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## **DON'T MISS THE CTA SPRING 2000 MEETING**

The CTA Spring 2000 Meeting is scheduled April 21, 2000 (which also happens to be San Jacinto day and Good Friday) at Camp Mabry in Austin. More details will be forthcoming in the next newsletter (in early April), but you should mark your calendars now.

Camp Mabry has a very nice facility and is letting us use it at no cost. Camp Mabry archeologists Shellie Sullo-Prewitt and Alan Wormser have reserved the facility and are making the local arrangements. The plan is to have the usual business meeting in the morning, followed by a leisurely afternoon symposium entitled: "Analysis of Native American Ceramics: Current Status and Future Directions." A committee is working on the plans now (see symposium details below).

Perhaps the best thing about the Camp Mabry facility is the picnic area in a secluded spot along a beautiful spring-fed creek! CTA will provide hot dogs, burgers, soft drinks, and a keg for an after-meeting social. GeoMarine Inc. and Paul Price Associates sponsored last year's Spring meeting happy hour, and CTA will gladly accept donations from other corporate sponsors to help out with this year's social!

For the Spring 2000 meeting, come early and stay late (but you don't have to "wear orange" and "be loud" just because UT Coach Mack Brown says so)!!!

### **Spring 2000 Symposium**

#### ***Analysis of Native American Ceramics: Current Status and Future Directions***

Following the CTA business meeting, the afternoon symposium will focus on Native American ceramics in four major areas of Texas – east, central, west, and south/coastal. The first half of the afternoon will consist of a formal program. The current status of ceramic studies for each region will be summarized, and research problems relating to ceramic technology, production, and

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use will be identified. Using real-world examples, various analytical techniques useful for addressing regional research questions will be discussed.

The second half of the afternoon will be devoted to a poster session and exhibits. Weather permitting, the exhibits and posters will be set up outside in the picnic area where the social will be held (in the event of inclement weather, we will have everything inside). Everyone is invited to participate by: (1) preparing a poster on any ceramic study that is newsworthy; and (2) bringing an exhibit of ceramics from your area, a particular study, or a particular site. Folding tables will be provided, but all posters should be self-standing (either on the ground or on tables). Ceramic displays may be laid out on tables, but if you have any ceramics that you prefer not to be handled, please enclose them in protective cases. For ceramic displays, please provide labels identifying the ware, type, or style, and an explanation of its significance.

Posters should be geared toward providing information about various types of ceramic studies undertaken across the state. For example, a poster might summarize a particular ceramic assemblage, the research question being addressed, the nature of the analysis, and the results. If possible, bring an exhibit of a particular ceramic ware/type(s) to show in conjunction with your poster.

Exhibits will include displays of representative ceramics from the four major areas, along with some displays on experimental ceramic replication. Again, everyone is invited to bring pottery to display, so if you have anything in mind, please let us know (email information to [dboyd@paiarch.com](mailto:dboyd@paiarch.com) and I'll contact the planning committee).

CTA is often criticized because it doesn't offer much to archeology students. The ceramic program, symposium, poster session, exhibits, and following social offer a chance to:

- see a large variety of ceramics from across the state in one place;
- talk to regional ceramic experts about their projects;

- get up-to-date on the latest ceramic analysis techniques and research issues;
- see (in)famous professional archeologists argue about important theoretical issues; and
- watch as important theoretical discussions devolve into meaningless babble.

### ***CTA MEMBERS!***

PLEASE INVITE STUDENTS TO ATTEND  
THE SPRING CTA MEETING, CERAMIC  
SYMPOSIUM, AND SOCIAL!!!  
APRIL 21, 2000!!



## ***Presidents' Forum***

*Douglas K. Boyd*

On April 21, 2000, I'll turn the CTA reins over to David O. Brown, ending my two years as president. I have two goals for the immediate future. One is to work with the Membership Committee to get the CTA scholarship/grant fund going. In order to accomplish this, we need to complete the paperwork to set it up as a separate fund (so that contributions are tax deductible), increase the membership donation rate to over 50 percent of the membership (although I'd like to see it at 100 percent!), and seek outside funds to build the endowment (see Membership Committee report by Karl Kibler).

My second goal is to continue working with the Public Education Committee in support of their project to get archeology-related articles written by professional archeologists and published in teaching journals that are distributed to science and social studies teachers. There will be more details on this program in the next letter and by the Spring meeting.

Increasing CTA's student member benefits and public outreach are of considerable interest to me. With only four months remaining in my term, I know that much will remain to be done when I leave office. However, I will remain committed to these projects during my year-long tenure as immediate past president and longer if necessary!

The last AAB meeting was held October 8, 1999, and I reported on it at our Fall meeting in Fort Worth. The next AAB meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2000, in Dallas. At the fall meeting last October, CTA voted to have the president remain as our representative to the Antiquities Advisory Board. If for some reason the president cannot attend a meeting, a non-voting alternate may be appointed to attend on behalf of CTA. Under its new structure (see *CTA Newsletter* 23(3):18-19), CTA will continue to be well represented on this advisory board.



