



1999 CTA SPRING MEETING
Friday, April 16th
8:15 am to 7:30 pm
The Commons, J.J. Pickle Research Campus
10100 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas

MEETING AGENDA

- Registration:* 8:15 to 9:00 am
Call to Order: 9:00 am
Approval of Minutes from Fall 1998 Meeting
 (as published in January 1999 *CTA Newsletter* 23(1):14-18.
Welcome New Members
Announcements
Officer Reports
- President
 - Past President
 - Secretary-Treasurer
 - Newsletter Editor
- Standing Committee Reports*
- Governmental Affairs
 - Ethics and Standards
 - Contractors List
 - Public Education
 - Multicultural Relations
 - CTA Web Page
 - Membership
- Special Committee Reports*
- Accreditation and Review Council
 - Archeological Survey Standards
- Unfinished Business*
- Antiquities Advisory Board update on proposed changes

New Business

- Election of President-Elect
- Proposed Budgets for Remainder of 1999
- Vote on Proposed Bylaws Amendments
 - 1) Length of ARC Terms (as printed in January 1999 *CTA Newsletter* 23(1):11-12
 - 2) Statement of Purpose (as printed in January 1999 *CTA Newsletter* 23(1):12
 - 3) CTA Contractors List (this *Newsletter*; see pp. 5-6)

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- THC Announcements (Jim Bruseth)
 - 1) 1999 TAAM Planning
 - 2) Regional THC Archeologists
 - 3) AAB Action Regarding Outstanding Permits

Adjourn (by 11:15 am)

*Symposium: Hooking the Public on Archeology**
11:15 am to 5:30 pm

*Social**

5:30 pm to 7:30 pm
(cash bar, snacks provided)

* *Please note* the symposium and social are open to everyone. We especially would like to encourage archeology students who are not CTA members to attend.



Presidents' Forum

Douglas K. Boyd

Looking to the future of archeology in Texas and across the country, two things are rather exciting on the public front. The hugely successful Archeology Fair hosted by the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin last year has shown us the benefits of face-to-face interaction with normal people (i.e., nonarcheologists). Untold hours of effort by many individuals go into putting on such an extravaganza, but the overwhelming consensus is that an archeology fair is well worth the effort.

The Texas Historical Commission is pushing this concept now in a big way in preparation for Texas Archeology Awareness Month in 1999. Several large archeology fairs are in the planning stages and they will need lots of volunteers. Below are listed locations, dates, and contacts for archeology fairs being planned. If you live close to any of these places and haven't done so already, please volunteer to help. The more people who help, the more successful these fairs will be!

← Texas Archeology Research Laboratory
The University of Texas at Austin
Austin, Texas
October 9, 1999
Contact: Steve Black (512-471-5998)
or Gail Bailey (512-471-5135)

← Brazos Valley Museum and the
Center for Ecological Archeology
Texas A&M University

College Station, Texas
October 9, 1999
Contact: Alston Thoms (409-845-4044)
or Robyn Lyle (409-862-8545)

← Center for Archeological Research
University of Texas at San Antonio
San Antonio, Texas
October 16, 1999
Contact: Britt Bousman (210-691-4378)
or Steve Tomka (210-458-4462)

On the national (and international) level, two issues of a new magazine called *Discovering Archaeology* have hit the stands. I was so impressed when I saw the premier issue that I e-mailed Jeff Leach (Publisher and Editor-in-Chief) a congratulatory note on launching this ambitious effort. I got a subscription for myself and one for my parents, both nonarcheologists with a strong interest in archeology and history. I was equally impressed when my second issue arrived. More importantly, however, my folks are very impressed with the magazine and are thrilled to have a subscription. The articles cover the globe and touch on the full range of diverse disciplines that deal with archeology. More so than any popular archeology magazine that I have ever seen, *Discovering Archaeology* presents the truest picture of archeological endeavors in a beautifully written style that is right on target for the general public. It is definitely sending the right message! I wish Jeff and the magazine the best of luck and hope that it will



be a tremendous success. I urge you to check out this magazine for yourself and help promote it if you find it as interesting and entertaining as I do.

On a similar vein, the Texas Archeological Society is seeking to expand its public outreach efforts, and if it raises enough funds, to launch a popular magazine on Texas archeology. If this effort gets off the ground, it too will need the support of the professional archeological community.

I wish to thank everyone who took the time to fill out the public outreach questionnaire that was e-mailed to CTA members. We received a good response and information on many different public outreach efforts by various groups and individuals. The Public Education committee will compile and format these into some type of handout that will be available at the symposium, "Hooking the Public on Archeology" (see p. 7 for agenda). I hope you are planning to attend the Spring Meeting and symposium on April 16th and that you will persuade some other archeologists or students who are not yet members of CTA to attend as well.



