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ASNМ News

Note from the Editor

For all those who keep track, Volumes 2 and 3 for 2007 have been combined into a single issue. Rising costs of printing and postage take a large portion of the ASNМ budget; this is one way we are working to cut costs. Submissions for the December issue of *La Jornada* should be sent to Emily Brown by December 1st. Email is emily@spencrmsolutions.com, snail mail is 6 Herrada Way, Santa Fe, NM 87508.

Election Results

Congratulations to our new trustee, Haywood Franklin, and welcome to returning trustees Nancy Woodworth, Karen Armstrong, and John Hayden. Bradley Bowman and Arlette Miller were elected as alternates. All officers will continue in their current positions.

ASNМ Scholarships

Two scholarships of \$500 each were awarded to Lewis Borck and Roger Gerke. Lewis Borck is an undergraduate at UNM studying with Dr. Patricia Crown. His project is "The Distribution of Chuska Chert and Zuni Spotted Chert between the East and West Mounds at Pueblo Bonito, Chaco Canyon". Roger Gerke is a graduate student at NMSU in Las Cruces. His thesis is "Lunar Preservation: Space Heritage and U.S. and International Historic Preservation Law", and will nominate a site to the National Register of Historic Places for the Apollo 11 Lunar Landing Site at Tranquility Base (the site is already listed in the ARMS database as LA 2,000,000).

Thank you to the Taos Archaeological Society and other societies and individuals for their contributions to the scholarship fund. All the scholarship information and the application will be put on the website.

Membership

Membership is down overall, despite a group of 34 new members this year (2 institutions, 31 individual/families, and 1 honorary life); last year at this time we had 305 while we currently have 298.

Treasurer's Report

Anna Walters has been investing some of the society's money in CDs that have higher yields than our previous investments, and we are starting to see some of the interest from those. Despite that, we have a

projected year-end deficit of \$246.00. This number should shrink to \$86 since we will not be renewing our bulk mail permit in for 2008, and the balance will be taken from the Annual Volume account to bring the General Fund into balance.

2009 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting scheduled for the Farmington area this spring has hit a few road bumps. Salmon Ruins cannot host the full meeting as previously thought, and the San Juan Archaeological Society is undergoing reorganization. While we will still rely on people living in the area to make many of the local arrangements, members of the ASNMM board will arrange for the Bandelier speaker, organize the presentations, print the program, and handle the pre-registration. The 2009 conference will be held in Taos.

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As alluded to in the Editor's note above, costs for printing and mailing the newsletter continue to rise and present a significant drain on ASNMM's annual budget. The estimate for 2007 alone is just over \$2,000.00. Renewal of the bulk mail permit alone will cost \$160 for 2008. In an effort to avoid raising membership dues and to keep from having combined issues such as this one, the board voted to move to an email newsletter starting in 2008. You will see the change in the membership renewal form in the next issue of La Jornada, where you will be asked to provide an email address if you have one. You will then receive an email with a link to the newsletter on the ASNMM website. Members without email or who wish to continue receiving a hardcopy will pay an additional \$5.00 per year to help cover printing and postage.

ASNMM Annual Papers Honoree Call for Nominations

Nominations for honorees for the 2009 volume of ASNMM's Annual *Papers* are requested. Each year, ASNMM dedicates a volume of its *Papers* to someone who has made significant contributions to Southwestern archaeology. Nominee names are requested from individual ASNMM members and from affiliated societies. Letters of nomination should give the nominee's name, address, date of birth, education, occupation, and archaeological society affiliations. Describe the wonderful and illustrious things the nominee does or has done that caused you to propose his or her name. Summarize his/her activities in Southwestern archaeology, including publications, research, teaching, public education, ASNMM or related organization activities, site conservation, etc. Please send letters of nomination by January 15, 2008 to Carol J. Condie, Quivira Research Center, 1809 Notre Dame NE, Albuquerque, NM 87106. If you need more information, call Carol at (505) 255-9264.