## Article and Update

### Mission San Juan Reburial Ceremony

*Alston V. Thoms*

*Co-Chair, Multicultural Relations Committee*

As reported in the previous issue of the *CTA Newsletter* (Vol. 23, No. 3, September 1999), the Catholic Church – San Antonio Archdiocese – had planned for several years to rebury remains of more than 100 Native Americans and other individuals who had been excavated from beneath two church floors at San Antonio’s Mission San Juan Capistrano in 1967 and 1968. Reinterment took place at the mission on Saturday, November 27, 1999. Religious ceremonies attended by more than 100 people were held outdoors in the mission compound. Most of those in attendance were San Juan parish members, many of whom trace their ancestry to the Coahuiltecan people who once lived at the mission. A few dozen interested citizens, along with visitors to this National Historic Park site and news media representatives, also attended the ceremonies.

Throughout the evening, night, and early morning preceding the reburial ceremonies, Native American Church services were held in two canvas tepees pitched in the compound. Catholic ceremonies – a burial mass and procession to the grave site – began mid-morning. Mass was per-



*A group of San Juan parishioners at mass, including several individuals who trace their ancestry to mission Indians.*

formed by Archbishop Patrick Flores of the San Antonio Archdiocese. He was assisted by other priests, including Father Balthasar Janecek, a well-known advocate for cooperative relationships with San Antonio mission parishioners who trace their ancestry to Indian groups, most notably Coahuitecos.

Reburial per se was carried out by members of the American Indians in Texas at Spanish Colonial Missions (AIT-SCM) and presided over by Mr. Raymond Hernandez, the group’s spiritual leader. A Native American ceremony that included prayers, blessings, and a dance accompanied the reinterment. Skeletal remains of the individuals were bundled in red cloth tied with yellow ribbons. Reburial was in two mass grave pits dug into the previously excavated floor area of the same church (now in ruins) where many of the individuals were originally interred.

The Sunday issue of the *San Antonio Express-News* (November 28, 1999) covered the event with a photograph showing Indians, priests, parishioners, bystanders, tepees, and the still-functioning church. It was entitled “Laid to Rest Again,” and the caption read:

Archbishop Patrick Flores gives communion to members of the Coahuiltecan Nation during reburial ceremonies at Mission San Juan Capistrano. The remains of more than 100 American Indians and



*View of the San Juan Mission compound, showing the church and tepees for Native American Church services.*

Mexican-Americans that were removed from the site in 1967 and 1968 were reburied there Saturday. The reburial service included Indian and Catholic ceremonies.

Funerary objects were not interred with the human remains. Reburial of the objects known to have been placed with the bodies when they were originally buried will take place sometime in 2000 following completion of further studies by the Center for Archaeological Research at The University of Texas at San Antonio.

Almost three hundred dollars were donated by several CTA members last fall to assist in the reburial effort at Mission San Juan. A private bank account was established in College Station for these funds. Following the reburial ceremony, Mr. Ramon Juan Vasquez, Jr., President of AIT-SCM, accepted a \$200 donation and extended his thanks and deep appreciation to anonymous CTA members for their contributions. All remaining funds in the account – ca. \$100.00 – will be donated later this year to AIT-SCM to help offset the costs of reinterring the funerary objects later this year.

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## **Announcements**

### **Nominating Committee**

Chair Aina Dodge and other members of the CTA Nominating Committee are actively working on nominations for officers for 2000 to 2002. Elections at the Spring Meeting will be for Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor. If you are interested in one of these positions, or if you know anyone who might be, please let Aina know. She can be reached at (512) 389-4876.

### **POSITION AVAILABLE**

*Associate Director*  
**Center for Archaeological Research**  
**The University of Texas at San Antonio**

The University of Texas at San Antonio invites applications for an Associate Director of the Center for Archaeological Research to begin as soon as possible. M.A. in anthropological archaeology required, ABD or PHD preferred. Required

### **!! Dues Reminder !!**

A reminder to all members! It's now 2000 and time to pay your dues for the year. CTA made the change in 1999 to function on a calendar-year basis, rather than from spring meeting to spring meeting. Membership in CTA runs from January 1 through December 31 of each year, with the same applying to the Contractors List. Please take the time to send your dues and/or Contractors List fees now rather than waiting until the spring meeting. As a reminder for those listed on the Contractors List: both the Cultural Resources Director's membership AND the Contractors List fee must be current in order to be listed on the Contractors List.

*Thank you!!*

qualifications include five years experience in cultural resource management, field research, proposal preparation and publication and experience in supervision of archaeological projects with demonstrated leadership, management, and writing skills. Experience in south or central Texas prehistoric and/or historic archaeology preferred. Responsibilities will include preparing proposals and budgets, supervising all aspects of projects, and interacting with university offices, sponsoring and regulatory agencies.

Applicants should submit vita, statement of relevant experience, and references to:

Robert J. Hard, c/o Human Resources,  
The University of Texas at San Antonio  
6900 N. Loop 1604 West  
San Antonio, Texas 78249-0610

This position will be held open until filled.