Committee News

Multicultural Relations Committee (MRC) Report

*Alston Thoms and
Dorothy Lippert, Co-Chairs*

Final revisions have been made to several papers presented by CTA members at the Common Ground Conference held last October and co-sponsored by the Texas Indian Bar Association (TIBA), CTA (through MRC), and other groups. Formal versions of papers by Dan Potter and Helen Simons, Timothy Perttula, Patricia Clabaugh, and Alston Thoms, as well as papers by TIBA representatives, will appear in a forthcoming issue of the law journal *Texas Forum on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights*. TIBA representatives have proposed a new round of revisions to existing law that would provide protection to all unmarked burials in the state.

Judge Steve Russell informs us that the proposed revisions to the existing Penal Code are: (1) a requirement to report the existence and location of previously unknown or unreported human remains to a law enforcement agency, the violation of which is a Class A misdemeanor; (2) a change in the theft statute to specifically include items taken from a human corpse or grave; and (3) a change in the Abuse of a Corpse statute to insure that "human corpse" includes all remains known to be of human origin without regard to age or state of preservation, with the penalty for trafficking in human remains or moving remains across state increased from a Class A misdemeanor to a State Jail Felony. As planned, state legislators will receive a copy of the forthcoming issue of *Texas Forum on Civil Liberties and Civil Rights* with the intent that it will provide useful background information and help convince them of the need to revise the Penal Code to afford protection for Texas' unmarked burial places.

As noted in the previous newsletter, plans are also underway for several archeology fairs around the state during Archeology Awareness Month in October. In early April, the MRC will meet and discuss how to best encourage and assist fair planners to incorporate cultural diversity into their events and to involve living descendants of the people whose activities account for Texas' fragile archeological record. We will present our ideas at the Spring CTA meeting.



Update on Accreditation and Review Council Activities

Eileen Johnson, Chair

This past year has been a busy and exciting one for the Accreditation and Review Council (ARC). ARC has met three times (October and December 1998, and February 1999) and plans to meet this April to consider a number of issues ranging from implementation of the program to policies and procedures that facilitate internal operations of the Council. Fine-tuning of documents still absorbs a great deal of Council time and effort. Several of these documents are now

Accreditation and Review Council News

Patricia A. Clabaugh

The Accreditation and Review Council (ARC) and the Texas Tech University (TTU) Museum support team met at the Museum of Texas Tech University on February 18 for a working session. This meeting was scheduled one day before the ARC Field Reviewer Training Session, also held at the Museum on February 19-20. Attending the work session were Eileen Johnson (Chair), Carolyn Spock (Secretary-Treasurer), Patricia Clabaugh, Karen Gardner, Susan Baxevanis, and Valerie Butler. Discussions focused on finalizing the ARC mission statement, strategies for handling the application process, final web page revisions, provisional status, and long-term planning.

The Field Reviewer Training Session was very productive for both the Council and the participants. About a dozen potential field reviewers were in attendance representing a wide range of professional backgrounds. Some of the participants were CTA members who had been to previous training sessions, as well as state-agency representatives, students, and museum professionals. The first day of training focused on the history and background of ARC, basic museum concepts, standards for accreditation, the steps involved in the accreditation process, documents review, records keeping, and

appropriate archival materials and equipment. On the second day, the morning session was spent conducting a trial field review using the anthropology division of the Museum as our test case. In the afternoon, discussions centered around the trial field review and the floor was open for questions and general feedback. A brief summary of the training session concluded the workshop. Each field reviewer will be receiving an official ARC Field Reviewer certificate.

The Council wishes to thank the staff at the Museum of Texas Tech for hosting this event. Not only were the facilities exceptional, the continental breakfasts and lunches were quite generous. Council members would also like to thank Charles Locke for videotaping the entire trial field-review process. This tape will be used for future training workshops. And finally, ARC would like to thank all the participants for taking time out of their busy schedules to attend this training session. The overall success of this accreditation program will depend upon committed individuals such as these.

Feel free to visit our new ARC web page, linked to the CTA web site. Any questions or additional information can be directed to any member of the council. Requests to be put on the ARC mailing list can be forwarded to Ms. Susan Baxevanis at (806) 742-2479 or you can e-mail her at <mxseb@TTACS.TTU.EDU>.

available on the web, thanks to the efforts of ARC member Patricia Clabaugh.

