

2004 CTA Fall Meeting
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Fall Meeting Agenda

Registration 9:00 AM
Call to Order 9:30 AM

Announcements

Approval of Minutes from the Spring 2004 Meeting
(as published in the most recent CTA Newsletter)

Officers' Reports

President
President-Elect
Secretary Treasurer
Newsletter Editor

Standing Committee Reports

Governmental Affairs
Contractors List
Public Education
Multicultural Relations
CTA Communications
Membership

Special Committee Reports

Archeological Survey Standards
Anti-Looting Committee
Curation
Special Web Committee

Old Business

CTA Web site
THC Update CFCP

New Business

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Open to Floor

Business Meeting Adjourns at 12:00 PM

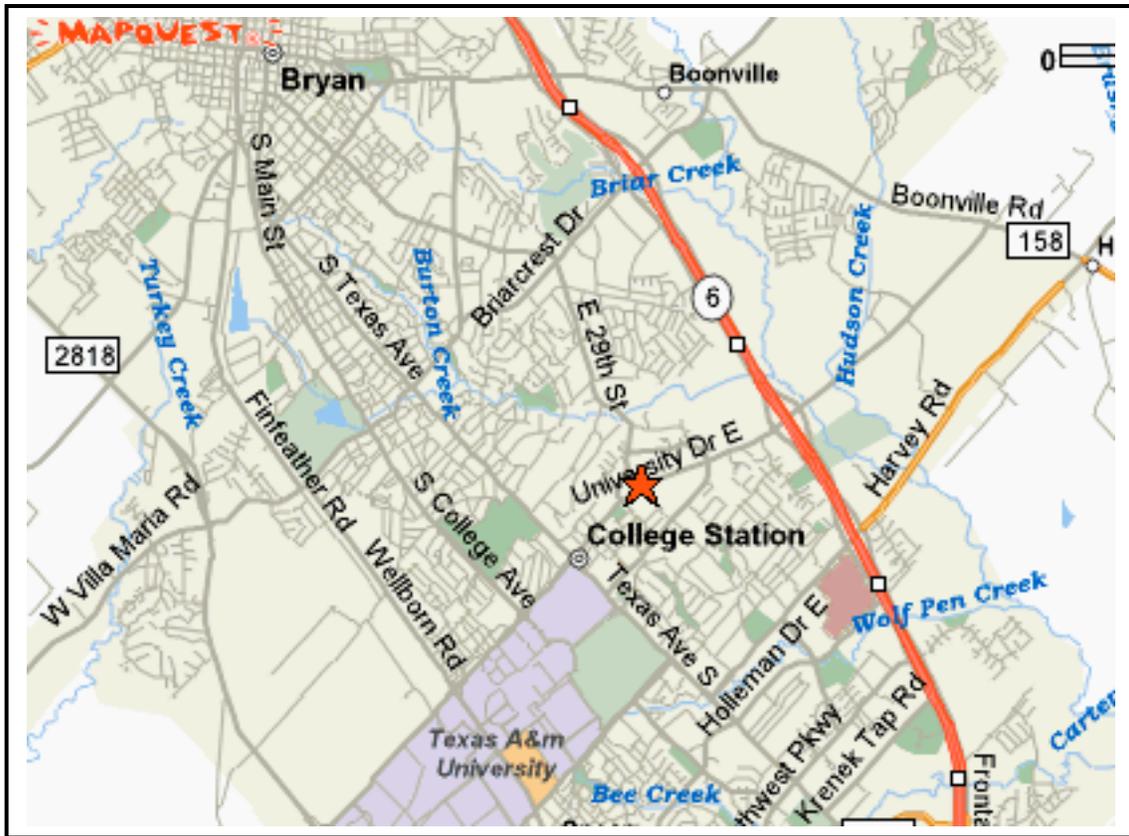
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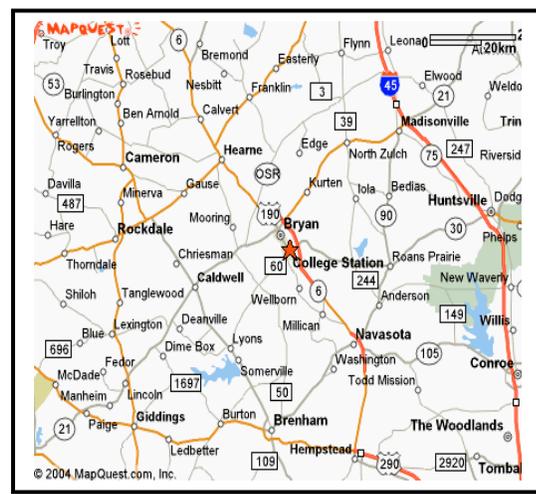
PRESIDENTS' FORUM

Kevin Miller

This summer has been quite busy with two main issues occupying most of my time as CTA President: the creation of our new CTA website and the on-going development of the THC's Curation Facility Certification Program (CFCP). Regarding the CFCP, the process has had some encouraging developments, and thanks to the hard work of the THC and interested parties (such as our CTA Curation Committee and other members), it appears that the program will satisfy most in the archaeological community. As you all know, the CFCP will affect most of us who participate in cultural resources management in Texas



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through the adoption of standards and certifications regarding repositories, collections and curation. Though the process has been lengthy and sometimes contentious, it appears there is a successful end in sight as the draft certification documents are almost fully developed. For more details, I refer the reader to the excellent update on the CFCP provided in this document by the chair of the Curation Committee, Pat Clabaugh.