UTSA is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.



## **Other CTA Business**

### **Proposed Bylaws Amendment**

In order to clarify responsibilities of the CTA President with regard to the newly restructured Antiquities Advisory Board and Texas Historical Commission's Archeology Committee, the following CTA Bylaws amendment is proposed:

Delete Article V, Section 1, paragraph i, and replace it with the following two sections:

- i. Serve as or appoint a representative to the Antiquities Advisory Board to the Texas Historical Commission.
- j. Represent CTA by attending the Texas Historical Commission's Archeology

Committee meetings in conjunction with the Commission's quarterly meetings.

This proposed Bylaws amendment will be voted upon at the CTA Spring 2000 meeting.

### **Membership Renewal Letter and Survey Standards Questionnaire**

The annual membership renewal notices were mailed to all CTA members the third week of January 2000. This mailing included a letter requesting your evaluation of the statewide survey standards adopted by the Texas Historical Commission in the spring of 1998. The CTA Survey Standards Committee wants to hear your opinion on how well the survey standards are working.

Please take the time to send in your membership renewal and respond to the Survey Standards Committee's request for input. Thanks!

### **CTA Committee Memberships 1998-1999**

Periodically, the Executive Board should take stock of committees and see where everything stands. Hence, below is the current list of committees and committee members. Please check this list closely. If you are serving on a committee but your name doesn't appear here, please let us know. We also need to know if you are listed but don't think you should be. Committee chairs should also look over the list and make sure it's correct. Please email any corrections, additions, or comments to Doug Boyd at [dboyd@paiarch.com](mailto:dboyd@paiarch.com).

#### **Standing Committees:**

##### ***Archeological Survey Standards***

(newly appointed for 2000):

Marianne Marek, chair  
Robert d'Aigle  
Tim Meade  
Steve Ahr

***Auditing***

(3 appointed, need 2 more!):  
Melissa Voellinger, chair

***Contractors List***

(1-3, appointed):  
Audra Pineda, co-chair  
Ann Scott, co-chair

***Ethics and Standards***

(6 elected, staggered 2-year terms;  
no members from same organization):  
Jerry Henderson (until Spring 2000)  
Phil Dering (until Spring 2000)  
4 positions vacant; we need to review this committee at the Spring meeting.

***Governmental Affairs***

(6 appointed, 2-year terms):  
Dan Potter, chair (until Spring 2000)  
Steve Black (until Spring 2000)  
Bo Nelson (until Spring 2001)  
Tom Dureka (until Spring 2001)  
Jon Loshe (until Spring 2002)  
1 vacant position

***Membership***

Karl Kibler, chair  
Robyn Lyle  
Kurt Harrell  
Patrick McLaughlin  
Andrea Stahman  
Allen Bettis, Jr.  
Brett Cruse

***Multicultural Relations***

(6+ appointed):  
Alston Thoms, co-chair  
Dorothy Lippert, co-chair  
Margaret Howard  
Tim Perttula  
Paul Maslyk  
Jane Van Praag  
Jack Keller  
Bob Skiles  
Chris Lintz  
Ann Scott  
David Carmichael

***Nominating***

(chair appointed, 4 elected at fall meeting):  
Aina Dodge  
Duane Peter  
Mark Denton  
Alston Thoms  
Darrell Creel

***Public Education***

(6+ appointed):  
Pam Wheat, chair  
Nancy Kenmotsu  
Karen Harry  
Doug Boyd  
Dana Anthony  
David Brown  
Alan Skinner  
Cheryl Huckerby  
Molly Godwin  
Linda Ellis  
Duane Peter  
Bill Martin

***Web Page***

Sue Linder-Lindsey, chair  
David Brown  
Dan Julien  
Steve Black  
Bob Skiles

***Accreditation and Review Council***

(5 elected, staggered 3-year term;  
no more than 2 from same organization):  
Pat Clabaugh, chair  
Eileen Johnson, past chair  
Carolyn Spock, secretary-treasurer  
Laura Nightengale  
Karen Gardner  
Susan Baxevanis

## Committee Reports

### Contractors List Committee Report

*Audra L. Pineda and Ann M. Scott*

The fall 1999 issue of the Contractors List was mailed in the early part of December 1999, a couple of weeks late due to our hectic personal and work schedules. We apologize for any inconvenience this delay may have caused to our Contractors or the Texas Historical Commission.

The committee had been discussing improvements to the Contractors List for sometime. It was brought to our attention that the council had recommended improving the list at the fall CTA business meeting. Upon discussing this with members of the Executive Committee, it was decided that the committee's budget could support the increase in production costs.

Printing costs increased \$1.04 per booklet. First, in order to meet demand, the number of printed copies was increased from the standard 150 copies to 250 copies. Second, changes to the layout design, which increased the actual size of the booklet, along with the new "saddle" binding also increased printing costs. We believe the changes are a definite improvement and give the Contractors List a more professional look, thereby potentially attracting more Contractors. Any comments or suggestions from the council regarding the new look of the Contractors List would be greatly appreciated.