2008 Richard A. Bice Award for Archaeological Achievement

The board voted to change the name of the current Achievement Award to be the Richard A. Bice Award for Archaeological Achievement, and to include information on Dick Bice when presenting the award in the future. A Special Award was given to Dick Bice at the April Annual Meeting banquet.

The president of each of our affiliate societies recently received a letter and an award nomination form for this year's Amateur Achievement Award. The award recognizes individuals from our affiliated societies that have contributed in some manner to promote archaeology in general. They need not be archaeologists. Please contact your society president to nominate any deserving individual or individuals whom you believe to be worthy of this distinguished award. All award nominations must be received by January 30, 2008. For additional information, contact Bradley Bowman, Award Committee Chairmen, P.O. Box 582, Cedar Crest, NM 87008. Telephone: (505) 281-4745 or e-mail: bradleybowman@earthlink.net.

Call for Nominations to the ASNM Board

Members of local societies are encouraged to run for the Board of Trustees of ASNM. People interested in running should contact Nancy Woodworth at (505) 281-7820 or njwood@spinn.net by January 31st so that their names can be submitted to the board at the upcoming February 9th meeting.

Albuquerque Archaeological Ordinance Passed

Carol Condie reports that the City of Albuquerque has finally passed a city archaeological ordinance, and our kudos to Carol and all the others that persevered and saw this through. The ordinance establishes a City Archaeologist in the planning department; and, requires that major developments 5 acres and above be reviewed for potential impacts to significant archaeological resources as part of the City's development review and approval process. The following is Carol's account of the process:

Before anyone else whimsically suggests that Dave Cushman and I start running wildly around the state getting ordinances passed right and left, I need to issue a gentle message about the history of this ordinance. First of all, there are no magic wands to wave, no cherry stones to whisper to, no Monster Slayers to call on. Dave and I have been working on this ordinance steadily for the last 2 1/2 years--reviewing and revising a shocking number of draft ordinances, meeting with city staff, meeting with developers, conferring with sundry other people and testifying (and rounding up other people to testify) before the Environmental Planning Commission, the Land Use Planning and Zoning Committee, and the City Council. And we were not alone in this effort. In addition to the people Dave mentioned in his message this morning, several other people who couldn't be there have been involved. Scott Geister deserves enormous thanks for the many hours he cheerfully and graciously devoted to running statistics of various kinds for us. Phil Leckman produced wonderful graphics from Scott's figures. We were able to take them to hearings to make our points visually--without a lot of verbiage that no one on the committees would understand. Robby Heckman testified and wrote letters repeatedly. He and Phil jumped into the cause with both feet almost as soon as they got to town. John Roney, Stephanie Ford, and Jim Railey also testified at previous hearings. Michelle Ensey and Jan Biella advised on several versions of the ordinance. A lot of people wrote letters in support of the ordinance and sent them to committees and councilors.

But there is more to the history than the last 2 1/2 years. You may be aghast to learn that the history goes back to 1985. I was chair of the ARPAC committee (Archeological Resources Planning Advisory Committee), which met religiously once a week from February through August 1985. This committee was initiated under Harry Kinney when he was mayor and was a joint city and county committee. The other archeologists on the committee were Jim Walker, Dave Stuart, and Mark Harlan, who also served as vice chair. There were also five other members. Everyone on the committee attended faithfully and worked like crazy to research and write specialized reports that we then used to produce a planning document that included, among other things, the rationale for a program that would include both public education and involvement and archeological site identification and treatment prior to disturbance. The ARPAC report was not an ordinance, but included the background and framework for a city/county ordinance. The report won the American Planning Association Award for 1985-1986 in a statewide competition and the County Commission allocated \$15,000 or \$20,000 toward hiring a city/county archeologist.

