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Society of Professional Archeologist (SOPA) Plans for Field School Certification

In 1995, SOPA's board appointed William Lees to chair an ad hoc committee to evaluate how SOPA might initiate a process to certify field schools. The committee (Mike Adler, Susan Henry, Sheli Smith, Rochelle Marrinan, and Mike Rodeffer) was specifically charged to evaluate SOPA's current guidelines for field school and update and revise these guidelines; and propose a process whereby SOPA can evaluate and certify field schools.

SOPA's "Guidelines and Standards for Academic Archeological Field Schools" were established at the inception of SOPA. A review of these

guidelines suggested that they provide a fairly accurate description of what a field school should accomplish and how it should be accomplished. Only slight revision were needed.

In order for SOPA to certify a field school, it would be necessary to determine if the proposed field school meets the published SOPA guidelines. Four steps were recommended:

1. A questionnaire should be adopted that would be completed by those desiring to have their field school SOPA certified.
2. The SOPA certification committee

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West Baden Springs Hotel Gets a New Lease On Life

At one time the West Baden Springs Hotel was the world's largest free-standing dome. Located in Orange County, Indiana, the hotel boasted 708 rooms and a free-standing dome that was more than 200 feet across and 130 feet high. Built in 1902, the 250-acre resort was a popular spa and vacation spot for three decades before the Depression dried up business. In 1934 it was sold for \$1 to the Roman Catholic Society of Jesus -- the Jesuits. It later became a hotel- and restaurant-management school, which closed in 1983. For the past 13 years the hotel has sat vacant. The building began to fall into ruins and an exterior wall collapsed in 1991.

This month the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (HLF) announced

that it has formed a subsidiary to buy the one-time playground for the rich and famous with a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous donor. According to Patrick Ralston, Director of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources the restoration of the hotel will be "one of the major restoration projects probably of this century."

The Cook Group, Inc., of Bloomington, Indiana, has volunteered to partially repair the 35,000-square foot structure while HLF seeks a private group or company to buy it. The shuttered hotel, listed on the National Register for Historic Places, will be listed for \$800,000.

[Information taken from *The Courier-Journal*, Tuesday, June 4, 1996.]

Call for Papers

Conference Calendar

June 27-30, 1996 - the Association for Gravestone Studies Conference.

Contact: Catherine Goodwin, 10 Longview Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824, 508-256-6240, or Fred Oakley, 19 Hadley Place, Hadley, MA 01035; 413-584-1756.

August 7-10, 1996 - The Central Arizona Highlands: A Multi-Disciplinary Conference will be held at Yavapai College, Prescott, AZ. Contact: Deborah Young, U. of A. Cooperative Extension; 520-445-6590, ext. 3; FAX 520 445-6593.

September 11-14, 1996 - the American Association of State and Local History's annual meeting will be held in Nashville, TN. Contact: Jom Vaughn, 615-255-2971.

October 3-5, 1996 - Integrating Appalachian Highlands Archaeology Conference will be held in Albany, NY. Contact: Lynne P. Sullivan or Dr. John P. Hart, Anthropological Survey, New York State Museum, 3122 Cultural Education Center, Albany, NY 12230; 518-474-5813; FAX 518-473-8496; e-mail lsullivan@museum.nysed.gov or jhart@museum.nysed.gov.

October 16-20, 1996 - the National Trust for Historic Preservation will

hold its annual meeting in Chicago, IL. Call 1-800-944-6847.

October 24-27, 1996 - the Eastern States Archaeological Federation will hold its 63rd annual meeting at the Radisson Hotel, Huntington, WV.

November 1-3, 1996 - the Second Annual American Cultural Resource Association Conference will be held in Sacramento, CA. Contact: Dana McGowan, Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc.; 916-737-3000.

November 6-9, 1996 - the Southeastern Archaeological Conference will hold its annual meeting in Birmingham, Alabama. For further information, contact Jim Knight or Ian Brown, Department of Anthropology, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487.

January 8-12, 1997 - Society for Historical and Underwater Archaeology will hold its annual conference at the Marriott Bayfront, Corpus Christi, TX. Contact: Dr. David L. Carlson, Program Coordinator, Anthropology Department, Texas A&M University, College Station, TX 77843-4352; 409-847-9248; FAX 409-845-4070; e-mail sha97@tam2000.tamu.edu.

Eastern States Archeological Federation 63rd Annual Meeting

**Radisson Hotel
Huntington, West Virginia**

24-27 October 1996

Abstracts for proposed papers and symposia are due June 1, 1996.

Suggested topics include, but are not limited to, State, Local, and Chapter Site Surveys and Excavations, the Woodland, Transistion, prehistoric open session papers are also welcome.

