwater, was co-hosted by our own Ian Burrow (Hunter Research, Inc.), past president of ACRA and current president of the Register of Professional Archaeologists (RPA). The plenary panel included ACRA's immediate past president, Mike Polk (Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.). Mike also participated in a panel discussion, "*How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Recession*": Challenges and Opportunities for Historical Archaeology in the Current Economic Environment, chaired by Terry Klein (SRI Foundation -- another ACRA member) (see related article on the economic panel in this issue). ACRA member firms were well represented in many of the other sessions. I noted at least 40 people from firms that I recognized as ACRA members presenting papers, participating in panels, or presenting posters!

I would like to thank all of the people from ACRA firms who helped with the SHA booth: Ellen Marlatt (Independent Archaeological Consulting, L.L.C.) who got

it there, provided candy, and manned the booth; Steve Dasovich (SCI Engineering, Inc.) and Jeanne Ward (Applied Archaeology & History Associates), who not only manned the booth but also twisted arms for possible new members; and Don Weir (CCRG), Meg Thornton (aci consulting), Mike Polk (Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.), and Terry Majewski (Statistical Research, Inc.), all of whom took their turns at the booth.

We also had the opportunity at SHA to have informal meetings with Terry Klein, who is the chair of SHA's Governmental Affairs Committee, and with Julie King from the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). As a result of the meeting with Julie, we are working on a more formal meeting between ACRA and the ACHP in the near future. So if you have ideas or concerns that you would like us to bring up at such a meeting, please let me or Jeanne Ward know.

The ACRA display will travel next to the Society for California Archaeology meeting in March and the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) meeting in April (don't forget to sign up for the CRM Expo at that meeting!). If you are attending a conference, including trade association meetings for our clients, and think that ACRA should have a presence, please let me or HQ know, and we'll see what we can do to arrange it. We do need to know the costs for booths at your conferences, and we need to have someone be responsible for the display during the conference. It would be really good to have the booth at a NON-archaeology conference for a change! We're not all archaeologists in ACRA and need to publicize this to our historian, architectural historian, and other CRM colleagues, as well as to our potential clients.

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In other government affairs issues, complaints of slow reviews of ARRA projects have come up with the California Office of Historic Preservation (OHP; see <http://cbs13.com/politics/state.recovery.money.2.140428.4.html>). ACRA sent a letter (included in this newsletter) to Governor Schwarzenegger, suggesting that agencies receiving ARRA funds in California channel a portion of these funds to the OHP to fund staff for review of these projects. Similar actions have been taken in other states, such as Pennsylvania. This is an allowed action under the Act.

Our Government Relations Committee is presently looking into some recent issues regarding the Bureau of Land Management and is considering providing comments to the National Park Service (NPS) regarding the replacement of the associate director for cultural resources.

In mid-January, ACRA signed on to a letter prepared by the SAA to Christie's auction house regarding an announced sale of a skull and femurs purportedly from the Skull and Bones society (see Page 6). The letter, which arrived at Christie's on January 15, basically points out that sale of human remains is a questionable activity at best, and at worst may be a violation of a number of laws, particularly if the remains in question are Native American. The International Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) and the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) put out a media release on the issue (see Page 8). Enforcement and Training Coordinator and Designated Federal Officer David Tarler, J.D., of the NPS NAGPRA Review Committee, reported that the matter had been referred to the FBI for investigation. On Sunday, January 17, the Washington Post reported that Christie's had withdrawn the objects in question from the sale. While there is no indication that the SAA letter, the ICAHM/ICOMOS media release, or the NPS influenced this withdrawal, it is still the result that was sought.

Christie's Withdraws Yale Skull-Ballot Box

NEW YORK, NY (AP).- A New York City auction house says a human skull that had been used as a ballot box by Yale's elite Skull and Bones society has been withdrawn from sale.

Christie's said Friday that the 19th century skull was being removed from the Jan. 22 sale due to a title claim. The auction house declined further comment.

The skull had been expected to sell for \$10,000 to \$20,000. Christie's only identified the seller as a European art collector.

The skull is fitted with a hinged flap and is believed to have been used during voting at the mysterious society's meetings. The club was founded in 1832 and publicly known members, called Bonesmen, include both presidents Bush and Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry.

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Display of Yale Skull Ballot Box and memorabilia.

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Our most recent membership drive began in early January. As we've announced, the first year's dues for first-time members are currently 50% off, so if you know anyone who should be an ACRA member, now is the time to convince them to join.

The ACRA Board will be having our midyear meeting March 6 in Boise, Idaho (thanks to TAG Historical Research & Consulting for hosting that meeting). For the first time, ACRA will undertake a formal strategic planning session at the Boise meeting (see article on Page 16). We think this is an important step for our organization and a reflection of its maturing status. We anticipate coming out of the meeting with specific plans and goals to move forward as an organization.

Our Website Subcommittee is making some updates to the web page, primarily to the front page to make it more attractive and easier to navigate. We are also going to highlight our ACRA awards program, not just the most recent awards or the nominations process, but all of our previous awards as well. These awards are an important indication of the quality of work ACRA members produce and should be a major focus of our public web page. The web page will now include a calendar announcing upcoming conferences or meetings of

groups with which we have liaison relationships. If you are a member of an architectural, historical, preservation, archaeological, or other CRM organization, please forward information from that group to the chair of our Liaison Committee, Elizabeth Jacox (ejacox@taghistory.com), or to HQ. If you are going to meetings of organizations that our current or prospective clients attend (like environmental trade or planning associations, engineering organizations, or meetings of government employees), we would like to include information on those meetings in our calendar as well. Send the information either to Elizabeth or to HQ.

Speaking of our web page, the latest salary survey has now been posted. There is a summary in the public section of the page, and the full survey is in the members section of the page. Thanks to board member Nurit Finn (Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc.) for handling the survey.

I hope all of our member firms are having a productive and successful 2010. Please remember that if there is anything you wish the board or your officers to address, just contact us, and we will do our best to respond promptly.



SOCIETY FOR AMERICAN ARCHAEOLOGY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

January 13, 2010

Mr. Stephen S. Lash
 Chairman, Christie's Americas
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Dear Mr. Lash:

As leaders of the undersigned archaeological, anthropological, and cultural resource preservation organizations, we write to express our strong opposition to the planned auction of human remains scheduled to take place at Christie's New York during a themed sale beginning January 21st. The commercial sale of human remains is unethical and may be illegal. The remains at issue here are of questionable cultural origin, and their sale may violate the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

The human remains are scheduled for the auction titled "Important American Furniture, Folk Art, Silver & Chinese Export," and are identified in Christie's materials as A SKULL-AND-BONES BALLOT BOX, AMERICAN, 19TH CENTURY. The "ballot box" in question is in fact a human skull and what appear to be two human thigh bones. According to Christie's literature, these and accompanying items belonged to a late-19th Century member of the Skull and Bones secret society at Yale University.