Our upcoming goals are to seek lower production costs for the spring 2000 printing, as well as to discuss additional improvements with coordinators of the on-line Contractors List. In this way, we hope to avoid any problems between the on-line and printed versions of the list. Although it was necessary to increase the quantity of booklets printed, the CTA Web page still is and should continue to be recommended initially as a place to consult the Contractors List. Anyone interested in receiving a copy of the printed Contractors List should contact the Texas Historical Commission.

### Public Education Committee

*Pam Wheat*

The Public Education Committee met in October to consider what focus to pursue for 2000. Discussion centered around the need to get research information in the hands of teachers. Guidelines for authors were distributed to Committee members so that they could write short pieces for teacher journals. Sending short articles on field work for publication on the CTA web site was also suggested. Links from educator web sites to the CTA web site could also help the information flow. Since educators have opportunities to relate the story of archeology and stewardship to a large audience, this is an important group to target with information.

### Membership Committee Report

*Karl W. Kibler, Chairman*

The membership committee continues to develop and grow the CTA Student Scholarship/Grant Fund. We continue to work with CTA officers to establish a separate tax-exempt, charitable-status fund for the money raised so far. Another substantial amount of money was raised at the TAS meeting in Fort Worth last year. Special thanks go to Linda Wootan Ellis and Pam Headrick of Antigua Designs (LLC) for donating proceeds from the sale of their excellent merchandise. Thanks also go to CTA President Doug Boyd for coordinating this effort, and to those CTA members who helped sell merchandise at the Fort Worth meeting. To date we have raised \$3,467.00, with ca. 20 percent of the CTA membership contributing. I encourage all members, including companies on the CTA Contractors' List, to contribute. Let's see if we can surpass 50 percent of the membership contributing to the fund by the spring meeting.

In keeping with the committee's goal of attracting more student members, the committee will soon be completing the student members' page on careers in CRM archeology for the CTA web page. Hopefully, we will be able to add this

page to the web site by the spring meeting. For those who are not familiar with this project, members of the committee have put together a page for the CTA web site where interested students can obtain information and advice on careers in CRM archeology (basically the Why's, What's, and How's). We believe that the development of the student members' web page is a small but vital role for CTA to play in the education and development of the skills and abilities of our future employees, coworkers, and colleagues, since many Anthropology/Archeology programs today are still training students for academic positions rather than readying them for careers in CRM where the prospects of employment are much greater.

List of CTA members and contractors that have contributed to data to the CTA Student Scholarship/Grant Fund:

Jim Abbott	Nancy Kenmotsu
Dana Anthony	Karl Kibler
Ed Baker	Sue Linder-Linsley
Cynthia Banks	Chris Lintz
Art Black	Jon Lohse
Steve Black	Bill Martin
Doug Boyd	Paul Maslyk
David Brown	Todd McMakin
Pat Clabaugh	Logan McNatt
Robert d'Aigle	Pat Mercado-Allinger
Mike Davis	Tim Perttula
Aina Dodge	Nancy Porter
Rachel Feit	Prewitt and Associates
Ross Fields	Mark Slaughter
Karen Gardner	Andrea Stahman
Margaret Howard	Alston Thoms

Sincere thanks to the people and organizations listed above. If anyone has contributed to the fund but is not listed, please contact Karl Kibler at <staff@paiarch.com>.

### **CTA Web Page Committee**

*Sue Linder-Linsley*

The CTA web site committee has arranged for a new domain name. Committee member Dan

Julian registered the domain name <<http://www.cta-tx-arch.org>> for CTA. With its new address, it will be much easier to tell people how to find CTA!

The "CTA Members" web page is still missing information from quite a few members. If you want to be included, you must put your request in writing. Send an e-mail message to: <[slinder@mail.smu.edu](mailto:slinder@mail.smu.edu)> with the subject line: CTA member information. The body of the message should include only the information you want included on the web. If you do not want your phone number on the web, do not include it, etc. The member page is located at <[http://www.thc.state.tx.us/cta\\_web/cta\\_membership/CTAmembers.html](http://www.thc.state.tx.us/cta_web/cta_membership/CTAmembers.html)>. If you are already on the page, please check to see if your information is up to date.

We are going to work with the THC to get information about Texas Archaeology on the web for public use. All CTA Contractors and individual members are encouraged to be on the lookout for projects that can be highlighted on the web. Any current or past project that you or your firm/institution has undertaken has the potential to enhance public awareness of Texas archaeology. CTA will provide a central point of reference for public archaeology web resources. Actual web pages may be on your server or on the CTA server. We will even create the web pages for you.