I am very excited to announce that we have made great progress in the development of a new website for the CTA and I plan to unveil the new site during our upcoming meeting in College Station. CTA hired Pause Productions to assist us in creating the new website. They were given the task of developing one more tailored to our needs and goals as an organization. The new website promises to be more efficient, flexible, better organized, and just plain cooler looking than our current website. In addition, the new website will greatly facilitate communication between the membership, committees, and officers, allowing us to stay up-to-date on new developments or issues critical to the archaeological community. For example, with the new website, each committee chair will have the capacity to access their portion of the website and add or modify existing text at any time. This ability will be critical to the efficiency of many committees such as the Contractors List, where contractors can be added anytime or have their posting modified if, for instance, an address changes. In addition, the CTA officers will have the ability to add material to the website in several areas, including a News section that will allow us to communicate any pertinent research or legislative issues that may develop.

Another important aspect of the new website is that it will more fittingly reflect the CTA

as an organization. Without discounting the hard work and countless hours many of you put into the development and maintenance of the old website, it has become outdated, static, and not a good representation of our organization. With its updated look and flexibility, the new website will more accurately reflect the professionalism and excellence represented by the membership of the CTA. In addition, it will allow the CTA to more fully realize its mission and goals of greater communication amongst the professional archaeological community in Texas as well as with the general public.

The development of the new website is ongoing and there is still much to do in regards to content and structure. For instance, decisions still have to be made such as whether we should include a job listings page for archaeologists or have membership logins for certain areas. Once we have it up and running (hopefully by the meeting), I encourage all CTA members to check out the new site and provide any comments, critiques, or kudos. I envision the website will always be a sort of work-in-progress with future officers, committees, and members shaping its content to continue to support the CTA's mission and goals. As I am no web guru, the conception and development of this new website has been the collaborative effort of many, including our web designer and the Special Web Committee composed of Andy Malof, Clell Bond, Steve Black, Dan Julien, and David Brown – thanks to all.

While these two issues are important, there is much more to discuss in the upcoming 2004 Fall meeting with the TAS in College Station. Currently, our business meeting is planned for Friday morning followed by a social in conjunction with the TAS Friday night. The research papers to be presented on Friday and Saturday promise to be interesting and enjoyable and I look forward to seeing all of you there.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

Past-President

Clell L. Bond

Ethics and Politics. Those of us who have been working for a while in cultural resources have always known there can be a lot of pressure and conflicting interests between those who want to develop and those who want to preserve. We professionals in the consulting community rely on the integrity of the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) to issue guidance and oversight to the process, and we expect that individual and staff to have high standards of responsibility for the resources even though they are often political appointees. It is a rare and unfortunate case when the individuals in those roles disappoint us.

This summer PBS&J had the misfortune of working in another state (somewhere east of Louisiana), where the ideas and values of preservation are manipulated and tainted far beyond what we would normally expect. In this case archeologists, who were conducting Section 106 testing as part of a National Register of Historic Places assessment, were informed by those in charge of the project that the results didn't matter as the SHPO had already determined that the site was not potentially eligible. In the ensuing flap the project reviewer under the SHPO in question resigned his position in disgust and there seems to be no end of the hard feelings and mistrust among all of the involved parties.

The point of this discussion is to remind everyone that Texas is not immune to the meddling of political influence and the power of money. Those of us in the consulting business need to be vigilant in rejecting any client's notion that they, their attorneys or their lobbyist can alter the decision making process without regard to the facts.

Secretary-Treasurer

Missi Green

It's been a wonderful summer to do fieldwork! Hope everyone was able to take full advantage of the milder summer and really accomplish great things. Now it is time to look to the fall and prepare for another year!

Please keep in mind that the dues for CTA are for the calendar year – January to December. I will be sending out a renewal notice after the Fall meeting to remind everyone that it is that time of year. If you have changed your e-mail or other vital information, please let me know so that it can be updated in the database. That is the only way we can assure that you can keep up with the news and happenings that CTA is dealing with. Paying dues and renewing your membership is easy through PayPal, but if you're more comfortable with the usual way of paying, that is accepted as well. And as always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Currently we have 142 members of CTA, and 40 contractors on the list. In addition, all of the accounts are in the black: \$10,657.40 in checking, \$8,725.13 in money market, and \$6,769.73 in the scholarship fund.

Newsletter Editor

Andy Malof

During the last CTA meeting the by-laws were amended to allow the frequency of the newsletter to be reduced from three to two times per year. This is the first newsletter since then, although there has not yet been an impact, as the third newsletter (actually the first of any volume) was issued between the twice yearly meetings. This newsletter was therefore somewhat redundant and even irrelevant, considering that the spring newsletter (Number 2) is immediately prior to the spring meeting. By placing the

minutes of each meeting within the newsletter immediately proceeding it, issues raised previously can be reviewed and revisited, if necessary.

It would seem that the lengthened period between these two issues might result in the Fall newsletter containing more information than the other two, simply because there is more time to prepare items of interest to CTA members. The past few issues have managed to contain, in addition to committee reports and announcements, reports and theoretical discussions about Texas archaeology. These make the newsletter not only more interesting to read, but also more valuable as a long-term, digitally archived resource.

So once more the call goes out: if you have any interesting ideas you've been kicking around, or an interesting project you'd like to share, submit it for publication in the next CTA newsletter. There are six whole months in which to get it ready.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anti-Looting Committee

Stephen P. Austin, Chair

The Anti-Looting Committee has prepared a poster for distribution across the State. Copies will be provided to various Federal and State agencies, as well as at this year's Texas Archeology Month fairs. Thanks to the funding contributions from the Council of Texas Archeologists, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - the Friends of the Texas Historical Commission was able to finalize the design and procure approximately 9,000 posters for distribution. We appreciate everyone's input and participation in completing this project.