As you may be aware, there have long been rumors that Skull and Bones used and/or uses human remains in at least some of its ceremonies. The provenance that Christie's presents for the lot—"...*said to have been used as a ballot box during society meetings or displayed in the Society's headquarters at 64 High Street in New Haven*" indicates that Christie's itself believes it possible that the rumors have basis in fact. There are also many theories as to the origin of the human remains used by Skull and Bones. Some of these hold that certain of the remains are Native American, pillaged from battlefields and gravesites.

One of the long-standing efforts in cultural heritage preservation is to combat commercial and illicit trade in human remains and archaeological materials. Historic human skeletons used for teaching and research are acquired from human cadavers donated for the purpose, often with the permission of family and even the individual whose remains they are. Ancient skeletal materials that may be studied are recovered in archaeological excavations that meet legal and regulatory requirements and have the requisite permits. However, other laws expressly limit or prohibit the sale or transfer of human remains. The Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Section 4 (18 U.S.C. 1170) explicitly prohibits the sale, purchase, use, or transport for profit of the human remains of a Native American, regardless of when or how acquired, without having the right of possession to those remains as provided for by the statute. Those who violate the statute are subject to fines or imprisonment, or both.

Clearly, the remains being offered at auction do not meet any of the legal or scholarly criteria for transfer or sale mentioned above, and should not be sold. At the very least, we believe that the remains

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should be removed from auction for a determination of whether they are Native American and subject to NAGPRA's protections. Human skeletal remains should at all times be treated with dignity and respect. The commercial exploitation of human remains is abhorrent, and an institution such as Christie's should decline to participate in such exploitation.

We appreciate your time and attention to this important matter.

Regards,

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President, Society for American Archaeology

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CC: Mr. Edward Dolman, Chief Executive Officer, Christie's International
Mr. Marc Porter, President

The following, to which ACRA President Lucy Wayne refers in "The President's Corner" in this issue, is the media release statement from the ICAHM co-presidents regarding the proposed Christie's auction of human remains said to have been used by the Yale Skull and Bones secret society.

ICAHM Condemns Proposed Sale of Possible Native American Human Remains by Christie's

The ICOMOS Scientific Committee on Archaeological Heritage Management (ICAHM) condemns the proposed auction of unidentified human remains by Christie's auction house, which is scheduled to occur on January 22, 2010 (lot 157 / sale 2287). Because these human remains were in the possession of the Yale Skull and Bones Society, there is a distinct possibility that they are those of a Native American. Native American remains looted by undergraduate members of that society are reputed to include those of Geronimo.

ICAHM is aware of the sincere and profound religious significance attached to human remains by the Native American community and many other cultural groups, and is appalled at the absence of sensitivity to these beliefs demonstrated by Christie's. The human skull that is among the items to be auctioned was previously cut to serve as a ballot box; Christie's has further disregarded the dignity of human remains by offering this human skull and crossbones for auction. ICAHM calls for the evaluation of the human osteological remains by a qualified physical anthropologist. If they are indeed found to be those of a Native American, then Christie's should comply with the federal Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act. If they are found to be those of an individual associated with a federally recognized Native American group, they should be repatriated.

ICAHM asks that its members urge Christie's to halt the auction of the remains until their cultural origin can be determined and to alert colleagues to this proposed sale. We also ask that members monitor future auctions by Christie's and other companies that sell items that are significant to particular cultural groups and to our common human heritage.

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BACKGROUND:

ICAHM is the scientific committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) that advises the UN World Heritage Committee on matters pertaining to the management of archaeological sites, landscapes, and other remains. The World Heritage Committee was established by the World Heritage Convention, which has been signed by more countries than any other international treaty.

URL: <http://www.icomos.org/icahm>

A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By CJ Summers, Executive Director



What Do Associations Do?

When asking a Florida fifth grader, Heather Fuselier of the Florida Institute of CPAs, beamed at the response, "Associations help make important things happen." Yes, things do happen within associations such as ACRA because it represents a wonderful gathering of writers, talkers, optimists, pessimists,

number crunchers, generalists, social butterflies, and even dreamers. We all know too that associations can be complicated, political, and complex with myriad opinions, facts, and perspective. But think for a moment of all the good things ACRA has done for you and its members. Without question, ACRA has brought credibility to the CRM industry. People come to us for solid advice and expert guidance. Where would we be without ACRA?

From the ACRA Headquarters point of view, it is true that ACRA helps make important things happen. And it follows then that "We **help** make these important things happen."

Good News for the New Year

ACRA membership renewals are on an increasing upward trend despite the sluggish national economy. From 2008 to 2010, the overall increase in renewals for the same time period is 42.8%. This is a very positive indication that ACRA members are satisfied with their ACRA membership.

As of January 15, just two weeks into the new year, ACRA had already welcomed 8 new members. This compares to 14 total new members for all of last year.

At ACRA HQ, we have been busy with membership dues, a membership drive, and preparation for our upcoming Board of Directors meeting and strategic planning session. Here is a quick update on some of our recent activities:

Membership Dues

Thank you to over 70 members who renewed their membership with ACRA by January 1. Renewal notices for 2010 were mailed from ACRA Headquarters in mid-December. If there are any contact information corrections that need to be made, please make those changes directly on the renewal form. If you have not done so already, please send your 2010 renewal form and dues payment at your earliest convenience. Please contact Shannon Jones at (410) 933-3483 if you have not received your invoice or if you have questions.

Membership Drive

ACRA continued its successful membership campaign. A new postcard was mailed out to prospective members encouraging them to join ACRA and explaining the benefits of the association (see postcard on Page 10). The card was also distributed at the recent SHA meeting in Florida. Here are the details of the membership drive: All new companies who join ACRA in 2010 will receive 50% off their membership dues for the first year! This is a great opportunity for you to encourage your peers to join ACRA.

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In 2009 ACRA members received great benefits such as:

- The best cultural resource networking in North America.
- Free advertising on the largest Cultural Resources Consultant list in the country.
- Nationwide survey results on wages and economic issues.
- Representation in Washington, DC for cultural resource issues, legislation and public policy.
- The famous ACRA Conference.
- CRM Best Practices.

Let ACRA open doors for you! Join ACRA in 2010!

First-time members who **Join in 2010 will receive 50% OFF** their dues for the first year.

Go to our website to review a special edition of our quarterly members-only newsletter: www.acra-crm.org
Enter the password: [acravip](#) to access the newsletter.

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ACRA's 2010 membership drive postcard.

2009 Salary Survey Results

In the fall of 2009, ACRA completed its fourth semi-annual Wage and Salary Survey for the Cultural Resources Industry. The full report of the survey is available to ACRA member firms and those firms that participated in the study. The survey was conducted by Vernon Research Group of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on behalf of ACRA. ACRA members can see the detailed survey report, subgroup analysis, and trending study comparing 2006 to 2008 wages.

