

**2012 CTA Fall Meeting, October 26, 2011**  
**Business Meeting—UT-Tyler University Center Ballroom, Tyler, Texas**  
**CTA Careers in Archaeology Social—8:00 PM**

**Agenda**

**Registration** – 9:00 AM

**Call to Order** – 9:30 AM

**Announcements**

**Approval of Minutes, Spring 2012 Meeting**

**Officers' Reports**

President (*Rachel Feit*)  
 Secretary (*Kristi Ulrich*)  
 Treasurer (*Carole Leezer*)  
 Newsletter Editor (*Mindy Bonine*)

**Standing Committee Reports**

Auditing (*Mark Denton*)  
 CTA Communications (*Mindy Bonine*)  
 Contractors List (*Shelly Fischbeck*)  
 Curation (*Laura Nightengale*)  
 Governmental Affairs (*Nesta Anderson*)  
 Multicultural Relations (*Mary Jo Galindo*)  
 Nominating (*Bill Martin*)  
 Public Education (*David Brown*)

**Special Committee Reports**

Academic Archeology and CRM (*Jon Lohse*)  
 Anti-looting Committee (*Jeffery Hanson*)  
 History (*Doug Boyd*)  
 Membership (*Becky Shelton*)

**Agency Reports**

Texas Historical Commission (*Pat Mercado-Allinger*)  
 Texas Parks and Wildlife (*Michael Strutt*)  
 Texas Department of Transportation (*Scott Pletka*)  
 Texas Archeological Research Laboratory (*Jonathan Jarvis*)

**Old Business**

Akismet Activation and Public Access to Website

**New Business**

TAAM Grant Recipients  
 To Be Announced

**Meeting Adjourns** - 12:00 PM

**CTA Careers in Archaeology Social** – 8:00 PM

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## ***President's Forum***

By Rachel Feit

This is my first update as CTA president. Frankly, I had no idea how much people do behind the scenes of this organization. There are meetings to organize, grants to award, letters to write and a constant stream of news to keep track of. As Past President Mary Jo Galindo noted in the Spring CTA meeting, none of this could happen without the dedication of the other officers. Their commitment and the institutional memory they provide is what truly maintains operations for the CTA. As we move onward through the fog together, I hope I can pick up where Mary Jo left off and offer strong leadership for the CTA's upcoming endeavors.

Already I have been busy reviewing grant applications for Texas Archeology Awareness Month events. This year we set aside \$2500 and awarded five grants of \$500 each. The recipients were: Friends of Alibates, Hueco Tanks State Park, Museum of the Big Bend, El Paso Museum of Archaeology, and the Historic Brownsville Museum. I would like to say congratulations to all of them, and wish them best of luck in their TAAM events.

The semi-annual CTA meeting is nearly upon us. As always the fall CTA meeting will precede the annual Texas Archeological Society meeting which commences on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This year, it will be held at the UT, Tyler campus, in the Ballroom of the University Center building (3900 University Blvd, Tyler, TX). Get there by 9 AM for registration. We will start the meeting at around 9:30 AM.

And speaking of gatherings, don't forget about the annual CTA Career Social, which will take place Friday at 8 PM after Dr. Kent Reilly's public forum lecture. Please contact me if your firm would like to reserve display table space for the event. Free food, free drinks, 'nuf said.

I expect this to be a busy year, since the Texas Legislature will start the 83<sup>rd</sup> Legislative session on January 8, 2013. Like in 2011, the Texas Historical Commission could be facing additional budget cuts or legislation that will eliminate the agency altogether. I think most CTA members will agree that we do not want this to happen. I urge all members to get involved by taking the time to

come to Austin, write letters, visit with legislators, and attend committee hearings to ensure the continued protection of Texas' cultural resources. I will keep everyone updated on all matters affecting cultural resources in the 2013 session.

# 83th Annual Texas Archeological Society Meeting Tyler, Texas



MAPS

**University of Texas at Tyler  
University Center  
3900 University Blvd.  
TYLER, TX 75799  
(number 29 on map)**

Please see the TAS Website  
[www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/am2012/index.php](http://www.txarch.org/Activities/AnnualMeeting/am2012/index.php)  
For more information

## **Officer's Reports**

### **Secretary Report**

Kristi Miller Ulrich

Thank goodness for cooler weather! As we gear up for the last part of the year I just wanted to remind you that memberships are on yearly bases from January to December. Your 2012 membership expires on December 31, 2012. Currently we have 13 student members, 149 professional members and 59 contractors who have renewed or recently joined CTA during the 2012 year. We also have two professionals that have extended their memberships through 2013. To renew your membership for the 2013 year, you can pay online via PayPal through the CTA website ([www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org](http://www.counciloftexasarcheologists.org)) or by completing a membership renewal form (also on our website) and mailing it with a check to Council of Texas Archeologists c/o Kristi Ulrich, Center for Archaeological Research, The University of Texas at San Antonio, One UTSA Circle, San Antonio, TX 78249. Please review our membership fees as contractors fees will change for the 2013 year.