The web committee would like all CTA Contractors to provide 2–3 photos with captions and few paragraphs highlighting their importance to Texas archaeology, general science, math, or environmental issues. Even a small survey project can be used to present concepts about mapping technologies, math, soils, and the environment. You do not have to have the oldest or the most elaborate project. Teachers and the public need factual information from a reliable source. As you are planning a new project, think about collecting information for a web page. Digital video, sound, and graphics need to be budgeted and planned for at the beginning of a project, but the overall cost is very low considering the advertising and public awareness that result. If only half of the firms listed on the CTA contractors list create a new

“public education” web page every two years, we will have great resource for Texas archaeology.

The web committee will be working on recommendations and guidelines for creating public education web pages, but if you have something on your web site now, send the URL and we will link it right away. If you have a past or current project that you can easily locate a couple of photos and write a few paragraphs, send them now.

Finally, the web committee needs a few additional members. If you are interested in learning to create web pages, join the web committee.

### Accreditation and Review Council News

*Patricia A. Clabaugh*

As we move forward into this new century, the Accreditation and Review Council couldn't be more encouraged about the future care of archaeological collections in Texas. Most of us have seen this accreditation program evolve over many years through the hard work of a dedicated few who had the vision, determination, and persistence to undertake the “archaeological curation crisis” in Texas. After almost two decades, this program has taken on a momentum of its own. The interest and support we have received from museums, repositories, private contractors, state agencies, and the professional community, all with a vested interest in seeing this program succeed, have been realized. The stage is now set for substantial improvements in the management and curation of some of Texas' held-in-trust collections.

On November 12–13, 1999, the second Field Reviewer training session was held at Texas A&M University by the Center for Ecological Archaeology. The council wishes to thank our most recent group of trained field reviewers (21 total) for their public service and dedication to collections care. The Council recognizes their commitment to the preservation of cultural heritage for the state of Texas and to carry out this most timely agenda. We also want to thank Forsyth Galleries at Texas A&M for letting us review their gallery as part of the training session.

### Field Reviewers:

Mary Kirby—Curator, Historic Upshur Museum, Gilmer, Texas  
 Linda Ellis—Partner, CRD Consultants, Austin, Texas  
 Rachel Galan—Assistant Director, East Texas Research Center, Stephen F. Austin State University, Nacogdoches, Texas  
 Marianne Marek—Archaeologist, Burns and McDonnell, Houston, Texas  
 Missy Green—Department Manager, Geo-Marine, Inc., Plano, Texas  
 Debra Dandridge—Ph.D. Candidate, Department of Anthropology, Texas A&M University, College Station

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### **Fall 1999 Minutes**

The Secretary-Treasurer would like to thank Margaret Howard, Aina Dodge, and Logan McNatt for their willingness to take minutes for the Fall 1999 CTA meeting. I was not able to attend the meeting, and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

*Karen Gardner*

### **Minutes of the Fall 1999 CTA Meeting, October 29, 1999**

President Doug Boyd called the meeting to order at 12:09 pm at the Green Oaks Park Hotel, Fort Worth, Texas. Approximately 40 members were in attendance.

***Approval of Minutes from Spring 1999 meeting***

As the first order of business, Doug called for approval of the minutes of the 1999 Spring meeting as printed in Volume 23(1) of the *CTA Newsletter*. A motion was made and seconded that the minutes be accepted. Pat Mercado-Allinger amended the motion to correct the spelling of Helen Simons' name on page 14, and the motion was approved as amended.

***Announcements***

Doug announced that the CTA Scholarship Endowment Fund currently stands at \$2663, and that he is continuing to solicit donations. The Membership Committee's efforts to seek additional dollars from foundations will be enhanced if a larger proportion (80–95 percent) of CTA members contribute to the fund.

***Officer Reports***

*President's Report:* Doug Boyd reviewed issues considered at the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB) meeting on October 8, 1999, including changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Antiquities Code of Texas. The Texas Historical Commission (THC) has changed the date for accreditation of curatorial facilities from December 31, 2000, to December 31, 2002. Doug advised museums to begin applying to the CTA Accreditation and Review Council for accreditation as soon as possible.

Several issues relating to collections held in trust for the state of Texas also were considered by AAB. THC staff noted that Alton Briggs had not provided satisfactory responses to THC questions regarding collections he had generated under Antiquities Permits, so the agency plans to proceed with a lawsuit. Mark Denton is continuing to ascertain the locations of held-in-trust collections, and eventually all institutions holding such collections will have signed agreements with THC.

Regarding collection policies, a contractor recently wrote THC seeking to discard twentieth-century artifacts that had been collected under an

Antiquities Permit. THC staff asked the AAB for guidance. The discussion revolved around field collection policies, laboratory discard practices, and sampling strategies, but no final recommendations were made. Doug proposed that CTA assist THC and AAB by providing input on the types of materials that should be collected and/or discarded, and who should make such decisions. He directed the Accreditation and Review Council to consider these issues.

Doug welcomed both the new and student members to CTA. He announced that the first group of 15 Field Reviewers had been certified by the Accreditation and Review Council, and read their names.

*Past President's Report:* Alston Thoms gave no report.