To access the 2009 Salary Survey:

1. Go to the ACRA website: <http://www.acra-crm.org/>
2. Enter your login and password (Forgot your username or password? Email [Shannon](#))
3. Click on "The ACRA Business Toolkit Resources & How-To Learn More..." (Red Box)
4. Click on the "Members Only Toolkit" button. The link to the Salary Survey will be the second bulleted point on the page.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the survey. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact [Shannon Jones](#) at ACRA Headquarters.

September 2009 Economic Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who participated in the September 2009 Economic Survey! The results are posted on the ACRA website.

IRS Sets 2010 Standard Mileage Rates

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued the 2010 standard mileage rates used to calculate the deductible costs of operating a vehicle for business, charitable, medical, or moving purposes. Effective January 1, 2010, the standard mileage rates is 50 cents per mile for business; 16.5 cents per mile for medical or moving purposes; and 14 cents per mile for charitable work. The new rates are slightly lower than last year's rates, the IRS said, reflecting generally lower transportation costs compared to a year ago.

Next ACRA Board of Directors Meeting - March 6

The next full ACRA board meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 6, at the Hampton Inn & Suites in Downtown Boise, Idaho. If there are any issues, concerns, or agenda items that you have for the board, please let Headquarters or a representative on the board know prior to the meeting so it can be placed on the agenda and discussed. Remember, the ACRA Board works for ACRA and its members.

Save the Date: ACRA 16th Annual Meeting

ACRA is pleased to announce the 16th Annual Meeting will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, September 23 through September 25, 2010. The Conference Committee has begun planning the program to make this another successful meeting. If you have any questions or thoughts about the event, please contact Conference Committee Chair, [Joan Deming](#) or 2010 Conference Chair, [Chad Moffett](#).

ACRA Monthly Member Update

We continue to send out monthly updates on the 15th of each month. This forum provides you with an overview of ACRA's previous month's activities, plans for upcoming events, and other information of value to share with fellow cultural resource companies. Please look for this "Monthly Update" in your Inbox on the 15th of every month. If there is anything specific you would like to see in this update, please email Shannon at ACRA Headquarters. This update is for **you**, the ACRA member.

Clemons & Associates, Inc. Receives WBE Certification

ACRA's Management Company, Clemons & Associates, Inc., announced its certification as a Women's Business Enterprise (WBE) by the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. The WBENC certification for women-owned businesses is one of the most widely recognized and respected certifications in the country. WBENC is the only national organization that brings WBEs and corporations together to work toward the mutual goal of improving marketing opportunities for resourceful women-owned businesses as vendors and suppliers to the nation's corporate and non-profit sectors. WBENC's national standard of certification (wbenc.org) is a meticulous process, which includes an in-depth review of all business aspects including an onsite inspection. The certification process is designed to confirm the business is at least 51% owned, operated, and controlled by one or more women.

ACRA Headquarters

We are your ACRA Headquarters. If we can be of any assistance to you throughout the year, please contact Association Coordinator Shannon Jones at (410) 933-3483, or via email, shannonj@clemonsmgmt.com. Or, you can contact me directly at cjsummers@clemonsmgmt.com.

MEET BOARD MEMBER

JON BERKIN



My interest in archaeology began when I was in high school in suburban New Jersey. I took high school Latin for four years, and my teacher, Jack Cundari, who had lived in Rome for a number of years, continually entertained the class with stories about Roman history and life in Rome. He integrated the study of ancient Roman culture into the curriculum in order to provide a context for the Latin texts we were translating. We learned all about the archaeology of the city of Rome as well as much of Roman Italy. I found this study of the Classical world to be quite fascinating and resolved that I would one day too like my teacher live and study in Rome.

I received my B.A. from Boston University (BU) where I studied classics and archaeology. I got my chance to go to Italy during my junior year at BU, when I spent a semester studying in Rome. This proved to be a pivotal event in my career. As a part of the program, we not only studied the archaeology of the city of Rome, but also visited and studied many of the major archaeological sites in Italy. In fact, many of our lectures were held right at the monuments and sites we were studying.

The director of the program in Rome that year, Erik Nielsen, was an archaeologist who directed the excavation of the Etruscan site of Poggio Civitate in Tuscany near Siena. The excavations at Poggio Civitate were run as a field school, and Erik encouraged the students in the program to excavate at the site. Following my senior year at BU, I took Erik up on his offer and spent the summer excavating at Poggio

Civitate. I was completely captivated by this experience. Not only was the archaeology of the site fascinating, but I was working in one of the most beautiful parts of Italy. How could it get any better than this? Needless to say I ended up excavating at Poggio Civitate for the next seven summers.

I pursued my graduate studies at Bryn Mawr College, where I received both my M.A. and Ph.D. in Classical Archaeology. My doctoral dissertation focused on the study of a large deposit of pottery from Poggio Civitate. My fellow ACRA Board Member Cinder Miller also was a student at Bryn Mawr, and Cinder and I actually excavated together at Poggio Civitate for a season.

Unable to find a teaching position after graduating from Bryn Mawr, I quite unexpectedly ended up working in the CRM industry. I began my CRM career working in the New Orleans office of R. Christopher Goodwin & Associates (Goodwin & Associates). As fate would have it (I will explain later), Goodwin & Associates was working on a very large pipeline project that extended across the southeastern United States and needed staff to support this effort. I not only worked on this pipeline project, but on dozens of others as well as other projects throughout the Southeast during the five and a half years I spent with Goodwin & Associates.

My position at Goodwin & Associates provided me with an excellent exposure to the field of CRM. I found that I enjoyed both the archaeology and the business side of the CRM industry. In addition, I also had the opportunity of living in New Orleans, which I can attest is one of the most interesting and exciting cities in the country.

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I subsequently accepted a position as a cultural resource specialist at Natural Resource Group, LLC (NRG) in Minneapolis, where I now have worked for almost twelve years. NRG is an environmental consulting firm that specializes in environmental permitting for projects in the energy industry, including natural gas and products pipelines, electrical transmission lines, and wind energy projects. Approximately eighty percent of the company's projects consist of natural gas and products pipelines, so my experience working on all of those pipeline projects in the Southeast has served me well in my career at NRG. When I started at NRG in 1998, the company only had a single office in Minneapolis. Since that time, the company has grown to now include 12 offices in the United States and Canada. The company now works on energy projects throughout the country and also recently added a public affairs group as well.

I currently manage the cultural resources program at NRG, which includes a staff of nine cultural resource specialists. In addition, I also manage Section 106 and NEPA compliance for large-scale energy infrastructure projects. NRG's geographical expansion has provided me with the opportunity to work on projects all around the country, including Alaska, which has proved to be a great experience. To date, I have managed Section 106 compliance on energy projects in 35 states. NRG contracts out the fieldwork for its projects, hiring CRM firms with the appropriate regional expertise to work on its projects. NRG now represents one of the largest private sector employers of CRM firms.