In addition, there looks to be several changes in email addresses and names of some of the officers in this coming year. Please take a moment to join the CTA\_org Yahoo! Group. All notices to the CTA membership are posted to this email list and this is our main way of communicating with the CTA membership. This will be the quickest way to be up to date on changes and upcoming events and issues. If you are not currently on this list, please forward your current email address to Mindy Bonine at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com) and she will see that you are added to the list server.

### **Treasurer Report**

Carole Leezer

As of September 19, 2012, our checking account contains \$8,764.55; the money market account contains \$18,898.49; and our Scholarship Fund contains \$8556.31. Please be aware that Contractor Listing fees have increase to \$125 per listing for 2013; membership dues remain the same - \$30/\$15 for professional members and \$25/\$15 for students. It's never too early to renew your membership! Please help us continue to serve the archeological community and the public, join or renew your membership today!

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### **Newsletter Editor Report**

Mindy Bonine

I would like to apologize in advance for the lateness of the CTA Newsletter this fall, as well as the lack of a TAS Schedule and comprehensive map. I have only been able to complete the bare minimum content acquisition and editing as my new little sprog has taken up all of my free time. Hopefully, things will be as normal in the spring.

## ***Texas Historical Commission Reports***

### **THC Rules Review & Revisions**

In accordance with state law, the Texas Historical Commission (THC) is undergoing a systematic review of its current rules in the Texas Administrative Code (Title 13 Cultural Resources, Part 2 Texas Historical Commission). Of particular interest to CTA members are the following:

Chapter 24: Restricted Cultural Resource Information

Chapter 25: Office of the State Archeologist

Chapter 26: Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Antiquities Code of Texas

Chapter 28: Historic Shipwrecks

Chapter 29: Management and Care of Artifacts and Collections

It has been determined that each category of rules is relevant and necessary for the operation of the THC's archeological programs. Updates and revisions to each set of rules are underway. To date, Chapter 24 revisions have been published in the Texas Register (<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/texreg/index.shtml>), with no comments received by the THC thus far. Chapter 24 revisions will be considered for approval and filed for final publication in the Texas Register during the October 25<sup>th</sup> THC Commission meeting in Austin.

Also on the agenda for the Commission meeting will be a discussion, and the possible approval for first publication in the Texas Register, of proposed revisions to Chapter 28 and Chapter 29. Once published, there is a 30-day public comment period.

THC staff members are currently working on proposed revisions to Chapters 25 and 26. The current plan is to present the proposed revisions at the January Commission meeting. If approved for first publication, revisions will be posted in the Texas Register for public comment.

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### **THC Presents Awards of Merit**

The Archeology Division and Archeology Committee of the Texas Historical Commission recently presented "Awards of Merit in Archeology" to the following corporations and individuals for their

outstanding preservation and research efforts on sites across Texas.

On July 26, 2012 in Austin, Pat Mercado-Allinger presented an Award of Merit in Archeology to Ross C. Fields and Eloise Frances Gadus of Prewitt and Associates, Inc. and North American Coal Corporation, Sabine Mine for producing an outstanding report entitled: *Archeology of the Nadaco Caddo: The View from the Pine Tree Mound Site (41HS15), Harrison County, Texas.*



On April 26, 2012 in Dallas, Pat Mercado-Allinger presented an Award of Merit in Archeology to David G. Robinson, Brandy M. Harris, Reign D. Clark, Candace L. Wallace and Nesta J. Anderson of Atkins for producing an outstanding report entitled *Cotton, Corn, and Steam on the Post Oak Savannah: Data Recovery at the Headsville Mill/Gin, Site 41RT413, Robertson County, Texas.* Meg Cruse and Clell Bond represented Atkins, and Scott Mills and Ricky Goodman represented the mine.



On October 26, 2011 in Midland, Pat Mercado-Allinger presented an Award of Merit in Archeology to Carolyn Spock for her lifetime of archeological preservation efforts with the University of Texas at Austin, the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory, the Travis County Archeological Society, the Council of Texas Archeologists, and the Texas Archeological Society. Spock thanked the Committee for the personal recognition.




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### THC Diversity Internship in Historic Preservation

For the second year in a row, the Archeology Division of the Texas Historical Commission has been fortunate enough to work with the recipient of a THC Diversity Internship in Historic Preservation. The program provides an eight-week paid internship for students from underrepresented ethnic groups who have an interest in historic preservation. Jannie Scott, one of two recipients this year, is a graduate student in Anthropology at the University of Texas at Austin, working with Dr. Maria Franklin. Her primary interest is the archeology of African American communities in Central Texas in the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. She worked with her advisor, Brad Jones, in a number of capacities that built on her previous skills and interests while giving her an inside perspective on preservation and archeological practice within the context of a state agency.

During her time with the Archeology Division, Jannie helped map survey boundaries onto the Texas Archeological Sites Atlas, completed site forms and made maps for unregistered sites recorded in the THC's county files. She also created a database for the THC's historic ceramic

type collection that is cross-referenced with other national typologies.