Curation Committee

(formerly the Accreditation and Review Council)

Pat Clabaugh, Chair

As an unfunded mandate, the Texas Administration Code Title 13, Part II, Chapter 29—THC Management and Care of Artifacts and Collections—is having a major impact on the professional archaeological community. This is an overview of the THC Curation Facility Certification Program (CFCP) documents meeting held in Lubbock, Texas on July 22-23, 2004. Those of us at the meeting appreciated the enormous effort that Nicky Ladkin and her two assistants put into drafting the CFCP documents.

NOTE: An early version of this article was sent as an email attachment to the CTA membership and was also posted on TXARCH-L. The present article includes some needed clarification courtesy of the Texas Historical Commission.

Participants:

1. Nicky Ladkin-Curation Facility Certification Program Development Project Manager, Texas Tech University
2. Terri Carnes-Curation Facility Certification Program Development Project Assistant, Texas Tech University
3. Veronica Smith-Curation Facility Certification Program Development Project Graduate Intern, Texas Tech University
4. Dr. Darrel Creel-Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (TARL), University of Texas
5. Aina Dodge-Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
6. Lindsey Stoker (for Britt Bousman)-Center for Archaeological Studies (CAS), West Texas State University
7. Rolla Shaller-West Texas Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum
8. Dr. Jeff Indeck-West Texas Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum

9. Patricia Clabaugh-Texas A&M University, Anthropology Department Collections Laboratory; Council for Texas Archaeology Curation Committee
10. Marybeth Tomka-University of Texas at San Antonio, Center for Archeological Research (CAR)
11. Dr. Jim Bruseth-Texas Historical Commission Archeology Division
12. Dr. Eileen Johnson-THC Collections Management Committee; Museum of Texas Tech University

Other invited guests not present:

1. Dr. James Corbin-Stephen F. Austin State University, Stone Fort Museum (participant via email)
2. Dr. Michael Adler-Southern Methodist University
3. Florence Schwein-University of Texas at El Paso, Centennial Museum

One major obstacle in this and other attempts at developing a curation certification/accreditation program in Texas originates from the fact that it has been proposed with a traditional museum infrastructure in mind rather than that of a state research repository. As Darrell Creel and others have pointed out, the THC program should focus on the policies and procedures applicable to the few research facilities/repositories that are housing most of Texas' state-associated archaeological collections. By identifying this obstacle early in the meeting, we were able to address, rewrite, or delete those sentences or sections that did not apply to most of the curatorial facilities expected to participate in this program.

First, efforts will be made to combine and reorganize the now four separate sections: 1) Criteria and Standards; 2) Application Handbook; 3) Self-Evaluation Handbook; and 4) Self-Evaluation and Required Documents Checklist into one document.

One combined document should allow the program's applicants to more easily navigate through the certification process. A copy of the Texas Administration code Title 13, Part II, Chapter 29 will also be included in the applicant's packet since these rules are the foundation for how the CFCP documents were written and organized. The THC Collections Management Policy will also be included as a reference. The supply vendors' list will be deleted as a matter of state policy.

It is the intent that the applicants have access to all available resources including electronic copies of all of the above documents. Some of these are now available on the THC website and will be updated as necessary. We encouraged THC to format the Application and Self-Evaluation documents as user friendly PDF files and were told they would take this under consideration. Jim Bruseth announced that THC will be hiring a CFCP liaison to work directly with applicants going through the certification process, and to be available to answer specific questions and address any concerns about the program.

A second draft of the CFCP documents, with the agreed upon revisions (see below), will be completed by the end of August or beginning of September. These revised documents will replace those already posted on the THC website. Those of us present at the meeting agreed to take the revised documents to our respective administrators for review and comment. It is not clear how long each curation facility/repository will wait for institutional approval, or what legal issues will need to be addressed to participate in the THC Curation Facility Certification Program. As such, THC is inviting curation facilities to participate in at least three trial reviews to be completed before the 2005 deadline. As I understand, those facilities that meet the requirements for certification during the trial will complete the official certification process in a timely manner.

Long term curation costs were barely addressed, however, recommendations for keeping preservation fund grants and other funding opportunities available after the certification process was encouraged. All THC state-associated collection will be managed in perpetuity (for at least 50 years). Collections management does not end with THC certification and for this, all curation agreements must address long term curatorial needs.

Finally, it was discussed that Chapter 29 will likely go through some revisions based on misinterpretations and inconsistencies identified when designing and discussing the draft CFCP documents. The archaeological community will be approached for comment when this process begins. Public comments to THC concerning the CFCP draft documents will be taken until August 10, 2004.

The major issues are discussed below followed by a brief overview of our group deliberations:

1. **Texas Administration code Title 13, Part II, Chapter 29** State-associated collections generated and housed under Antiquities permits issued before 1969 will not be subject to Chapter 29. Subject to Chapter 29 is any collection accepted into a curatorial facility after 2005 (this date will likely change).

Clarification/definition of a state-associated Held-in-Trust (HIT) collection (from Chapter 29) *State-associated collections* [are] the collections owned by the State and under the authority of the Texas Historical Commission. These include: permitted collections [from state lands], non-permitted collections, purchased collections, donated collections, and court-action collections. *Held-in-Trust collections* [are] those state-associated collections under the authority of the Texas Historical Commission that are placed in a curatorial facility for care

and management; stewardship is transferred to that curatorial facility but not ownership. Said differently, state-associated collections are held-in-trust at curatorial facilities.

All state-associated Held-In-Trust collections generated and housed after 1969 must have signed THC Held-in-Trust agreements that will include a baseline inventory-as per CFCP, the most basic inventory done by summary count within general categories-of the collection. This inventory should be conducted and verified by the curatorial facility in cooperation with the Principal Investigator (PI).