*President-elect's Report:* David Brown outlined his plans for the future of CTA. He advocated a strong and continuing commitment to public education, and invited the membership to meet with the Public Education Committee immediately after the meeting. He asserted that efforts must continue to increase CTA membership, bringing new people and new ideas to the organization. David has been investigating the role of professional archeological societies in adjacent states; he found that there is no professional society in Louisiana, and that the Oklahoma professional society is inactive. He plans to continue this research. David also noted that curation issues will be very important during his term.

*Secretary-Treasurer's Report:* Karen Gardner did not attend the meeting, but prepared the budget that was discussed under New Business.

*Newsletter Editor's Report:* Robyn Lyle did not attend the meeting. Doug asked members to contact her if they had not received the most recent *CTA Newsletter*.

***Standing Committee Reports***

*Governmental Affairs:* Chair Dan Potter noted little action since the close of the state legislative

session, and directed members to the *CTA Newsletter* for a summary of activities during the session.

*Ethics and Standards:* Chair Bob Skiles was not present. Doug remarked that the committee needs two more members. He noted that current business of the committee concerns its role in light of establishment of the Register of Professional Archeologists (ROPA), and stated that the CTA committee could be disbanded if it was not needed.

*Contractors List:* Co-chairs Ann Scott and Audra Piñeda were not present, so Doug read their report. The most recent version of the CTA Contractors List will be available after Thanksgiving; November 12, 1999 was announced as the deadline to make changes. The list has been posted on the CTA web page, but the demand for hard copies continues. Ann and Audra plan to print 200 to 250 additional copies for THC (up from 150); the cost of extra copies will not exceed the committee's budget. The web page contains the most current version of the Contractors List; if people have trouble accessing it, they should contact Ann or Audra. Mark Denton noted that some contractors recently dropped off the list, and asked whether all contractors on the list were notified at the time of renewal. Doug replied that the committee mails out renewal notices rather than relying on the attendance of contractors at the Spring CTA meeting.

*Public Education:* Co-chairs are Doug Boyd and Pam Wheat. Doug read a report from Pam, who was not in the room at the time. The committee had spearheaded the *Hooking the Public on Archeology* symposium at the spring CTA meeting, which was well attended. They planned to meet following the CTA meeting, and were assisting with the Public Session at the Texas Archeological Society meeting.

Doug noted the need for archeological articles for public education journals, and referred members to an article discussing that topic in the *Texas Archeological Society Newsletter* 43(3). Relative to other sciences, archeology has limited represen-

tation in education journals, and some of the articles do not present appropriate messages. The CTA Public Education Committee may approach members to solicit articles for journals. Pat Mercado-Allinger suggested directing social-studies teachers to the fall issue of the Texas Historical Foundation's *Heritage*, which focuses on archeology.

Mark Denton noted that THC is striving to get cultural resource management projects to include outreach, particularly on the web. THC worked with Hicks & Company to put digital images of a recent project on the web, and will post information from the THC Fort St. Louis investigations on the THC web site. Mark suggested using the CTA web page to announce public archeology events and ongoing archeological investigations. David Brown suggested that links be established from the CTA page to other web sites containing archeological information. Chair Sue Linder-Linsley of the web page committee welcomed ideas for developing such links. Doug noted that outreach issues would be discussed at the Texas Archeology Awareness Month planning meeting on November 16 at THC, and encouraged CTA and TAS web site managers to attend.

*Multicultural Relations:* Co-chairs are Alston Thoms and Dorothy Lippert. Alston described the memorial service for CTA member Kimball Smith, which was a Native-American ceremony held in a church with many of Kimball's African- and Hispanic-American friends in attendance. Alston pointed out that the Texas Archeological Society Public Session to be held that evening would have a multicultural orientation. He also directed members to examine the article in the *CTA Newsletter* on the upcoming repatriation of burials at Mission San Juan.

*CTA Web Page:* Chair Sue Linder-Linsley noted that updates and corrections had been made to the CTA web page. The Accreditation and Review Council information is on a single page, and members need to let her know if they experience difficulties downloading it. David Brown asked Dan Julien to ascertain the number of hits to the CTA web page and publish the results in the

next newsletter. Sue suggested that CTA members check their listings on the member page and inform her of any corrections. She solicited additional members for the CTA web page committee, particularly students. Sue also encouraged members to join ROPA during the period when registration fees are waived, which ends on December 31, 1999.

*Membership:* Chair Karl Kibler did not attend the meeting, and no report was given.

### ***Special Committee Reports***

*Accreditation and Review Council:* Chair Patricia A. Clabaugh noted that the next field-reviewer training program would be held November 12–13, 1999, at Texas A&M University, and that the Council would meet November 11th to consider comments on the accreditation standards received from agencies. The Council also planned to consider issues related to collection, retention, sampling, and discard of materials.

*Archeological Survey Standards:* Chair Ross Fields did not attend the meeting. Doug noted that the committee has been inactive since THC had adopted the minimum survey standards, and that no information had been gathered on the effectiveness of those standards. He asked for comments from the members on how the standards are working.