While I still miss my days doing fieldwork, I have found that focusing on the regulatory and business side of the environmental compliance industry can be equally challenging. In addition, over the last five years I have also become very active in business development and devote a lot of time to marketing. I also have developed an interest in geospatial technology and have taken a number of classes in GIS over the years at the University of Minnesota.

In addition to serving as an ACRA Board Member representing medium-sized firms, I also am very involved in the Southern Gas Association (SGA). The SGA represents the major trade association for the natural gas and pipeline industry. I am involved in the planning of SGA's environmental workshops and conferences and have spoken about cultural resources compliance issues numerous times at these events over the last 10 years.

In my free time I enjoy traveling, and I generally visit New Orleans several times a year, which I consider to be my second home. I am an avid music lover, and I have found that in addition to its distinctive cuisine, New Orleans has one of the most vibrant local music scenes in the country. I try to get to Jazzfest in New Orleans as often as I can. I also stay current with archaeology by reading the major journals and other publications in the field and by attending archaeological conferences and meetings.

NEWS FROM THE WORKER SAFETY COMMITTEE

By Keith Seramur, ACRA Board Member

I was recently assigned the position of Worker Safety Committee chair. Typically, this committee follows changes to OSHA regulations and updates ACRA members of issues relevant to our industry. As the new chair, I will be investigating how to follow changes to these regulations.

I would like to remind our ACRA members that the business toolkit on our web site contains a very comprehensive health-and-safety plan. Just click on "Business Toolkit" and then "Standards and Examples." This plan is available for ACRA members to download and use as a template for their projects. Former Worker Safety Committee Chair William Self (William Self Associates, Inc.) provided us with this 57-page plan. I have downloaded this plan and use information from this template when designing our health-and-safety plans. It is one of the benefits of being an ACRA

member, so put it to good use.

I worked on a project recently with another ACRA member company. We had a health-and-safety plan, daily safety meetings, and kept all of our excavation units to 122 cm (four feet) unless they were stepped back. There was also close oversight by a client representative, who checked excavation depths with a tape measure. Even with all of these safety measures in place, I caught myself collecting soil micromorphology samples from a stratified Archaic pit feature that extended 60 to 80 cm below the excavation floor. If this pit feature would have been near one of the excavation walls, that would have been an OSHA violation! Stay alert in field and be safe. If you have a worker safety issue or want to share your experiences, contact me at keith@geoarchaeology.com.



Four-foot-deep excavation with 2.3-foot-deep pit feature.

THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE WANTS TO HEAR FROM YOU!

By Jon Berkin, ACRA Board Member

The education committee is dedicated to providing training to ACRA members. In addition to the workshop that is held each in conjunction with the annual conference, the committee would like to explore the development of other training events for ACRA member companies. In the near future, ACRA Headquarters will send out an online questionnaire soliciting information regarding the types of training that member companies would be interested in receiving. In addition, the questionnaire also will query members regarding the types of training that they may be able to assist with. Rather than contracting out training services, it may be preferable to tap into the knowledge and experience of ACRA member companies and develop training events "internally." In addition, instead of replicating the regulatory and other types of training courses that commonly are offered by other organizations, the committee would like to consider the development of new training topics that may be of interest to member companies. Please respond to the survey when you receive it. We need your input! For more information, contact Education Committee member Jon Berkin at JMBERKIN@nrg-llc.com.

WHY JOIN ACRA?

When a non-ACRA member asks why they should join ACRA, start with the following six reasons (and then share some of your own).

1. Promote your firm to public and private clients through the ACRA website consultants database
2. Receive the latest information on CRM industry trends, including salary surveys, legislative actions, and educational data
3. Get business information on workers safety, budgeting, marketing, employment practices, and many other areas, including the ACRA website Business Toolkit and MembersOnly forum
4. Support and encourage high-quality work and ethical practices
5. Enjoy networking opportunities to increase business and profits
6. Become a voice in fair competition practices

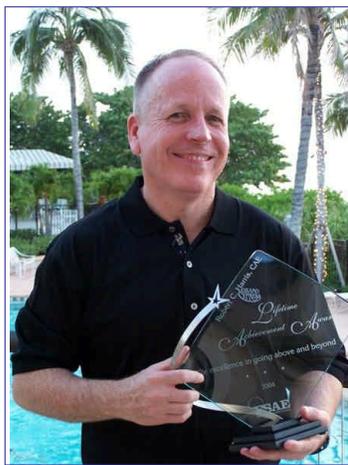
Remember to get contact details from potential new members so that they can be sent the postcard with the special 2010 membership offer for first-time members (see Page 10).

ACRA STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION TO BE HELD AT MIDYEAR BOARD MEETING

By Teresita Majewski, Chair, Strategic Planning Committee

During the last part of 2009, ACRA Executive Director CJ Summers recommended to President Lucy Wayne that the 2010 midyear ACRA Board meeting in Boise include a strategic planning session. The opportunity arose for ACRA to work with Robert C. Harris, CAE, from Tallahassee, Florida (www.nonprofitcenter.com). Bob has an incredible record of working with associations and chambers of commerce to focus on operations, board governance, and strategic direction. He is a well-respected author and facilitator, and has received awards and recognition for his work. I met with him in Tucson when he was in town working with another group, and we discussed the process in depth.

President Wayne referred CJ's recommendation to the Strategic Planning Committee, and after thorough deliberation, the committee



unanimously supported having Mr. Harris lead ACRA's strategic planning efforts. In subsequent discussion, the board unanimously voted to move forward with the planning session in Boise. Once Mr. Harris was under contract with ACRA, he was provided with background information on all aspects of the organization. He also

Strategic planning facilitator Bob Harris has received a lifetime achievement award from the Florida Association of Association Executives for his association management work.

solicited advance information from our executive director, officers, board members, past presidents, and committee chairs about the desired outcomes of the planning session and our opinions on what the top three goals or priorities for ACRA should be over the next 3 to 5 years.

President Wayne invited all ACRA past presidents and committee chairs who are not also board members to participate in the strategic planning session in Boise, and many of them have graciously agreed to attend. We will have completed most of the planning work by the time we leave Boise on March 7, and Bob will submit a final written report on the session within two weeks.

I look forward to lively, productive discussion at the midyear meeting and eagerly await the strategic plan that we will use to guide the organization into the future. The results will be shared with the ACRA membership as soon as they are available. During the deliberations about whether or not the organization should undertake strategic planning, Tom Motsinger (PaleoWest: Solutions in Archaeology, L.L.C.), who is a member of the board as well as of the Strategic Planning Committee, noted that: "I really believe a focused, facilitated strategic planning session . . . would leave a terrific legacy for the organization's future. I agree wholeheartedly.

AN ECONOMIC PANEL SESSION HELD AT THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORICAL ARCHAEOLOGY MEETING

By Mike Polk, Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.