Perhaps the most important of these documents is ARC's mission statement, with its declared purpose and position in the professional community. To paraphrase, ARC's purpose is to improve and bring up to current standards the care and management of archeological collections in Texas. ARC is a resource and educational outlet and its accreditation program is a service for the professions that care for and preserve archeological collections. ARC is in partnership with the

repositories and museums to safeguard the heritage of the state. As a reflection of that partnership, ARC has provided the Texas Historical Commission (THC) with a copy of the Self-Evaluation form to mail to pre-applicant institutions. THC will use the responses to provide an assessment of the current state of collections care, what it will take to bring the institutions up to credible standards, and strategies needed to accomplish the upgrades.

With the CTA membership's vote at the 1998 Fall Meeting to implement the accreditation program and the inaugural field reviewer training

session this past February, ARC is “open for business” and ready to move forward. Field reviewers play a key role in the accreditation program and act as the eyes and ears of the Council during a field review. ARC is anticipating two field-reviewer training sessions a year in different parts of the state (for 1999, in Lubbock and College Station). To update and enhance education, field reviewers will attend an annual review session and a refresher training session every three years. Field reviewers receive a 3-year certificate that enables them to be on ARC’s active, on-call list. A dated certificate for accredited institutions is being developed that indicates the 10-year period of accreditation.

ARC has a field reviewer manual that is being expanded to include policy that will provide a better perspective on the role and responsibility of field reviewers. ARC is developing policy for council members and field reviewers regarding ethical conduct, areas of responsibility or duties, and qualifications. Policy affecting council members will be part of a council member manual that also includes procedures for business meetings and deliberations of accreditation status. Underscored in both manuals is the commitment that is being made to be an active participant in the accreditation process, whether as a council member or a field reviewer. Both roles involve time away from home and positions, conviction of purpose, and some expense.

Something new for ARC in 1999 is to have its own column in the *CTA Newsletter* (see p. 4). The purpose of the column is to keep the membership informed of ARC activities, explore issues as they arise, and provide resource information. One other change for ARC is the request for an amendment to the CTA Bylaws (see following article). A change in length of term for council members from 3 to 5 years is needed to provide continuity and facilitate ARC operations. The number of applicant institutions is expected to increase in future years; it takes time to learn the role and responsibilities of a council member, assess accreditation documents, and be able to train field reviewers. Having a 5-year term would allow the Council to reap the benefits of experience and longevity.

This year, ARC has been aided by Susan Baxevanis (Collections Manager – Anthropology, Museum of Texas Tech University) and Valerie Butler (Museum Science graduate student, Museum of Texas Tech University). In addition to collections care, Susan is interested in the laws and ethics concerning cultural properties and collections and has published on the subject as well as on archaeological research. Valerie is using her experience to develop her master’s thesis on state-based accreditation and its role in the preservation of national heritage.

Look for more information on the next field-reviewer training session in future issues of the *CTA Newsletter*.



Other CTA Business

CTA Bylaws Amendments

The membership will be asked to vote upon three CTA Bylaws amendments at the Spring 1999 meeting. The first two items listed below were more fully described in the *CTA Newsletter* 23(1):11-12. The third item listed below is being formally put before the membership for the first time, although it was discussed at the 1998 Fall Meeting. Please consider each issue below and be prepared to vote.

(1) Bylaws Article VIII, Section 2, ARC Members, Qualifications, Term, and Vacancies: Lengthen ARC membership terms to five years rather than having staggered terms of three years.

(2) Bylaws Article VII, Section 6, Multi-cultural Relations Committee: Change MRC’s objectives statement to be consistent with CTA’s Statement of Purpose, specifically including the wording “... an all ethnic groups whose cultures we study,”.

(3) Bylaws Article VII, Section 4, Contractors List Committee: Add the following underlined phrases:



“The Contractors List Committee shall . . . The CRD can appear only once in the Contractors List. Each contractor must pay the listing fee in addition to the individual membership dues for the CRD by the specified deadline. There are no half-year or other prorated rates for those who miss the payment deadline. Contractors will be listed on the CTA web page as soon as possible, after they have paid both their dues and fees and provided all necessary information to the Committee. CTA members shall be responsible for meeting deadlines for inclusion to the CTA Contractors List and timely notification to this Committee of address changes.”



Announcements

Contractors List Committee Announcement

Ann Scott and Audra Pineda

This is a pre-meeting reminder that Contractors need to have membership dues and listing fees paid and any changes to their current listing description given to the Contractors List Committee before May 1st, 1999. The Contractors List will be sent out by May 16, 1999. If you have any questions, please contact either Audra Pineda or Ann Scott at 459-3349 or <staff@paiarch.com>.