Bob d'Aigle asserted that the standard of 20 acres per person-day misleads clients and should be eliminated. Andy Cloud noted that the survey standards underestimate the level of effort needed for linear projects. David Brown agreed that contractors need to excavate more shovel tests on linear projects because they could cross multiple sites. Andy Cloud stated that the 15-m transect interval for the Trans-Pecos is too narrow, and should be widened to 30 m as in other parts of the state.

Mark Denton noted that THC had received very few comments on the survey standards, but that most of them concerned linear projects. Because the width of rights-of-way varies considerably, THC had experienced difficulty in apply-

ing the survey standards to linear projects. Doug Boyd asked for a show of hands of those who saw the need for a review of the effectiveness of the minimum survey standards, and most members agreed.

Bob d'Aigle asked how and why the minimum survey standards were established. Doug noted that CTA and THC had worked together to develop the standards. He reminded the members that the standards set a minimum level of effort, and contractors could present alternatives to THC. Such discussions help justify levels of effort to clients, and force consultation in nonstandard situations. Doug asserted that the minimum standards had been set at the level of practice developed over the years and determined to be adequate to find sites.

Jim Bruseth noted that THC did not arbitrarily impose the standards. The standards were developed in response to complaints from archeological contractors about widely divergent bids and levels of effort. Mark Denton noted that the standards have helped clients (city managers, etc.) by establishing scopes for archeological projects. He commented that when archeologists called THC to discuss variations from the minimum standards, their justifications generally had been legitimate, and usually called for a greater level of effort. Dana Anthony asked whether the standards had resulted in better archeology, and David Brown noted that it was difficult to explain to a client that more work was needed than THC required. Jim stated that THC was open to CTA proposals for modifications to the minimum standards, if minor. Doug directed the CTA Survey Standards Committee to conduct a review of the standards, and Margaret Howard suggested that new members be appointed to the committee. Doug asked for volunteers, and Bob d'Aigle and Marianne Marek offered to serve. Doug stipulated that the current committee members work with the new members during the transition period.

### ***Old Business***

*Changes to the Antiquities Advisory Board:* Changes in the membership of AAB had been reviewed in the *CTA Newsletter*. Doug noted that

the board will now have 10 members and will include more historians and architects. CTA still has a representative on the board, who also will serve on the THC Archeology Committee as a nonvoting member. This will give CTA a direct link to THC Commissioners on the Archeology Committee.

Doug noted that the CTA representative to AAB could be either the CTA President or a designated CTA member; either would serve a two-year term. Dan Potter asked why the CTA President should not serve on the AAB. Doug noted that the four meetings held per year were time consuming and were usually held in Austin. Jim Bruseth asserted that only the designated CTA representative can vote in AAB meetings, because THC wants the same person to attend all the meetings and be familiar with the issues. Mark Denton stated his understanding that any representative of CTA can vote in AAB meetings according to THC rules. Pat Mercado-Allinger reminded everyone that THC has final approval of AAB members, but THC Executive Director Larry Oaks noted that, to date, THC has always appointed the nominees presented by CTA. Dan Potter proposed changing the CTA Bylaws to state that “the President or a representative” will serve on AAB. David Brown suggested that it would be helpful for the President to have the option of designating a representative when the AAB is considering particular issues, but Margaret Howard pointed out that the President can invite CTA members to attend AAB meetings and advise on particular issues. Andy Cloud moved that the Bylaws be changed to state that, “The CTA President shall serve as or appoint a representative to serve on the Antiquities Advisory Board.” The motion was seconded and carried.

### ***New Business***

*Reports on Texas Archeology Awareness Month Fairs:* Alston Thoms reported that the Texas A&M fair had between 400 and 500 visitors. Steve Black reported that the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL) fair at UT-Austin had 1,800 visitors, and TARL had raised ca. \$4,000 in contributions from the Lower

Colorado River Authority, Holt Rinehart & Winston, HEB, and Kevin and Karen Jolley. David Brown reported that the UT-San Antonio fair was held downtown and had around 3,000 attendees. Pat Mercado-Allinger noted that the South Texas Archeological Association also was successful.

Dan Potter reported that the Metroplex fair was late in planning and had 400–500 attendees, but press coverage was good. Pat Mercado-Allinger stated that the El Paso fair was successful, sponsored by the El Paso Archeological Society and the Wilderness Park Museum. Logan McNatt reported that the Texas Parks and Wildlife Expo had 42,000 visitors, and the archeology booths were busy. Pat noted that Lubbock Lake Landmark also had a fair. Jim Corbin stated that Stephen F. Austin State University has hosted “Fabulous Friday” in the past, and anthropology students were developing plans for a roving East Texas archeology fair. Doug asked for a show of hands, and most CTA members had attended an archeology fair.

Doug asked for a volunteer to represent CTA at the Texas Archeology Awareness Month planning meeting on November 16 at THC, and Pat McLoughlin volunteered. Pat Mercado-Allinger noted that THC has produced the manual *How to Plan and Manage An Archeology Fair*. Doug recommended that the manual be put on the THC web site, and Pat stated that THC is waiting to receive comments regarding the 1999 fairs.