As we all know, HIT collections currently require a THC Curation Form (a.k.a. the blue form) and Abstracts in Texas Contract Archeology Summary Form be signed and sent to THC by the curation facility as proof of acceptance of said collection(s) being accepted into that curation facility. This completes the Antiquities permit and releases the Principal Investigator and Project Sponsor from curation costs beyond the original agreed upon cost of curation as stated in the project contract between agency or sponsor and PI.

Excessive cost/retroactive inventories/re-cataloging Curation is expensive. Much of the discussion was focused on the additional cost and burden this certification program may have on project sponsors and PI's. For example, CFCP requires that HIT collections be accessioned/inventoried and cataloged to include an alpha numeric accession number. This requirement is unrealistic since archaeological collections are typically cataloged by the PI (using some form of provenience identification and unique numbering system) for analytical purposes before the collection is transferred to a curation facility for accession. Although retroactive

inventories and recataloging was never the intent of the requirement, it is being reworded to prevent such a misunderstanding from occurring. However, a curatorial facility is required retroactively to inventory a collection if a baseline inventory was not carried out. THC will accept archaeological collections already cataloged and inventoried and will leave it up to the curation facility whether or not to renumber or re-catalog artifacts.

The THC Curation Facility Certification Program states: "At least 80% of state-associated held-in-trust collections are accessioned." This was rewritten to read: "At least 80% of held-in-trust state associated collections have held-in-trust agreements."

2. **Excessive packaging and housing** Packaging requirements as stated in the CFCP (i.e., no staking of objects/samples/documents, no contact between artifacts) were written with museum objects in mind, not archaeological groups and assemblages (e.g., lithic debitage, ceramic sherds, fire-cracked rock, data printouts, level forms, etc.). Since excessive packaging and housing was never the intent of the requirement, the requirement is not being changed but will be reworded prevent such a misunderstanding from occurring. Packaging and housing should follow standard archaeological practices to provide reasonable protection and access to research collections
3. **Insurance** Proof of insurance is a CFCP requirement that does not fit within the structure of most state research repositories self insured status. Because Chapter 29 requires insurance, there is a state process for exemption from this requirement if the curatorial facility is self insured.
4. **Personnel qualifications and policy** Personnel qualifications and policy is not applicable to state research repositories. State research repositories operate within a much larger employee and human resources system (i.e., state legislature, board of regents). Typical museum positions may not be found in state research repositories (e.g., director, curator, registrar, collections manager, exhibit specialist, education director, groundskeeper, security officers, housekeeping staff, etc.). Personnel are hired at the system level and all state employees are required to follow system rules. Personnel qualifications and policy are still required; however, if the facility follows state personnel policy all it need do is reference such documents from the parent body administration.
5. **Institutional Organizational document** Institutional organizational document is required, however, if the curatorial facility is part of a larger state organization, all it need do is reference the documents of the parent body administration.
6. **Evidence of not-for-profit status** Evidence of not-for-profit status is required. Status 170(c)(3) is appropriate for educational institutions. It is the responsibility of the curatorial facility to determine what their parent body administration status is and include proof of status documents.
7. **Budget history for the past five years** A summary of the operating budget for past five years is required and should be available from the financial office of the parent body administration.
8. **Audits** A copy of an external audit budget for past financial years is required and should be available from financial office of parent body administration. If the curatorial facility is part of a larger state institution, all it

need do is reference state auditing requirements.

9. **Efforts to increase funding** THC will acknowledge all efforts to increase funding. For example, efforts to increase funding could include computer support from the Dean's office or reallocating space in an institution for collections management. Unfortunately, Texas Preservation Fund dollars allocated as grants last year to help offset the cost of identifying HIT collections and conducting baseline collections inventories are being cut this fiscal year. Nonetheless, all of us working on HIT inventories are encouraged to tap into this resource as necessary. THC has been working with repositories seeking preservation dollars and can help an institution find ways to creatively match those dollars.
10. **Legal title** Since the CFCP applies to collections in both state and private curatorial facilities that may hold state-associated and non state-associated collections, requirements such as legal title that address non state-associated collections are appropriate and will not be deleted. Requirements are only that such issues as legal title will be addressed, not that they be applied. If a curatorial facility does not house non state-associated collections, such requirements will not apply.
11. **Annual reports** THC will draft a brief Held-in-Trust Annual Report form for Certified Curation Facilities to report on the status of HIT collections in their care to address issue like outgoing loans, relocation of collections, inventories, conservation treatments, etc..

Membership Committee

Karl Kibler, Chair

At the Spring 2004 meeting of the CTA the Membership announced the name of the recipient of the annual CTA Student

Research Grant. This year's recipient is Christine Alvarez of Texas State University – San Marcos. Ms. Alvarez's will be analyzing human skeletal material from Bandera County, Texas for her MA thesis. Specifically she will be doing isotopic chemistry on the materials to examine paleodiet.

In preparation for next year's CTA Student Research Grant the Membership committee has contacted Anthropology departments at universities and colleges in Texas and surrounding states regarding the application deadline and eligibility requirements for the grant.

In keeping with our focus on attracting more student members we are preparing for some face to face time with potential student members this year academic year. This will involve committee members going to campuses and discussing the career opportunities in CRM, how to prepared oneself for a such career, and the benefits and opportunities an organization such as CTA can offer in terms of networking, job opportunities, and having a voice in how CRM is conducted in the state. The committee members are looking forward to this challenge and sharing their experiences with the membership at a future date.