Common Ground Videotapes Available

CTA received a set of four videotapes that document the entire ca. 8-hour-long “Common Ground” conference held this past October (see *CTA Newsletter*, January 1999, Vol. 23, No. 1, pp. 5-8). Copies of these videotapes were given to the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory and the Texas Historical Commission. CTA was also given a set, and they are available if anyone wants to borrow them. Contact Doug Boyd by email: <staff@paiarch.com>.

PROJECT ARCHEOLOGY

Archeologists in the Classroom: Lessons that Work

Saturday, May 22, 1999

9:00 am to 4:00 pm (includes lunch)

Commons Building, J.J. Pickle Research
Campus, 10100 Burnet Road, Austin, Texas
Fee: \$50 (payable to CTA)

Presenters: Dr. Mary Black, UT-Education,
and Pam Wheat, Houston Museum of
Natural Science

9:00 am – Introduction and Objectives

9:30 am – Discover Texas Archeology (slides
for loan - TAS pkg.)

10:00 am – Vocabulary and concepts for
students in grades 4–8

10:30 am – Stratigraphy and Context

Lunch

1:00 pm – It’s in the Garbage and
Classification

2:15 pm – Resources: examples

2:45 pm – Ethics: dilemmas for students;
issues to relate

4:00 pm –Adjourn

Discover

Discovering Archaeology

If you haven’t seen a copy yet, you should definitely check out the new magazine *Discovering Archaeology*. Two issues of this slick and glossy magazine have appeared so far. It is aimed at the general public with well-written and informative articles. It’s a real bargain for only \$19.95 for a one-year subscription (six issues). You can also explore their website at <www.discoveringarchaeology.com>.





Hooking the Public on Archeology

**Council
of Texas
Archeologists**

Spring Meeting
Friday, April 16, 1999
9:00 am–7:30 pm
Pickle Research Campus
(at the Commons)

9:00 am–11:15 am CTA Business Meeting
11:15 am–11:45 am **Why We Need Public Education in Archeology**
11:45 am–1:00 pm Lunch

CTA Symposium: Hooking the Public on Archeology

1:00 pm–1:30 pm **How We Learn: The Psychology of Learning**

Following this introduction in the auditorium, participants will break into small groups in nearby rooms where three sessions will cover topics led by experts in their field. Each presentation will be repeated three times to give everyone a chance to participate in a setting where informal discussion is promoted. The breakout sessions are as follows:

PR Power—Public relations professionals from TxDOT and the Marketing/Communications Division of THC are joined by a newspaper reporter to instruct us in the best ways to prepare press releases.

Seeing Archeology in Action—Using two projects as concrete examples, discussants show how a public dig can be run and how to provide tours of your site that will get the general public excited about archeology.

Teaching the Message: Stewardship—How do you teach third graders about the goals and day-to-day work of archeology as opposed to a class of eighth graders? Discussants will share the tips you'll need to direct your message effectively to different target audiences.

1:30 pm–2:30 pm	Session I
2:45 pm–3:45 pm	Session II
4:00 pm–5:00 pm	Session III
5:15 pm–5:30 pm	Finale and Door Prizes (you must be present to win!)
5:30 pm–7:30 pm	Social Hour (Cash bar and appetizers in the Commons Foyer)

Product Displays!

Door Prizes!

Videos!

Party!!

CTA Newsletter
Robyn P. Lyle, Editor
c/o Center for Ecological Archaeology
Texas A&M University
210 Anthropology Bldg.
College Station, TX 77843-4352

TO:

Council of Texas Archeologists
Membership and
Renewal Form

Return to:
Karen Gardner, CTA Secretary-Treasurer
c/o Prewitt & Associates, Inc.
7701 N. Lamar, Suite 104
Austin, TX 78752-1012

- Address correction only (see below).**
- I wish to join or renew my membership in CTA.**
(membership is based on the calendar year Jan-Dec)
 - Contractors List \$ 100.00
 - Professional (annual income more than \$20,000 per year) 25.00
 - Professional (annual income less than \$20,000 per year) 15.00
 - Student (annual income more than \$20,000 per year) 25.00
 - Student (annual income less than \$20,000 per year) 15.00
 - Institution/Library (receive *CTA Newsletter* only, no voting privileges) 25.00
 - I would like to purchase a copy of the *CTA Guidelines* 7.50

Total amount remitted to CTA \$ _____

Name (please print): _____
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