For more information contact:

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Wal-Mart Store Near Historic Boyhood Home of George Washington

In Stafford County, Virginia, Wal-Mart's plans to build a store adjacent to our first president's boyhood farm were denied. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., appealed this denial, asking the Board of Supervisors to overturn the Architectural Review Board's decision, stating that the community supported the store's construction by a 20-to-1 margin.

The Save the Washington Farm Committee representative William Beck states that results of the local newspaper's poll indicates only 38% of the Fredericksburg community is in favor of the plan.

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Field School..

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would review the questionnaires, and certify those that meet the guidelines and standards. A fee would be charged to cover the cost of this process. Certified field schools would be listed in the SOPA newsletter, SOPA's web page, and hopefully so indicated in the AIA list of field schools.

3. In the questionnaires, deadlines for laboratory work and reporting will be required. A follow up questionnaire will be sent by SOPA to determine if these deadlines have been satisfactorily met.
4. As part of the certification process, occasional peer review visits to field schools while they are in session would be highly recommended to verify the compliance of the field school with the SOPA guidelines and standards.

The benefits of the certification are three-fold:

1. Providing assistance to prospective students seeking to select a quality field experience;
2. Providing incentive for academic department to develop and offer quality field schools; and
3. Help address a major national problem of unreported field school excavation.

For further information and the latest development on SOPA Field School Certification Program, we suggest you contact:

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State News**Arizona****Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society**

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The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society is pleased to announce that Tobi Taylor has accepted the position of editor for the journal, *Kiva*. She will replace Nancy Bell Rollings who will be leaving in May. Tobi has a B.A. in Anthropology from Arizona State University and is a Master's candidate in anthropology there. She has several years experience in writing and editing archaeological publications including the eight volume series on Pueblo Grande, just recently completed for Soils Systems, Inc. We welcome Tobi to a long line of distinguished editors of *Kiva* and thank Nan Rollings for her accomplishments of the past two years as she moves on to new challenges.

Kiva is a referenced journal published quarterly by the Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society, an affiliate of the Arizona State Museum, The University of Arizona. *Kiva* welcomes unsolicited, original papers relating to the prehistoric and historic archaeology, ethnology, history, and ethnohistory of the southwestern United States and northwestern Mexico.

Editor Tobi Taylor may be reached by telephone at 520-621-3656 or 602-585-9752; or by e-mail at ASTLT@ASUVM.INRE.ASU.EDU. The mailing address for *Kiva* manuscripts remains:

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Pennsylvania**Pennsylvania Archaeology Week
Extended to Become Archaeology Month**

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) and the Friends of the State Museum are proud to announce that the annual Archaeology Week observance has been extended so that October 1996 will mark the first Archaeology Month in Pennsylvania. Enthusiastic public response to this program warranted its expansion to provide even more visitors an opportunity to observe an archeological dig in progress. While celebrations of Archaeology Month occur across the state, the most extensive excavation project is planned for the City Island Site, in Harrisburg. Archaeology Month is made possible by the cooperation of the City of Harrisburg and the PHMC through the Bureau for Historic Preservation and The State Museum of Pennsylvania. The goal of the program is to focus attention on the rich archaeological resources of the Commonwealth through a highly visible program of public archaeology.

"The mission of the Friends of The State Museum is to engage in educational activities, services and programs for the support, development and promotion of The State Museum of Pennsylvania." The Friends of The State Museum serve as the local support group for the museum, making possible activities, special events, and programs which would not otherwise be available for the citizens of Pennsylvania. The Friends are organized as a 501(c)(3) not for-profit corporation and provide the funds required for a variety of programs at the museum.

Obtaining adequate funding for such cultural outreach programs as Archaeology Month remains a challenge. The Friends of The State Museum have hopes of finding financial support within the professional archaeology community and other businesses and organizations who understand the true value of preserving objects and learning from the past. Anyone interested in lending financial support should contact Edward Wagoner, President, Friends of The State Museum, at 717-761-0211.

American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) Update

By Thomas Wheaton,
Executive Director ACRA

The American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA) has been around for a little over a year now, a very active year. But unless you are a member and have e-mail (and have sent us your e-mail address) you may not be aware of some of the things we have done that did not get into the Grapevine.

Since we incorporated last March, we have gained over 115 corporate members and 25 associates. We have spent most of our time and money on lobbying, our national conference and management (mailings, internet, finances, etc.). You might well ask, what has ACRA actually done that benefits me or cultural resources consulting. Here are a few of the highlights.

ACRA successfully helped preserve the Advisory Council in 1995 by sending out letters to members of Congress, helping get our compatriot organizations (Preservation Action, SAA, SHA, NCPH, etc.) to join in the fight, and getting solid information to our members and thousands of others via the internet that they could rely on, and respond to, in a timely fashion. We have sent representatives to Capitol Hill to testify for the first time on behalf of private consultants for the Advisory Council and Section 106.