Everything looked rosy. We thought we were about to succeed in hiring an archeologist and getting an ordinance through, but since the gods are always watching, it didn't turn out like that. Because of a failure (that still makes me mad as hell when I think about it) on the part of a city intern assigned to the committee, typing of the final report was delayed. By the time it was released from the city typing pool, Harry Kinney had left office and Ken Schultz had become mayor. In spite of numerous efforts on our

part, the ARPAC initiative died, since the last thing Ken Schultz wanted to see was an archeological ordinance. Subsequently, there were other attempts. I have sat on numerous committees since ARPAC, some of which dragged on for years at a time, but none ever reached a final resolution. Dave Cushman was involved in one of these fruitless efforts, as well. As he can attest, no other mayors wanted to see an ordinance, either. Thus, Dave would probably agree with me that we'll be glad to tell other people how to get an ordinance through (and under what circumstances you might as well not bother), but we beg of you, we beseech you, we implore you--please don't make the mistake of thinking it's (to borrow a phrase) a "slam dunk. Thanks again to all those stalwarts who helped on this and let's raise a glass to all of those unwritten ordinances out there!

Other Notes from the ASNM Board Meeting

Roger Moore provided an update on paving of the road to Chaco. The county hired a company to do an Environmental Assessment and an archaeological survey; 23 sites have been found to date. The county has held one meeting for public comment; another is scheduled for October and there will be others as well.

The Annual Volume for 2008 is proceeding well. The call for nominations for the 2009 volume is below. In addition, new editors are needed for the next volume. If you are interested in serving as the editor or co-editor of future annual volumes, please contact ASNM President John Hayden at 505-281-0643. In special publications, the Casa Mera volume is proceeding and will probably come out next year. Watch future issues of La Jornada for the pre-publication sale. Also, coming soon to the ASNM website is an order form for past annual volumes.

The Rock Art Committee met recently to discuss recording issues and future leadership of the ASNM rock art school. One suggestion being considered is that the committee could function as a council (like the current Certification Council) composed of representatives from local societies that would function like an affiliated society with bylaws rather than operating under the traditional one-person leadership.

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The board approved providing \$475 dollars to assist with the carbon 14 dating of some unusual bone dice found with an isolated burial by Bradley Bowman on property owned by the Terranova family.

Glenna Dean reported that the New Mexico legislature passed a bill designating a burial ground for unmarked, unaffiliated remains (such as isolated skulls in museums labeled only "New Mexico" or remains found in the course of normal archaeological work for which no tribal affiliation can be established). The bill also makes some limited funds available for proper excavation of unaffiliated remains found in situ.

This year's New Mexico Archaeology Fair was held in Grants Oct. 12 and 13th, and was the largest ever with fifty booths.

The next board meeting will be held at 1:00 February 9th, 2008 at the Sandia Ranger Station at Tijeras Pueblo.

Other News

Cummings and Stoner Awards

The Arizona Archaeological and Historical Society awarded the Byron Cummings Award to Emory Sekaquaptewa and Polly Schaafsma. Sekaquaptewa was honored for his comprehensive dictionary of the Hopi language, analysis of Spanish Colonial accounts of Hopi life, and traditional Hopi songs. Schaafsma was recognized for her study of rock art, including development of method and theories of rock art analysis and definitions of styles. AAHS's Victor Stoner award went to Mary Estes for her tireless work as the Arizona parks cultural resource manager and site steward coordinator. Nominations for next year's awards should be sent to Patrick D. Lyons, Arizona State Museum, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721-0026.

Appeals Court Blocks Use of treated Effluent on San Francisco Peaks

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the operators of a Flagstaff-area ski resort cannot use recycled sewage to make snow. In a unanimous decision, the judges said there is no evidence that denying Snowbowl operators the ability to use sewage for artificial snow would force the facility to shut down. The ski resort is located on National Forest land. The judges said there is no "compelling governmental interest" in having artificial snow on the San Francisco Peaks. More to the point, the judges said the federal Religious Freedom Restoration Act requires government agencies to use the "least restrictive" means of interfering with any religious practice.