For those not familiar with The Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA), it is a membership organization promoting the study of historical-period archaeology around the world. It meets annually in January. This year, the meeting was in northern Florida at the Amelia Island Plantation Resort near Jacksonville. While the weather was freezing cold, there were many very interesting and timely sessions. In particular, the symposium put together and moderated by Terry Klein of the SRI Foundation (an ACRA member organization) was outstanding. It was entitled: *"How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Recession": Challenges and Opportunities for Historical Archaeology in the Current Economic Environment*.

The session included seven panelists from a wide variety of parts of the field of historical archaeology including: Tom McCulloch, Archaeologist, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Mike Polk, American Cultural Resources Association; Vergil Noble, Archaeologist, National Park Service; Chris McDaid, U.S. Army, Cultural Resources Manager, Installation Management Command Northeast Region; Laura Kammerer, Deputy State Historic



The Society for Historical Archaeology 2010 annual meeting was held at Amelia Island Plantation, Florida, in January.

Preservation Officer for Review and Compliance, Florida Division of Historical Resources; Brian Jordon, Assistant State Underwater Archaeologist, Maryland Historical Trust; and Julia King, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Associate Professor of Anthropology, St. Mary's City College of Maryland.

The session was quite timely in light of the economic situation facing this country. The purpose was to attempt to understand the employment picture and how the economic downturn has affected it. Panelists were also asked to discuss opportunities for advancing and improving the practice of historical archaeology in the context of the current economic environment. Key discussion points came out of the panelists' prepared remarks as well as out of the question-and-answer session with the audience that made up a portion of the symposium.

THE PROBLEM

Tom McCulloch pointed out that 70% of American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds have not been used. This is down from the 81% figure given to us by Reid Nelson of the Advisory Council at the ACRA Rhode Island meeting. The interesting part of this is that the money must be spent this year, meaning that there are a lot of projects yet to be funded in the public sector, and none of these are likely in the "shovel ready" category. While much of the money will be spent on projects having no potential for affecting cultural resources, this will not always be the case.

Tom also noted that many state and tribal historic preservation officers are not prepared to handle the volume of project reviews that could be coming with expenditure of these funds. How that will be addressed is not clear.

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I pointed out that the two economic status surveys conducted by ACRA in March and September 2009 revealed that CRM companies are currently under great strain. Few indicated that they are doing well, and most were treading water or faring even worse. In a follow-up brief email survey with about 10 firms around the country, which I conducted just prior to the symposium (late December 2009), I found that few companies have seen significant ARRA projects. Only two or three companies stated that they had seen any. Some reported that they had done minor public works projects that may have had some stimulus money involved. The only significant project is one from the Corps of Engineers, St. Louis District, involving Section 110 inventory throughout the entire continental United States as well as a component for preparing artifacts for curation as part of a training program for veterans. Three prime contracts were awarded to do this work (ACRA and non-ACRA companies), and the overall project is worth 25 million dollars. Each prime contractor has a number of subcontractor team members, and these firms also have the potential to benefit from this work.

As Brian Jordon and I both pointed out, one of the most pressing problems for small business is the lack of available bank loans, a vital necessity for funding projects. Because banks have been so reluctant to lend, should a small- or medium-sized CRM firm actually obtain a significant ARRA or any other project, it could be difficult, if not impossible, for them to successfully carry it out without the assistance of a bank loan. With companies struggling after more than a year of an austere business environment, surplus funds have often dried up. In these hard times, having to front the costs of a large project can end up bankrupting a small business.

A few other comments made by agency personnel included the fact that staff attrition within state offices is a serious problem. SHPO staff are seriously underpaid in comparison to what they would make in the private sector or in almost any other government position. Considerable time and money are spent training individuals that often move on to a better-paying job relatively quickly, frequently leaving positions that can not be filled because of hiring freezes. If the position can be filled, the training cycle starts all over again. The budget just released by President

Obama may exacerbate this problem, as he proposes to eliminate both the Save America's Treasures and Preserve America programs, which would have a devastating effect upon the already seriously underfunded Historic Preservation Fund (see February 2, 2010, article by the National Trust at:

<http://blogs.nationaltrust.org/preservationnation/?p=8203>).

SOME POSITIVE ASPECTS OF THE DILEMMA

As with all crises and bleak-seeming times in life, there are opportunities that arise and present themselves. One point is that situations like this (which have happened before, though perhaps not in such dramatic fashion) often have the effect of waking people from their complacency. It is when difficulties become desperate that more efficiencies are often developed, dead wood is burned, and innovations inspired.

A number of agencies are helping in this cause by developing creative and innovative approaches to work in historic preservation. The Advisory Council, some Department of Defense agencies, and some SHPOs, among others, are providing guidance in best practices, including creative and successful compliance approaches. The Advisory Council website continues to provide guidance in complying with ARRA requirements.

Laura Kammerer also suggested reestablishing Works Progress Administration (WPA) and Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) types of programs targeted at survey and management of archaeological and historical resources. She also pointed out the importance of internships in CRM. It was noted that ACRA has promoted such efforts for years. The suggestion was made that ACRA could develop best practices for internships and perhaps even become a clearinghouse for such programs.

More than anything during dire times of economic stress, creativity can come to the fore and help reinvent a field. Creativity in funding, in practice, and in how we approach and interact with our benefactors, i.e., legislators, regulators, and clients, is paramount to the continued health and existence of the CRM industry. This symposium provided much food for thought as to how we can prosper and regain momentum in both job creation and resource preservation.

PROPOSAL FOR A JOINT ACRA/SHA INITIATIVE TO CREATE A CLEARINGHOUSE OF CRM PUBLICATION IN THE WORKS

By Wade Catts, ACRA Board Member

ACRA is proposing to collaborate with the Society for Historical Archaeology (SHA) to create an electronic clearinghouse for CRM reports. Collaboration of the two organizations would work to achieve several goals: identify quality CRM documents, make those documents more widely available for dissemination (alleviating the "gray literature" syndrome), and highlight new trends, important data recoveries, or new technologies in the industry. Wade Catts is the ACRA coordinator, and Rebecca Allen is the SHA coordinator for this project.

The proposed clearinghouse offers a solution to the issue of gray literature and its dissemination to a broader audience. Although still in the process of being written and commented on by SHA and ACRA boards, the current proposal calls for the creation of a website page (proposed to be ACRA-hosted) that would make reports available as Portable Document Format (PDF) or as Print-On-Demand (POD) volumes. The website will carry a disclaimer that the authors are solely responsible for the content of the reports. To initiate the project, the current proposal recommends starting the clearinghouse with the historical reports that have received awards from ACRA and that are not readily available on some other server or in another electronic format. The term "historical" should be used in the broadest sense, and would include archaeology, historical architecture, landscape studies -- indeed, the full range of CRM works from across the nation. A general call for reports would also be forthcoming, and

SHPOs will be solicited for their recommendations for important data recoveries from their respective states. Reports would be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. ACRA and SHA would develop a fee structure to defray the cost of the server, as well as the cost of getting the reports into the POD format.