ACRA has published a monthly newsletter that has up-to-date information on major issues of concern to cultural resource consultants and our members. We set up and are coordinating several committees on topics of concern to our members including labor relations, OSHA, membership and fund raising, academic education and training, competitive practices, and best practices. The latter committee came about from a meeting last October with various federal agencies, including the National Conference of

State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO), the National Park Service, and the Forest Service. It was the came up with the idea of the best practices committee.

We are now recognized as a national organization by other preservation organizations and by federal agencies. We have had meetings with or sent representatives to meetings of federal and SHPO staffs in Washington, D.C. and elsewhere to represent for the first time the consultants' point of view on federal regulations and procurement. These included meetings with the President's Advisory Council (spring 1995), the staffs of 23 states' Historic Preservation Officers and the Keeper of the National Register (November 1995), the joint federal and SAA/SHA Reinventing Archaeology Conference (winter 1996), etc.

This is the first time many of these agencies and staffs have met with representatives of the cultural resources industry and discussed mutual problems and concerns. We have also been asked to send speakers to state professional organizations and to national conferences of other organizations.

We have held three board meetings, one in Atlanta, one in Washington and one in Baltimore. Our next board meeting is scheduled for Sacramento before our second national conference on November 1-3, 1996. These are open meetings, and members are encouraged to attend. If you are not a member, we encourage you to join and attend our meetings.

We maintain a popular and successful internet mailing list with over 250 subscribers that is being quoted and referred to by others in academia, and in federal and state agencies. Incidentally, if you have had trouble signing on in the past, please try again. We have had some snafus with approvals that have now been corrected.

We maintain a content oriented web site that is receiving as many as

1,200 hits a week, and now has two paid advertisers and several requests a day for more information about ACRA or problems confronting the cultural resources industry. Our web site provides links to downloadable information on federal laws, federal procurement offices, a list of our members, other information of interest to our members, and links to other organizations.

We have mailed out thousands of brochures and other mailings soliciting support and providing information. We have answered countless telephone calls from people asking for help and for more information about ACRA and the issues we are addressing. We have supported for-profit firms in Montana and Kentucky in their fights against competition from taxpayer supported companies that directly compete with the private sector while having cozy deals with state contracting and review agencies. We have supported efforts in Pennsylvania to stop enactment of a set of regulations that would severely limit cultural resource compliance in that state, and when that failed, we have supported funding for the little that remains of compliance enforcement. We have sent out a list of our members and ethics statement to all the SHPOs, informing them that there is a group of consultants that supports ethical behavior and sound business practices. We have mailed out press releases and information to various national and regional CRM related newsletters and journals about ACRA and the Advisory Council problem.

We have hired a lawyer, Maurice Baskin, through a special fund to help address the Department of Labor wage determination issue. The Labor Relations Committee held a meeting in Washington with Mr Baskin and three federal agencies to discuss the issue this winter. This was followed by meetings with our Board of Directors in Baltimore and with federal agency cultural resource staff at the Society

for American Archaeology conference in New Orleans also to discuss this issue. We are supporting the U.S. Forest Service's appeal of the archaeological field technician job description. This is important for everyone seeking federal contracts, whether or not they are archaeologists, because cultural resources contracts also contain history and historic preservation research.

Where do we go from here? Not everything has been perfect or gone smoothly. We need more members to help pay for our lobbying and information gathering services. We also need more members to have more clout with Congress, federal agencies and others. If you would like to join, call Tom Wheaton, the executive director at 770 498 4155 or David Ketz, the membership chairman, at 612 290 0977, or any board member.

By now you have probably heard that the United Archaeological Field Technicians (UAFT) is making a concerted effort to force companies into financial difficulties by appealing

70 federal contracts to the Department of Labor. Be careful bidding on any project requiring archaeological technicians (no matter what term is used, no matter if the contract does not mention the Service Contract Act, no matter if there are no other wage determinations attached). Ask the contracting officer if the agency has submitted an SF98 to determine the need for wage determinations, and if they have not done so, ask them to do so. If they have not, this means they do not really know if they have to use the #29020, archaeological technician, job description or not.

As cultural resource consultants, we have other problems as well. Even though Rep. Hanson's subcommittee will pass along the National Historic Preservation Act reauthorization to the full committee, it has been badly wounded. The reauthorization appears to be more of an attempt to gut the law over the next two years, than to support preservation. We need to keep the pressure on, and with the help of CEHP Incorporated we will

keep on top of things. As part of this effort, ACRA recently approved an agreement with CEHP Incorporated to supply ACRA corporate members with an online newsletter. This is in addition to internet alerts and ACRA-L.

To get in touch with ACRA, find out who we are, and ask questions, please visit our web site at: <<http://www.mindspring.com/~wheaton/ACRA.html>>.