MINUTES

**CTA Spring Meeting Minutes
Austin, Texas
16 April 2004
9:45 am**

The Spring meeting of CTA was called to order by President Clell Bond at 9:45 am. Clell welcomed everyone and thanked Shellie Sullo for hosting the meeting at Camp Mabry. He reiterated that since CTA has gone almost completely electronic, e-mail addresses need to be kept updated and to please let CTA, particularly Missi, know when there have been changes. He announced that the papers for this afternoon

would begin promptly at 1:30 and the social at 4:30.

The first order of business was to approve the Minutes of the Fall 2003 meeting as they are published in the Newsletter. There were no changes or additions from the floor. It was moved that the Minutes be approved, seconded – it was approved and the motion carried.

Clell began with the President's Report stating that there has not been much public involvement and that the Antiquities Advisory Board meetings have not been very exciting. Some new State Landmarks have been approved and the MOA between THC and TxDOT is coming up for vote at the May meeting.

The President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Contractors' List committee have been busy trying to correct issues with the Contractors' List. We've received some non-standard listings and changes of information that need to be corrected. Problems with non-listings are also being resolved. In addition, a Special Web Page Committee has been put together to look into what CTA needs to do to update and change the web page. The members are Clell Bond, Kevin Miller, Steve Black, David Brown, Dan Julien and Andy Malof. We will be moving the web page off of the THC server and finding a new server. The committee will address the issues of making changes to the page (who has rights, when will updates be made, etc) so that it can be updated regularly. It has been suggested that CTA go with an independent outsource for the capabilities of redesigning and reconfiguring the web page.

In the President-Elect's Report, Kevin Miller reported that he had been working with Clell and the Executive Committee to get more familiar with how CTA works and has also had some interaction with the Membership Committee. He's excited about taking over at this meeting and wants feedback from the membership in making CTA better – really wants to be active.

Past President David Brown reported that he has had some committee interactions as well, including Contractors' List Committee and the Special Web Page Committee. He also is very active in the Public Education Committee and has kept up with the 41VT98 updates.

Secretary-Treasurer Missi Green reported that there have been lots of new members signing up for the year which has helped the bank accounts. She reminded the group that the memberships are for the calendar year.

Newsletter Editor Andy Malof has been working with the Web Page Committee as well as working to get the newsletter out. In the past, Andy would gather the materials but it was Sue Linder-Linsley who formatted the newsletter for the web page. With her departure, Andy has taken over the entire process of getting the newsletter ready for the web page. He asks the membership to consider going to two newsletters a year rather than three and will ask for a vote later in the meeting.

Standing Committee Reports

Auditing Committee: Chair Alan Skinner reported that he and Chris Lintz met with Missi Green so a review of the transactions recorded for the past year could be conducted. A careful examination of the accounts was made and the books look good.

Governmental Affairs: There was no one from the committee present so no report was made. Ruth Marie asked if there were any updates on the Senate Bill 671 involving the importation of materials from Iraq and the President's ability to prohibit the imports. No one had any input. In addition, Clell announced that there are suggested changes to the 4(f) evaluation when dealing with historic structures. Apparently the bill has gone through the House and is now in the Senate. There has been strong support to make the changes, though the Advisory Council is opposed. The Council believes

that 4(F) has been good for preservation, but Transportation departments across the country have a differing idea and always have to plan accordingly. Clell also mentioned that the SAA lists all legislative changes affecting Cultural Resources Management.

Contractors' List: Chair Meg Cruse expressed her frustration with the present situation and issues. There has been a major breakdown with Sue's departure with getting changes made to the web page. Fortunately working closely with Dan Julien, the changes have been made and the web page is up to date. She expressed a need to redefine the duties of the committee with more direct access to the web page in order to be more responsive to the Contractors' needs. Taking care of those needs is the committee's most important activity.

Public Education: Chair David Brown said that the committee met in Fort Worth and has been in e-mail and phone contact. This year there were 2 nominees for the 4th E. Mott Davis Award: *Data Recovery Excavations at the McGuire's Garden Site, Jewitt Mine and Gibbons Creek Lignite Mine Archaeological and Historical Exhibit.* These are the first for the mining industry and both are active educational outlets around and near the mining communities they represent. The award will be announced later in the meeting.

Multicultural Relations: No one from this committee was in attendance and therefore there was no report. Clell, however, mentioned that Chair Kerri Barile has moved out of state and there is no one to fill in. Alston Thoms had brought Native American issues to light under his chairmanship and Karri was looking to broaden the role of the committee. Unfortunately, there is currently no committee, so a new chair and members are needed to get it active.

CTA Web Page: Chair Sue Linder-Linsley has also left the state so Dan Julien spoke for the committee. He stated that the web site is still operating, with 10,493 visitors last month, an average of 338 a day with an average 12.5 minute visit. The Newsletter was the most popular hit followed by the Contractors' List (201 average in February). Mark Denton mentioned that the THC has added the RPA and CTA web pages as references for use by City Managers and Engineers looking for CRM help.

Clell announced that CTA will spend resources needed to update and upgrade the web page, and that the content will need to come from the Committee Chairs and Membership as well as the Executive Committee. Duane Peter asked where the web page was going after leaving the THC server. Clell answered that the web page would be going to a commercial server in the hope of making it more useful and user friendly. Since e-mail and the newsletter are how we (the membership) communicate, we need to add links that reflect and represent CTA as it should be. Relying on the efforts of volunteers is not always easy — Sue did a good job, but we need to move on.

Membership: Chair Karl Kibler reported that the committee cannot move forward with their goals until the upgrades are made to the web page. However, there were 2 applicants for the Student Scholarship Fund this year. The recipient is Christine Alvarez who is a graduate student at Texas State University in San Marcos. She is planning to use the scholarship money for stable isotope analysis of the skeletal material from the Stiver Ranch site (41KM140) in Kimble County. Congratulations Christine!