A second potential element of this proposal is the long-term recommendation to develop a publication series of quality site-specific reports. This series would be jointly sponsored as well, and would consist of quality CRM documents that will go through a peer review and revision process prior to publication. As proposed, a review committee (composed of agency, CRM, and university members) will be formed to identify and select these reports. Authors and companies/agencies can also nominate their reports. Resulting publications will be stronger and emphasize interpretations more than presentation of data.

Both initiatives -- the POD clearinghouse and the development of a publication series -- are in the proposal stage. The ACRA/SHA Coordinators presented the outline of the initiatives to the SHA Editorial Advisory Committee in January at the SHA annual meeting and met with positive support. A revised proposal will be brought to the ACRA Board's mid-year meeting in Boise. Please feel free to contact Wade Catts (wcatts@johnmilnerassociates.com) or Rebecca Allen (Rebecca@pastforwardinc.com) directly with any comments and/or suggestions.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Nellie Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant

FY10 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING CONGRESS COMPLETED FY10 INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS FOR HISTORIC PRESERVATION

On October 30, 2009, President Obama signed the Interior Appropriations measure into law that included the FY10 Historic Preservation Program. The total was \$79.5 million for the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF), a slight increase over FY09. The breakdown is:

- \$46.5 million for the State Historic Preservation Officers;
- \$8 million for the Tribal Preservation Officers;
- \$25 million for the Save America's Treasures Program; and
- \$4.6 million for the Preserve America Program



ACRA's Government Affairs Consultant Nellie Longworth.

FY11 HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUNDING COULD GO MANY WAYS!

President Obama's budget was announced on February 1. The next issue of *ACRA Edition* will provide more analysis of the budget's impact on historic preservation. This is a very difficult money year, as it follows the ARRA funding, which was initiated to get the economy back on track and put people back to work. Conversations with some of the new appointees in the Interior Department find them very supportive of funding the states and tribes but not as interested in funding Preserve America and Save America's Treasures, both programs initiated by former presidents.

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SOME GOOD NEWS - THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION CAUCUS IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES has sent a letter to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) that was signed by over 30 members of the House. The letter supported:

State Historic Preservation Officers (which includes \$5 million for record digitization grants)	\$55 million
Tribal Preservation Officers	\$20 million
Save America's Treasures	\$30 million
Preserve America	\$10 million

AND, THERE IS A NEW BILL IN THE HOUSE KNOWN AS THE "CLEAR" ACT (CONSOLIDATED LAND, ENERGY, AND AQUATIC RESOURCES ACT) - HR 3545.

Representative Nick Rahall (D-WV), chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, introduced HR 3545 to fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) at its authorized level of \$900 million. This does not compete with the federal budget funding, because the bill passed by Congress in 1976 derives funding from nonrenewable resources (oil and gas reserves). A similar bill, S 2747, has been introduced in the Senate by Jeff Bingaman (D-NM), chair of the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, with 5 co-sponsors.

HOWEVER - IN 1976, THERE WAS ALSO AN AUTHORIZATION FOR \$150 MILLION FOR THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION FUND!

To get the attention of the 111th Congress this year, preservationists have initiated a **coalition for full funding** that currently has 96 supporters that include national, state, and local organizations that represent thousands of archaeologists, cultural resource managers, historians, preservation commissions, local

and state government officials, tribal leaders, homeowners, business owners, investors, developers, architects, urban planners, farmers, scientists, educators, student activists, and private individuals from every community in America. For a full list of coalition members, go to fullyfundhpf.org. You will find ACRA, SHA, SAA, and 93 other supporters.

CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL STATES CONCERN ABOUT ARRA AND BACKLOGS CREATED BY PROCEDURES UNDERTAKEN IN THE CALIFORNIA PRESERVATION OFFICE AND ACRA'S RESPONSE TO GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER

A letter dated January 4, 2010, from California Inspector General Laura A. Chick to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger praises the Recovery Act as "an opportunity for government to do things differently and smarter by finding ways to streamline, eliminate needless hurdles, slash bureaucratic red tape and implement efficiencies." However, she later refers to the California Office of Historic Preservation, which, by law, is required to sign off before construction projects can begin, and comments on the two-month backlog that is growing exponentially as more projects advance forward. "Due to the Recovery Act there has been a marked increase in the number and type of projects and this has resulted in in a two month backlog which is growing exponentially as more projects advance forward." The letter concludes by saying that "Department heads should scrutinize their ARRA projects to determine what, if any, other impediments are in the way of expeditious completion, find appropriate ways to move these projects forward and streamline clogged bureaucratic processes." Read ACRA's letter to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger that was prepared in response to Ms. Chick's comments (see Page 22).



Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

January 14, 2010

State Capitol Building

Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am the President of the American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA), a national trade association of firms which provide archaeological, historical and preservation services to public and private clients. ACRA has numerous member firms in California, as well as member firms which frequently provide services to California clients.

We have reviewed the January 4, 2010 letter from Inspector General Laura N. Chick, and the follow-up article on the CBS13 website regarding projects being funded by the American Recovery Act (ARRA). As you certainly know, ARRA is designed to put people back to work and improve the economy. However, Inspector General Chick notes that there have been delays in the reviews of projects by California's State Office of Historic Preservation. In that letter, she recommended a number of actions which could alleviate the problem.

Our organization has been concerned about the effects of ARRA on state historic preservation offices since the act was passed. We were aware from the beginning that this issue would arise because of existing resource shortages in many, if not most, state historic preservation offices.

ACRA's member firms are directly affected by ARRA—we provide the historic preservation services required under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as those required by the California Environmental Quality Act. It is in our interest to have our reports reviewed promptly. This assists the economic recovery of our own industry, your state, and our country. It is in all our interests that we be able to complete ARRA projects in a timely and efficient manner.

We certainly understand and appreciate your efforts to reduce government expenditures in California through furloughs, staff reductions and reduced man hours. Many of our member firms are doing the same things. What follows is our recommendation for your consideration in relieving the backlog in the California Office of Historic Preservation.

It is our understanding that ARRA allows for funds received under the Act to be used to finance the offices which are charged with reviewing ARRA projects. We would suggest that the agencies receiving ARRA funding channel a portion of these funds to the California Office of Historic Preservation to fund salaries for staff needed to expedite the review process. As the Inspector General's letter notes,

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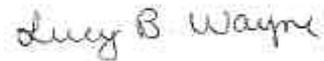
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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experienced personnel are working reduced hours due to furlough, and others may have retired or been laid off due to budget reductions. These experienced employees could be hired as contract employees to reduce the review backlog. Federal agencies funding review personnel is a common occurrence in other states; Pennsylvania is an example.

We appreciate your consideration of our recommendation and hope that this temporary crisis will not affect California's record for support of historic preservation projects.

Sincerely,



Lucy B. Wayne, Ph.D., RPA

President, ACRA

RECENT BUILDING-DOCUMENTATION WORK IN DOWNTOWN BOZEMAN, MONTANA

By Scott Carpenter, InteResources Planning, Inc.