Principle Investigator Job Opportunity

Principal Investigator (Archaeologist) with extensive research and writing experience needed in El Paso office to direct compliance projects for both federal and commercial clients. Successful candidate will conduct work in southeastern New Mexico and west Texas. Prior archeological experience in the Southwest and a research interest in the dynamics of hunter/gatherer subsistence are preferred. Responsibilities will include the direction of archeological projects being conducted by the El Paso office. Linear right-of-way experience and prior experience with NEPA documentation is a plus. Demonstrated experience in directing the production of quality reports, managing multiple projects, and budgeting is essential. Individual must meet permitting requirements for work in multiple BLM districts. Previous experience with working with SHPOs of Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona is desired. Candidates must have an M.A. degree in Anthropology, 8 years of work experience and three-five years of experience as a Principal Investigator. Compensation package will be commensurate with experience. Presently accepting applications only from US Citizens and permanent residents. To apply, email resume to Steve Silva, Recruiter, at steve.silva@tx.rr.com.

Climate Change Listed as Threat by World Monuments Fund

For the first time, global climate change has joined political conflict and development pressures as an underlying threat to cultural heritage sites, as cataloged by the World Monuments Fund on its biennial list of the 100 most endangered places. Of the six U.S. sites that made the list: historic Route 66, the city of New Orleans, and the Tutuveni petroglyph site on Arizona's Hopi reservation are of particular archaeological interest. In addition, the National Trust for Historic Preservation has listed El Camino Real on this year's list of America's 11 most endangered places.

El Paso Museum of Archaeology

The El Paso Archaeological Society and the El Paso Museum of Archaeology have been mandated by the city to raise over \$27,000 this year to keep the museum open at its current location. Since EPAS is a 501(c)3 non-profit tax-exempt organization, we are currently accepting donations for the EPAS museum

fund to reach this goal. Please consider a contribution to save the museum. The El Paso Archaeological Society's address is PO box 4345, El Paso, TX 79914-4945.

Ancient Quids Yield DNA

Archaeologist Steven LeBlanc recently teamed up with cancer biologist Thomas Benjamin and other researchers to examine DNA from quids and aprons (the latter stained with menstrual blood) from Basketmaker sites in southern Utah and northern Arizona. 14% of the samples contained a molecular marker called haplogroup A that is rare in the Southwest but occurs in about half the population of Central America. The results support the hypothesis that some of the Western Basketmakers migrated from somewhere in central Mexico, bringing agriculture with them.

Upcoming Events

Rock Art Symposium

The 32nd Annual Rock Art Symposium will be held at the Otto Center at the San Diego Zoo on November 3rd. More information is at http://www.museumofman.org/html/events_rock_art_2007.html.

Water Symposium

A symposium titled "Liquid Assets: Using Water in the Arid Southwest" will focus on how Southwesterners obtained and used water in the past. It is sponsored by the School for Advanced Research and Friends of Archaeology. Presenters include experts in the fields of anthropology, climatology, geography, and law. The event will be held at the Armory for the Arts in Santa Fe on November 3rd from 9:00 to 4:30. More information can be found at <http://www.sarweb.org/home/whatsnew.php?event=35>.

Southwest Seminars

Southwest Seminars begins its lecture series *Father Earth, Mother Sky* October 22. Proceeds from this series will benefit the New Mexico Environmental Law Center. Lectures are held at the Hotel Santa Fe Monday evenings at 6:00. More information is at www.southwestseminars.org or calling 505-466-2775.

Affiliate Societies

For your information, the ASNM Newsletter carries this list of Archaeological Societies that are affiliates of the Archaeological Society of New Mexico. Corrections, updates, and e-mail contact addresses are appreciated along with news of local activities.

Members of local societies are encouraged to join ASNM.

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Las Cruces, NM 88004

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El Paso Archaeological Society

PO Box 4345

El Paso, TX 79914-4345

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Grant County Archaeological Society

PO Box 1713

Silver City, NM 88062

Midland Archaeological Society

PO Box 4224

Midland, TX 79704

President: Barth Robbins

www.midarcsoc.org

Plateau Sciences Society

PO Box 2433

Gallup, NM 87305

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San Juan Archaeological Society

PO Box 118

Flora Vista, NM 87415

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Santa Fe Archaeological Society

PO Box 31603

Santa Fe, NM 87594

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Taos Archaeological Society

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Taos, NM 87571

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Torrance County Archaeological Society

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We rely on members of affiliate societies to keep us up to date on officer and contact information. Please send updates to emily@aspencrmsolutions.com.

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