Clell mentioned that his committee is a very active one that is constantly trying to find new ways of increasing the membership of CTA.

Special Committee Reports

Accreditation and Review Council: Carolyn Spock spoke for this committee stating that the committee had met and started work on revising the By-Laws concerning the committee. It was found that the By-Laws were redundant and in need of revising. ARC's new role will be as a Curations Committee. They have completed the last draft of a curations list to put on the web page and is working on a Curations section for the Guidelines. Clell noted that the by-law changes would be discussed during the New Business segment of the meeting.

Owen Lindauer asked whether a representative of ARC, as a stakeholder, had been asked to attend the upcoming July meeting on the draft curation rules currently being drafted for THC. Carolyn responded that Pat Clabaugh had been asked to attend and that the Committee had been supplying information to the group drafting the curation rules. Owen posed the question as to whether CTA act as a state representative to the meeting? It was felt that ARC's presence would represent CTA.

Jim Bruseth noted that Nickey Ladkin, the Curator at the Museum of Texas Tech, was putting the together the certification guidelines for the rules and that there should be a version ready for review and comment at the THC quarterly meeting in Fort Worth.

Archeology Survey Standards: Chair Marianne Marek reported that the committee is not active at this time. Clell felt that the committee should not be dismantled since survey standards are not static with changes in knowledge and technology. For now the committee will stand, just not as an active one.

Anti-Looting: Chair Stephen Austin reported that the committee had put together a poster alerting the public that looting is unlawful for the Membership's review and will need \$500 for the printing again this year. Two agencies (one Federal and one

State) offered \$500 each to print up the posters and have them distributed. The Committee requests some web space for distribution as well. The Committee would also like to produce a brochure as a continuation of the education of the public on the issues of looting. The brochures and posters will be distributed at TAAM fairs and any other outlet to get as wide a dissemination as possible. An as always, anyone who would like to join, please do.

Web Page: Andy Malof gave the Membership a brief understanding of what this committee is all about by expressing the frustration over the lack of functionality, especially to the Contractors' List Committee and what it took to get things fixed, and presenting an option for making the web page more user and operator friendly. But, the content of the web page is sorely out-of-date and the formatting is non-functional. The Committee has had two meetings: first to figure out what the Committee needed to do and second, to determine what the website should do. A page-by-page review of the current format was conducted. Obviously the Contractors' List and Newsletter are the two most important functions of the site. Also we need an updatable aspect to the page as well as a static view and consistency of design for a more professional presentation. It was decided that a database system should be established for the Contractors' List and that there was a need for a synopsis of each committee chair. The Committee met with an independent consultant and gave him a timeline of two months and received a quote (which is in the budget). With approval from the Membership, the consultant would start immediately roughing out the format. Other aspects for the web page, like the Membership Committee's suggested job listing, can be worked in more slowly, but getting the Contractors' List up and running is the first priority.

At this point, a short break was taken before the presentation of Old Business.

Old Business

Clell presented some information and an update on the Rock Art Database that was sent to him by Reeda Peel. There have been some administrative changes due to an earlier snafu. The group is no longer allied with the SHUMLA school and Elton Prewitt is no longer the PI of the project. Temple College is now the supporting entity. There will be 2 databases, one at TARL and the other at THC, with only one accessible. CTA hasn't been asked for anything, but Clell feels that this is a good initiative to follow.

David Brown gave a short update on the 41VT98 status. The Corps of Engineers agreed to conduct fairly complete analyses on the remains, which have begun. The skeletal remains are in Florida and the artifacts will be analyzed in Corpus Christi. The first set of DNA samples (about 10 or 12), taken from teeth, are at the Smithsonian, but haven't been run yet. The deadline for the reburial of the remains is two years. There are some limitations on the analyses; only what was agreed upon in the proposal will be undertaken. Regular updates will be posted on the Corps website.

We should continue to support Steve Black's *Texas Beyond History*. He is not here today since he is recuperating from the auto accident he and Mary suffered last week, but he has asked for additional financial and content support.

Margaret Howard updated the Membership on the Native American Field School participation. There were five participants at last year's field school and all had an enjoyable time. On April 7th, notification of the field school schedule was sent to 8 groups inviting 2 people from each group. A total of \$2800 is needed this year and TAS has agreed to contribute \$1000 to help. She asked again for monetary support from CTA and offered a business challenge to the CRM members to consider sponsoring an individual

New Business

The first item of New Business was the adoption of the 2004 Budget. A motion to amend the proposed Budget was made with the changes being: (1) TAAM Archeology Fairs was changed to TAAM Events and (2) ARC requested a need of \$50 rather than the \$250 the committee had before. A motion to accept the Budget with the amended changes was made; seconded; and the motion passed.

The nomination and election of officers was next. Ron Ralph, Chair of the Nominating Committee, announced that the current Newsletter Editor (Andy Malof) and Secretary-Treasurer (Missi Green) have accepted another term. He asked if there were any other new nominees from the floor and got none. Clell thanked the Nominating Committee for their hard work and a motion was made to accept the current officers for another term; it was seconded; and passed unanimously.

According to the By-Laws, the membership must receive notification of possible changes within 15 days of a meeting and vote. The March 2004 Newsletter (Volume 28, Number 2) contained the announcement that a change to Article 4 concerning the Newsletter and the number of issues sent each year was being considered. The change would allow for **two** issues rather than three a year. A motion was made to accept this change in the By-Laws and was seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

A second By-Law change concerns Article 12, the Accreditation and Review Committee. The change as announced in the e-mail sent to the Membership on March 30, 2004 requires a vote. A motion was made to accept the changes and it was seconded. The vote carried and recorded.