Please remember that the web is case sensitive.

To join ACRA-L, send this one line message:

SUBSCRIBE ACRA-L Billy Bob Smith (or whatever name you prefer) to this address: <listproc@listproc.nonprofit.net>. The subject of your message does not matter unless you put the message in the subject, and then weird things can happen! Please remember that e-mail is not case sensitive. If all else fails, send e-mail to Tom Wheaton at <tomwheaton@aol.com>.

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Crime and Punishment

Jack Lee Harelson has been sentence in Josephine County, Nevada Circuit Court to 3 months in jail, \$20,000 in fines and restitution, and 24 months probation. Harleson was convicted in March on 5 counts related to theft, abuse of a corpse, and tampering with evidence. He had dug artifacts (including the mummified remains of two children) from a cave on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) land in Nevada and brought them to his Grants Pass, Oregon home. He buried the mummies, minus the skulls in his garden. The disposition of the skulls is still unknown. The BLM and the Pyramid Lake Paiute Indian Tribe are preparing an ARPA civil suit against Harelson.

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Job Announcements

Project Archivist

Responsibilities: As part of a NEH grant funded project to provide a comprehensive automated catalog of the holdings of the Rhode Island State Archives, the Project Archivist will create records series descriptions, agency history files, and full subject heading access for the holdings. Position supervises one part time intern. All cataloging will be done according to APPM and AACR2, all subject headings will be done according to LCSH. Reports to the Project Director.

Qualifications: MLS from an ALA accredited institution or MA in history or related field with formal course work in cataloging and archives. Minimum of two years experience in cataloging including APPM, AACR2, LCSH, with experience in MARC-mixed media [AMC]. Familiarity with MicroMARC format desirable.

Salary: \$27,000 - \$28,500 plus full benefits afforded state employees. 18-month appointment.

Closing date: June 15, 1996

Submit letter of application, resume, and supporting materials, along with the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three professional references to:

Gwenn Stearn
State Archivist
Rhode Island State Archives
337 Westminster Street
Providence, RI 02903

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Historical Archaeologist

Location: Delaware City, Delaware.
Pay Scale: \$12.00 to \$15.00/hour (negotiable based on training and experience).

Term: July 1, 1996 to January 31, 1997.

Description: The Delaware Division of Parks and Recreation is seeking to hire an historical archaeologist to analyze approximately 5,000 artifacts recovered from Civil War and pre-Civil War deposits from an eroding shoreline on Pea Patch Island in the Delaware River, prepare a descriptive report on the artifacts and structural remains exposed by the erosion, and oversee the final stages of conservation for eight wooden gun carriages dating from the 1820s.

Pea Patch Island is the location of Fort Delaware, a Third System masonry fortification completed in 1859. The present pentagonal fort replaced a star-shaped fort constructed after the War of 1812 and destroyed by fire in 1829. During the Civil War, Pea Patch Island was the site of a major prison camp for captured Confederate soldiers and political prisoners sympathetic to the Confederate cause.

Artifacts recovered from the eroding shoreline reflect both military and civilian activities on the island from the early 1800s to 1904, when the entire island was covered with dredge spoil. Footings for structures shown on military maps have also been identified in the eroded area.

Applicants for this position must, at a minimum, have graduated from an accredited college or university with a B. A. in anthropology, history, or a closely related field and have three years of progressively responsible experience in historical archaeology. M. A. preferred. Knowledge of 19th century military and civilian material culture in

required. Applicants must also demonstrate an ability to conduct research and prepare formal reports.

This is a limited term position, and does not include health insurance, vacation, sick leave, or per diem.

For additional information, contact Dr. Cara Lee Blume, P.O. Box 1401, Division of Parks and Recreation, Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Phone: (302) 739-4413.

Research Historian Wanted

History Associates Incorporated (HAI) has two immediate openings for entry-level research historians in the firm's Litigation Research Division. Qualified candidates will have a B.A. in history, an outstanding academic record, and research experience in primary sources. Positions also require initiative, flexibility, and excellent oral and written communication skills. HAI is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Send resume, writing sample, transcripts, and references to Kathleen Nawyn, 5 Choke Cherry Road, Suite 280, Rockville, MD 20850.

PAID Internship Cupertino, California

The Cupertino (California) Historical Museum has an opening for an intern. An intern is needed to assist in collections management; duties involve inputting catalogued objects into the museum's computer database software, The Cataloguer. PC experience and a background in anthropology, history or other museum experience recommended.

This will be a PAID position, hours are 1-2 days per week. Internship is expected to begin in late summer 1996 (around July). For more information, contact Ethel Worn, Director, at the Cupertino Historical Museum, (408) 973-1495, Wednesday thru Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm.

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