*Spring 2000 CTA Meeting:* Doug noted that use of the Commons facility at Pickle Research Center for the spring 1999 CTA meeting was expensive. He and Darrell Creel proposed that the Spring CTA meeting be combined with TARL Material Culture Workshops to reduce the cost for meeting rooms. Shellie Sullo-Prewitt announced that CTA could use Camp Mabry as a meeting location without charge, and the members responded enthusiastically. Doug obtained a consensus that the TARL Material Culture Workshops will be combined with the spring CTA meeting in 2000. Darrell said that several workshops may be held simultaneously to avoid congestion. Members

noted that sufficient time should be allowed for networking and socializing. Pat Mercado-Allinger pointed out that the recent *CTA Newsletter* mentions plans for a multicultural-issues workshop at the spring meeting. Doug proposed that both multicultural and material culture workshops be held at the meeting, and Multicultural Relations Committee co-chair Alston Thoms concurred.

*Nominating Committee:* Doug announced that elections for Secretary-Treasurer and Newsletter Editor will be held at the spring 2000 CTA meeting. He asked for volunteers for the Nominating Committee; Mark Denton, Darrell Creel, Alston Thoms, and Duane Peter offered to serve, and Aina Dodge was later appointed as chair.

*2000 Budget:* The proposed budget had been distributed at the beginning of the meeting. David Brown asked how the contribution to Texas Archeology Awareness Month fairs would be distributed. Doug noted that in 1999, CTA had divided \$600 among three fairs, but that more fairs will be held next year. He proposed that in 2000, CTA spread their donation among as many fairs as possible, and suggested that the phrase "divided among 3 fairs" be stricken from the budget. Pat Mercado-Allinger commented that up to \$5,000 is available in 2:1 matching funds for archeology fairs from the THC Preservation Trust Fund Grants Program.

Mark Denton asked whether CTA still plans to spend money on a membership drive. Doug said that in 1998, CTA focused on the Scholarship Endowment Fund and had not donated to the Archeological Conservancy. Doug wanted to continue the emphasis on the Endowment Fund, and thanked Linda Ellis and Pam Headrick for donating T-shirts to sell at the TAS meeting, with profits going to the Fund. However, he observed that there are sufficient funds in the CTA money market account to allow for a contribution to the Archeological Conservancy.

Bob d'Aigle suggested allocating money to improve the appearance of the Contractors List. He noted that listing fees constitute most of the income for CTA, but only a small part of those

funds are used to produce the list. Alston Thoms agreed that the appearance of the Contractors List should be improved. Andy Cloud commented that the web site has a professional appearance. Doug pointed to the new Directory of Registered Professional Archeologists as an example of a professional publication. Steve Black said that if more money was spent on the list, the fee may increase.

Doug asked for volunteers to assist the Contractors List Committee with content and layout. Sue Linder-Linsley and Lain Ellis offered to help. Doug directed the committee to estimate the cost to improve the appearance of the list, and asked what kind of budget increase the members would approve.

Bob d'Aigle moved to increase the amount spent on the Contractors List to 25 percent of the income generated in listing fees. The motion was seconded and the floor opened for discussion. Nancy Kenmotsu favored a flat increase in the amount spent on the list rather than a percentage of the amount brought in. Duane Peter commented that clients need the service and don't care what the Contractors List looks like. Ed Baker noted that THC sends out many lists via FedEx and the web, but usually runs out of the 300 copies provided. It was suggested that the date of publication be printed on the list. Bob d'Aigle withdrew his motion. Doug directed the Contractors List Committee and advisors to provide recommendations for upgrading the appearance of the list, and to get cost estimates for several levels of improvement.

Nancy Kenmotsu moved to increase the Archeological Conservancy donation from \$300 to \$500. The motion was seconded and carried.

Alan Skinner made a motion that archeology fairs be required to apply to CTA in writing to request donations. The motion was seconded and carried. Regarding the division of allocated funds, Mark Denton moved that the executive committee determine the amount that CTA donates to each fair. The motion was seconded and carried. A motion to approve the budget was then seconded and carried.



*Texas Historical Commission Announcements:*  
 Jim Bruseth announced that the La Belle excavation will be featured on the *NOVA* television program on November 23. Excavations at Fort St. Louis will begin in January 2000. Maureen Brown has been hired by THC to serve as public coordinator for the Fort St. Louis project. Outreach efforts for the project are supported in part by a grant from AT&T.

*Other New Business:* Alston Thoms encouraged members to provide contributions to assist the American Indians in Texas at Spanish Colonial Missions with the costs of a reburial ceremony at Mission San Juan. The nonprofit 501(3c) group is conducting native religious ceremonies in conjunction with reburial of human remains from the mission, which will cost from \$100 to \$150 per individual.

*TARL Policies and Fees for Recording New Sites:* Discussion on this topic was postponed due to lack of time.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.



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