Clell noted that two new appointees were needed for the Curations Committee. Lou Fullen and Melinda Tate Iruegas volunteered to fill those positions.

THC Report: Jim Bruseth announced that UTSA has received grant monies to look into the status of Held in Trust collections from all permits issued to date. Status of some of the old permitted collections is in question at this time. UTSA will be sending letters to PIs trying to identify where collections are held so that the status of these materials can be assessed. Mark Denton added that clarification on the whereabouts of these collections will be required from the PIs.

He also announced that the Marine Archeology Program's boat, *Anomaly*, is no longer seaworthy. The new boat will cost \$120,000. The THC has received a \$72,000 grant so far and is looking for additional funds. THC is also seeking funds for the 800 acres around the Fort Saint Louis site, which will become a park. THC is looking at Federal monies and hopes to have the project completed in a year.

Mark Denton also noted that reviews of projects are moving along. There seem to be fewer projects coming in than usual, though he's not sure why since everyone seems to be busy. He indicated that THC is sending out e-mails to contractors with updates, announcements, changes, etc. anything that would be of interest or concern. He is planning to send out the draft memo of the MOU with TxDOT. He also announced that 3 firms, PBS&J, Horizon, and Geo-Marine, had received awards of merit this year for exceptional projects completed in the last year.

Pat Mercado-Allinger announced that the Archeology Awareness Month (in October) event forms have been updated and that there is \$10,000 in the budget for support to Archeology Month Fairs. The money is for reimbursement with matching funds involved.

TxDOT Report: Owen Lindauer reported that the draft revised MOU for federal highway projects will be available for agency review soon. CTA's President will

also receive a copy. Owen also has a new project in mind that is the electronic storage and retrieval of archeological data which will be only available to archeologists. It will be totally searchable and GIS referenced. It will begin with TxDOT related projects (reports and findings) first, and possibly expand later.

Jim Abbott announced the new historic map overlay project that covers about half of the state. PBS&J will be doing extensive archival work to identify maps with good data that can be put at the desktop level through GIS. This should make historical map research easier. The maps will be geo-referenced. Currently the availability to researchers is under discussion with THC. A pilot program for the Houston area is underway and has been extended to include eastern Texas.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Report: Aina Dodge announced that the new archeology lab is now open for business and invited everyone to come out and visit. With the new lab, it is the first time in 12 years that all collections are under one roof.

Other Reports: On behalf of CTA, Duane Peter attended the Council of Councils at the SAA's in Montreal. It was a small gathering with only 15 representatives. The current Chair of the Council apparently wants out of that position and was looking for a volunteer – there were none. He also reported that Pennsylvania developers and the SHPO have been at war with each other. The PA legislature gave the state \$300,000 to do archeological investigations rather than have the developers pay for investigations. There are only 2 staff members available to do the work. As a result, there are no non-governmental funded archeological investigations, therefore no private investigations, occurring in PA. Lastly, he reported that David Lindsey, the Chair of the SAA's Governmental Affairs Committee, is forming a national network to discuss legislative concerns. Alston Thoms is the representative for Texas. Lindsey is looking

to use the internet to get the network really working. He would like to see states publish their concerns and is asking the SAA President for additional help in the way of staff. He would like to have all the state representatives share lessons and problems from across the country in order to form a more cohesive group.

James Karbula reported that ACRA is looking into several issues. The first issue is the definition of small business as defined by the Small Business Administration. That definition may change doing away with the revenue requirements and looking at number of employees only. This could effect numerous small businesses and how they compete. The second issue is the 4(f) changes in the transportation law which will come to a vote at the end of April. The President is threatening to veto the bill as it is. Streamlining of the bill has been requested.

David Brown made the presentation of the 4th E. Mott Davis Award on behalf of the Public Education Committee and CTA as a whole. The award was established as a way to get archeologists to share the information gathered with the public, of which E. Mott was a strong proponent. This year's award goes to Prewitt & Associates, Northwestern Resources, and Mary Black for the Data Recovery Excavations at the McGuire's Garden Site in Jewett Mine. The recipients were Ross Fields and Sandy Hannum for Prewitt & Associates, Nellie Frisbee and Joel Trouart of Northwestern Resources, and Mary Black of UT Austin for developing a five-lesson curriculum for social studies and science for 4th and 7th graders. Congratulations to this year's award recipients of the E. Mott Davis Award for Excellence in Public Outreach!

Clell asked if there was any other New Business from the floor and there was none. Therefore, the last item on the agenda was the transference of the CTA President's gavel to Kevin Miller. Clell will remain on

the Executive Committee as Past President while Kevin takes over as the new presiding President.

As time was running out, Clell Bond asked for a move to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND UPDATES

Texas Historical Commission
Mark Denton

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With the possible rare exception of a reviewer requesting that you send him or her a letter or document via email, we do not accept emailed documents as submissions to the THC. There are too many problems for us associated with emailed documents, therefore, we do not accept them for review, we don't print them, and we don't track them into our database as formal submissions. We only accept and track in documents for review that are sent to us via regular mail, faxes, special deliveries, and hand delivered documents. If you hand deliver anything, you should leave it with our receptionist (on the first floor of the El Rose Building) and that person will make sure it gets into the daily mail. If you place a hand delivered document on the desk of a reviewer there's a high probability that this could actually result in slowing the review process rather than speed it up as you no doubt intended.

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clearances, or other similar important communications.

Thanks for your assistance!