Local druggist, Samuel Osborn, built the Osborn Building in 1882, on East Main Street in Bozeman, Montana. The classic two-story brick structure housed Osborn Drugstore and the Sebree, Ferris & White Hardware and Bank on the first floor until 1889. Numerous other commercial enterprises occupied the two storefronts throughout the building's 127-year history. The second floor of the building served as residential apartments and offices.

On March 5, 2009, a catastrophic gas-line explosion killed one person and destroyed four historic buildings along the north side of Main Street. The Osborn and two other buildings sustained various levels of damage. Engineering studies at the Osborn revealed that the unreinforced brick building could not be saved. The

building's owner, Chris Pope, and Bozeman City Historic Preservation staff developed a plan to document the Osborn Building's history and architectural features.

InteResources Planning, Inc., was retained to conduct historical research and architectural investigations. The final product of the investigation will be a detailed Historic American Building Survey (HABS) documentation report for the building. The report will be available to future generations of Bozeman citizens and historians. A copy of the report with archival quality black-and-white large-format photographs will be kept at the Library of Congress as a permanent part of the HABS data collection.

Investigations of the Osborn Building have documented an almost complete list of the building's owners, renters, and occupants over 127 years. Extensive architectural forensic study has revealed the original configuration and appearance of the storefronts, which have undergone considerable changes since the building's construction. Additionally, evidence was found in the building's cellar that suggests the location of a stone foundation, possibly related to a blacksmith forge built on the adjacent lot in 1873, before the Osborn Building was constructed.

Commenting on the importance of the project, *InteResources Planning's* Scott Carpenter stated, "Bozeman's buildings are constantly remodeled and changed, and sometimes demolished and replaced by newer structures. Retaining our sense of history tells us where we have been and perhaps gives value to where we are going in the future."

If you would like to learn more about this project, please contact Scott Carpenter at scott@interresources.com.



The Osborn Building, Bozeman, Montana, ca. 1891. Courtesy Gallatin Co. Historical Society/Pioneer Museum.

ACRA BOARD TO MEET IN BOISE, IDAHO

ACRA's Board of Directors will convene at the Downtown Boise Hampton Inn & Suites on March 6 for the midyear meeting. ACRA Director Elizabeth Jacox of the Boise-based TAG Historical Research & Consulting a/b/n The Arrowrock Group, Inc. is our host. The morning half of Saturday's meeting will be a formal strategic planning session, facilitated by nationally known author and consultant Bob Harris of Harris Management Group, Inc. - NPRC.

The Downtown Boise Hampton Inn & Suites is located at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and Myrtle in BoDo, a recently redeveloped shopping district in Boise's old warehouse district. It is located only two blocks from the center of downtown and within walking distance of the Idaho State Historical Museum, the Boise Public Library, the Boise's Basque Block, and the Boise Greenbelt, a walking path that follows the Boise River for approximately 25 miles.



Boise's Basque Block.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR ACRA'S 16TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE

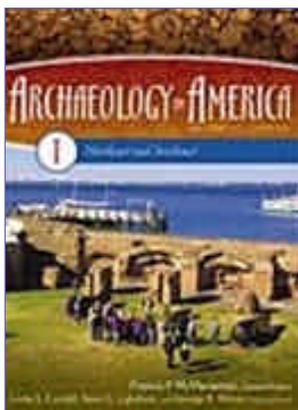
September 23-25, 2010
Hilton Madison Monona Terrace
and the Monona Terrace Convention Center
Madison, Wisconsin

ACRA's 2010 Annual Conference in Madison, Wisconsin, will be co-hosted by Mead & Hunt, Inc., and CCRG, Inc. Chad Moffett (Mead & Hunt) and Andy Weir and Elaine Robinson (CCRG) have already jumped into action to make this a must-attend event. As the details unfold, you will be able to find information in *ACRA Edition* and on ACRA's website. In the meantime, please save the dates. The Hilton Madison (<http://www.hiltonmadison.com>) is located on the shore of Lake Monona in Downtown Madison, one block from the state capitol, a short walk from Wisconsin's flagship university (site of several aboriginal effigy mounds), and a jumping-off point for visiting magnificent examples of Frank Lloyd Wright's architectural genius.

BOOK CORNER

Beginning in this issue of ACRA Edition, the "Book Corner" column will highlight currently in-print books that feature ACRA-member-firm employees as authors, editors, or contributors. The purpose of this new feature is to inform readers of important new material and showcase what employees of ACRA firms are doing.

Archaeology in America: An Encyclopedia



edited by Francis P. McManamon, Linda S. Cordell, Kent G. Lightfoot, and George R. Milner
Greenwood Press, Santa Barbara, California, 2008, \$499.95
ISBN: 0-313-33184-7
ISBN-13: 978-0-313-33184-8
Order through www.greenwood.com.

The four-volume *Archaeology in America* has in-depth essays written by leading scholars on over 300 of the most important archaeological sites in the country. The essays explain the importance of each site, the history of the people who left the artifacts, and the nature of ongoing research. Eight geographic regions are covered: The Arctic and Subarctic, the Great Basin and Plateau, the Great Plains and Rocky Mountains, the Midwest, the Northeast, the Southeast, the Southwest, and the West Coast. ACRA member-firm employees that contributed entries to the encyclopedia include James Allan (William Self Associates, Inc. [WSA]), Rebecca Allen (Past Forward, Inc.), Boyce Driskell (Archaeology Research Laboratory), Amy Gilreath (Far

Western Anthropological Group, Inc.), Roberta Greenwood (Greenwood and Associates), Holly Herbster (The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Inc.), Brent Hicks (Historical Research Associates), John Ravesloot (WSA), Glen Rice (Rio Salado Archaeology, L.L.C.), and Carol Weed (Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, Inc.).

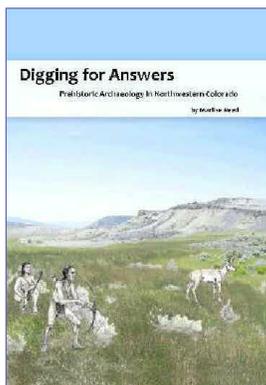
Chicago before History: The Prehistoric Archaeology of a Modern Metropolitan Area

by Charles W. Markman
Illinois Historic Preservation Agency Studies in Illinois Archaeology Vol. 7, 1991, \$22.50
ISBN: 0-942579-12-7
Order through the Center for American Archaeology (CAA) Kampsville, Illinois, by visiting the "Museum Shop" section of the CAA website (www.caa-archeology.org/).

Chicago before History brings together the fascinating history of the aboriginal peoples of northeastern Illinois. Though now crowded with expressways and high-rise developments, for 10,000 years the Chicago area has been home to Native American hunters, gatherers, and farmers. While much of that history has been obliterated by the growth of the city, fragments have survived and through the years have been painstakingly recovered and preserved by Illinois' archaeologists.