Texas Archeological Society

CTA Supports Native American Field School Scholarships

Margaret Howard

The Council of Texas Archeologists' donation was among the primary sources of support for the Native American Scholarship program at the 2004 Texas Archeological Society (TAS) Field School. Other primary sponsors were TAS and the Trull Foundation, with additional financial support from TAS members Carol Macaulay and David and Lynn Domelschmith. In-kind donations were made by Prewitt and Associates, Inc., the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and Margaret Howard.

The field school was held on June 12-19 at Presidio San Saba site in Menard, Texas, and directed by Drs. Tamra Walter and Grant Hall of Texas Tech University. TAS solicited native scholarship participants for this field school in the spring of 2004 through telephone conversations with tribal leaders, followed by formal invitation letters and information packets. Eight tribes with traditional ties to Presidio San Saba—Mescalero Apache, Tonkawa, Kiowa, Wichita, Comanche, Caddo, Lipan Apache, and Tap Pilam—were each invited to send two participants.

Five Native Americans attended the 2004 field school on scholarships: Dewey Tsonetokoy of the Kiowa Indian Tribe, Savannah Collier and Jacob Palmer of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, and Helen Garcia and Auburn Gonzales of the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation. Also, Enrique Maestas of the Lipan Apache Band used scholarship travel funds to present an evening program at the field school. In addition, 2003 scholarship recipients Jesús

and Julian Reyes attended the concurrent Texas Tech Field School under sponsorship of the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation.

The main purpose of the scholarship program is for members of native Texas groups to experience archeological methods of learning about the past by working with avocational and professional archeologists. Scholarship recipients also participated in other aspects of the field school. Auburn Gonzales (age 12) took part in the youth field program, directed by CTA member Doug Boyd. Dewey Tsonetokoy presented an evening program on Kiowa history, and Auburn Gonzales and Jacob Palmer sang traditional songs at several large and small gatherings, at the request of field school attendees. Members of the Maestas and Tsonetokoy families – including the 2004 Kiowa Tribal Princess – attended evening presentations by their relatives, and were furnished with supper from scholarship funds.

One of the many positive aspects of this program is that the predominantly Anglo TAS field school participants have benefited along with Native guests. A number of members had their first opportunity to converse one-on-one with Indian people and experience our common ground and shared interest in the past. The program also has drawn more Native youth than anticipated, thus promoting interaction at all age levels.

Scholarship recipients enjoyed and benefited greatly from the field school, as indicated by excerpts from their thank you letters: “We just wanted to thank the society ... for making us Indians so welcome! If you ever have need of us, we’ll be very happy to do all we can to help out.” “We really enjoyed ourselves at the 2004 field school, it was a learning experience. Thank you for your hospitality. Looking forward to seeing you at the next field school.” “Thank you so much for the tools and for your kindness.” “It makes me feel honored to be part of such a wonderful group.”



Excavation crew includes Jacob Palmer of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, on right.



Dewey Tsonetokoy, Kiowa Indian Tribe

Near the end of field school, the scholarship recipients and several other Native American attendees met around a table, to evaluate the scholarship program and provide suggestions for future field schools. Issues discussed included proposals to increase scholarship attendance by improving the methods of inviting participants. Suggestions also were provided for coordinating the treatment of any human remains that may be encountered at the 2005 TAS Field School in Lamar County.

Scholarship funds supported almost all field school costs for participants, including TAS membership for 2004 (required for insurance purposes), field school registration, breakfast and evening meals, and \$100 to assist with transportation. Each recipient also received an excavation toolkit. On average, the value of the scholarships was approximately \$350 per recipient. Because donations to support the 2004 scholarship program (\$3,602) exceeded program costs (\$1,763), a reserve of \$1,839 will be used as seed money and applied toward scholarships for the 2005 TAS Field School.

Overall, the 2004 scholarship program was a considerable success. Plans are underway to improve the methods of invitation, and hopefully obtain even greater participation of Native Americans in next year's field school. Many thanks to CTA for supporting this important effort to promote understanding among the diverse cultures of Texas.

Photographs by Carol Macaulay, TAS

*75th Annual Meeting of the Texas
Archeological Society in College Station
David Carlson*

The Texas A&M University Anthropology Society invites you to join us for the 75th Annual Meeting of the Texas Archeological Society in College Station from October 29-

31, 2004, at the Hilton College Station and Conference Center.

There is still time to make your reservation for the TAS Annual Meeting. The Registration Form is available on the web: <http://www.txarch.org/activities/am2004.html>. After October 7, the registration and banquet costs increase by \$10 each.

For hotel reservations contact the Hilton directly at 1-979-693-7500. The conference rate is \$81/night. Be sure to specify group code: TAS to get the special conference rate.

Friday evening's public forum is open to everyone in the community. Dr. Vaughn Bryant from Texas A&M University will discuss forensic applications of his training as an archaeologist in a talk titled, "From Archaeology to CSI: Catching Crooks Through Pollen Analysis." Vaughn has worked with police departments and federal agencies using the skills as a palynologist that he first applied to archaeological deposits at Bonfire Shelter to help law enforcement agencies. His talk will be followed by informal discussions and artifact identification by Texas archeologists of renown: Harry Shafer, Elton Prewitt, Dan Potter, and Alan Skinner. Anyone attending can bring artifacts for identification.

Saturday evening is the banquet. This year's speaker will be Dr. Kevin Crisman, Texas A&M University, speaking on "The Wreck on the Red." Kevin is working with A&M students in the Nautical Archaeology Program and the State of Oklahoma to recover the remains of a steamboat that sank in the Red River in 1838 while attempting to bring supplies to Fort Towson. The talk will discuss the role of the steamboat in opening the frontier during the 19th century in terms of discoveries made during summer field seasons in 2003 and 2004.

On Sunday we will have tours to the Anthropology Department at Texas A&M University.

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