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Digging for Answers: Prehistoric Archaeology in Northwestern Colorado



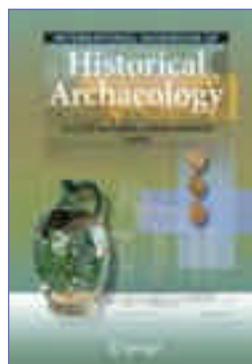
by Marlise Reed
Alpine Archaeological
Consultants, Inc., Montrose,
Colorado, 2009,
\$22.50
ISBN: 0-9743137-2-6

Digging for Answers draws on the results of the archaeological work done in northwestern Colorado by ACRA member firms Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc.

and Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. Written for a popular audience and funded by the Rockies Express Pipeline and the Wyoming Interstate Company, the lavishly illustrated book looks at how archaeologists study the remains of ancient cultures and provides a glimpse into the way of life of the earliest inhabitants of northwestern Colorado.

For a limited time, a complimentary copy of the book can be obtained by sending your mailing address to marlise_reed@alpinearchaeology.com.

International Handbook of Historical Archaeology



edited by Teresita Majewski and
David Gaimster
Springer, New York, 2009,
\$199.00
ISBN 978-0-387-72068-5
Order through www.springer.com.

This handbook brings together an international group of leaders in the field of historical archaeology and covers the field globally as well as theoretically. The 35

essays provide a perfect reference book for understanding the previous research in a geographic or topical area. The volume is divided into two sections, the first reviewing the key themes, issues, and approaches of historical archaeology today, and the second containing a series of case studies charting the development and current state of historical archaeological practice around the world. The contributions to the handbook include unique topical and regional syntheses not found in historical archaeological compendia published to date.

If you are interested in obtaining one of the books mentioned in this column, be sure to check for promotional offers available through the publishers, particularly in the "book rooms" at major disciplinary conferences (e.g., the Society for American Archaeology and the Society for Historical Archaeology).

Please consider submitting information on your new publication for future columns. In some cases, classic publications have been reprinted or made available after being out of print, and we want to hear about these too. Materials should be submitted in the format shown above. If you submit an image of the cover of your publication, it should be sent as a separate digital file (JPEG preferred, minimum size 300 dpi) and not be embedded in the text file.

UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST TO ACRA MEMBERS

The following brief list of events has been compiled by the Liaison Committee. If you are an ACRA member and also belong to of any of these (or any other similar) organizations, please consider acting as a liaison to provide a report on their meetings or other activities and share ACRA's information with them. Contact Liaison Committee Chair Elizabeth Jacox at ejacox@taghistory.com to volunteer or to contribute listings. Check the calendar tab on the ACRA website for more meeting listings.

Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation Annual Meeting

April 21-24, 2010
Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Alliance for Historic Landscape Preservation is an interdisciplinary professional organization that provides a forum for communication and exchange of information among its members. It is dedicated to the preservation and conservation of historic landscapes in all their variety, from formal gardens and public parks to rural and natural expanses.

From April 21 through April 24, we will explore regional landscapes and hear from local landscape experts, as well as students and faculty from the University of New Mexico School of Architecture and Planning. There is a Call for Papers, Summaries of Works-in-Progress, and Posters. Student scholarships are available. Please visit the website at www.ahlp.org for more details.

American Planning Association (APA)

Every Tuesday, if you are in the Chicago area
Tuesdays at APA

Join APA each month for this after-work lecture and discussion series. Practicing planners and researchers discuss innovative ideas and concepts or present their latest projects.

The events are **free** and open to APA members and nonmembers. They are held at APA's Chicago Office, the Burnham Conference Center, located on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Adams Street, directly across from the Art Institute of Chicago. Several public transportation lines are close by, and paid parking is available in nearby public garages. <http://www.planning.org/>

American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) 2010 Annual Meeting

September 10-13, 2010
Washington, D.C.
Water, Earth, Air, Fire: DESIGN

ASLA's 2010 Annual Meeting will be the largest gathering of landscape architecture design professionals in the world and feature a diverse spectrum of industry experts speaking on sustainability and design. More than 125 education sessions, tours, and field sessions will be presented during the meeting, providing attendees with the opportunity to earn up to 21 professional development hours under the Landscape Architecture Continuing Education System. Many of the sessions will also qualify for continuing education credit with the American Institute of Architects, the American Institute of Certified Planners, and other allied professional organizations.

For more information, visit www.asla.org.

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Center for Archaeological Investigations (CAI) Visiting Scholar Program Annual Conference

Southern Illinois University Carbondale (SIUC)

March 26-27, 2010

*Making Senses of the Past: Toward a Sensory
Archaeology*

Human interaction with the surrounding world is mediated through our senses. Yet archaeological interpretation has traditionally been dominated by visual descriptions, thus effectively marginalizing the senses of smell, taste, hearing, and touch as unmeasurable ways of engaging with the world. This has led to a silent, odorless, disembodied, and sense-less past. Recent work, however, has explored alternative ways to make sense of past societies, investigating soundscapes, olfactory and haptic analyses, and somatic memory, as well as other less-tangible visual qualities such as shimmer and color.

This conference will bring together researchers who share an interest in such sensory modes of approaching the past and will cross boundaries between chronological periods, geographical regions, and material specializations. Potential themes to be covered at the conference include the presentation of new results of sensory archaeological projects; multisensory and synesthetic aspects of the production and consumption of material culture; the recognition of sensory hierarchies in past societies; embodied practices, including memory; and the dissemination of sensuous pasts in the present.

The Visiting Scholar in Archaeology Program offers support for a motivated scholar to organize and conduct the annual Visiting Scholar Conference, which results in an edited volume of selected papers that the

visiting scholar assembles and edits while in residence at SIUC. The visiting scholar also pursues his/her own research during the period of the award, teaches one seminar in his/her specialty, and is expected to interact productively with colleagues and students in the CAI and the Department of Anthropology.

Information: <http://cai.siuc.edu/vspages/day/vsconf.html>

Society for Industrial Archeology (SIA) Annual Conference

June 3-6, 2010

Antler's Hilton Hotel

Colorado Springs, Colorado

Travel west of the Mississippi River and step into a time of tremendous innovation, adventure, and enthusiasm. Never before, or since, has the United States had the opportunities presented by the acquisition of such a huge amount of land as that of the Louisiana Purchase in 1803. The rush to "go west young man," was a rush to new frontiers which inevitably brought new industry. This year's SIA Annual Conference theme is "Industry on the Frontier."

The Society for Industrial Archeology invites proposals for papers and poster sessions to be presented at the 39th Annual Conference on Saturday, June 5, 2010, in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Poster sessions can be works in progress. Presentations on all topics related to industrial archeology, technology, social change related to industry, and bridges are welcome. Papers about industries in the Rocky Mountain region are encouraged. All papers and poster sessions should offer interpretation and synthesis of data.

<http://www.siahq.org/conference/coloradosprings/about.html>



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