The majority of her work, however, focused on creating an Arc-GIS based map of African American communities in Travis County. Working with site records on the Atlas, published reports, and historic maps and aerial photographs, the project's goal is to construct an interactive map of known, remembered, and recorded archeological sites with African American affiliation for interpreting archeological field data, developing a county-wide settlement pattern study, and providing probability maps for conducting academic and CRM based projects. Though still a work in progress, the initial results are already revealing important information about the organization of post-Civil War African American communities within urban Austin and the surrounding region.

With such a broad scope, the project exceeds the duration of her internship, but we are fortunate that she will continue to collaborate with the THC on the project as part of her graduate studies. We look forward to presenting the data in future venues such as the CTA newsletter or at professional meetings. For additional information on the THC's Diversity Internship in Historic Preservation please visit the program homepage on our website: <http://www.thc.state.tx.us/awards/awdfellows.shtml>.

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### THC Site Eligibility Project

With funding provided by the TxDOT Environmental Affairs Division, the Archeology Division of the THC has spent the past year undertaking a records research project designed to resurrect all past site eligibility determinations and enter them into a database. To date, over 18,000 THC/SHPO site eligibility determinations made in Texas between 1993 and 2011 have been documented and that data should soon be added to the site records available through the Atlas. These determinations include both National Register and State Archeological Landmark decisions. Determinations made in 2012 and after will be entered into the same eligibility database by the THC staff reviewers on a daily basis, as reviews are completed. Some eligibility determinations made prior to 1993 should also make it into the database, but complications in the manner in which that data were kept could prevent most of those records

from being encoded. Regardless, the database that is currently being created should serve as a valuable resource for site and cultural landscape research and predictive modeling.

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### **State Records Storage Fees Increase**

The impacts of legislative budget cuts during the 82<sup>nd</sup> (regular) legislative session continue to reverberate throughout Texas state agencies, including the Texas Historical Commission (THC). In FY 2012, the State Library and Archives Commission (SLAC), responsible for maintaining official state records, instituted a fee of \$10.00 for each delivery or pickup to agencies in the Austin area (a service that has always been free until now). Since September 1, 2012, the \$10.00 fees have been assessed for deliveries and pickups for each location within an agency (office, floor, building, etc.). Why is this of interest to CTA members? Because the THC sends records, including those for completed Section 106 reviews and Antiquities Code permit files, to the SLAC for storage.

To economize, THC's Archeology Division (AD) has reduced the number of records delivery and pickup requests to once per week. We certainly understand that urgent matters arise that may require a rush delivery of past review files and we will make accommodations, as needed. However, costs add up and we must pass on delivery and pickup charges if copies are made (in addition to any copying fees). For anyone wishing to view the records in person, there will be no charge. Feel free to contact AD with any related questions: 512.463-6096; donna.mccarver@thc.state.tx.us.

## **Spring 2010 Meeting Minutes**

### **CTA Spring 2012 Meeting April 13, 2012 Camp Mabry, Austin Texas**

Registration: 8:30 AM.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Jo Galindo at 9:17 AM.

#### **Announcements:**

The announcements included that this would be the last meeting with Mary Jo as President and that the CTA Social was to follow the meeting that afternoon. No other announcements were made from the floor.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

Mark Denton motioned for the approval of the Fall Meeting minutes. Leslie Bush seconded the motion, and it was passed with none in opposition.

#### **Officer's Reports:**

**President (Mary Jo Galindo):** During the President's Report, Mary Jo reiterated that she would be handing gavel over to President Elect Rachel Feit at the end of the meeting. Texas Archaeology Awareness Month Grants were awarded to three groups this year: Hueco Tanks, Lake Jackson, and the Bosque Museum. Each of the three were awarded \$500. Both Lake Jackson and Hueco Tanks provided reports on how the grant money was used.

Mary Jo stated how she has enjoyed representing CTA on the Antiquities Board and thru the Texas Historical Commission. She noted that the this organization is kept running by the hard work from the committees and the committee chairs. Mary Jo expressed her appreciation for those involved and encouraged new members to provide input.

Mary Jo pointed out that the second publication of the Ceramic Protocols was included in the Spring 2012 CTA Newsletter. Questions and comments were going to be addressed later in the meeting.

**President Elect (Rachel Feit):** Rachel had nothing to report.

**Secretary (Kristi Ulrich):** Kristi reminded everyone about renewing their memberships. Memberships are on a yearly basis from January to December, so the 2011 membership expired on December 31, 2011. At the time of the meeting CTA had 7 student members, 58 professional members, and 24 contractors who have renewed or recently joined CTA for the 2012 calendar year. Members can pay online via PayPal through the CTA website or by completing a membership renewal form (also on the website) and mailing it with a check to Council of Texas Archeologists c/o Carole Leezer, Center for Archaeological Studies, Texas State University, San Marcos, TX 78666. Kristi stated that the professional membership (for those earning more than \$20,000 per year) is now \$30. All other membership fees and contractor listing fees remained the same. She also reminded everyone to join the CTA\_org Yahoo! Group. All notices to the CTA membership are posted to this email list and this is CTA's main way of communicating with the membership. Those who would like to join can forward their current email address to Mindy Bonine at [ebony2071@yahoo.com](mailto:ebony2071@yahoo.com) and she will see that you are added to the list server.

**Treasurer (Carole Leezer):** Carole reported that the accounts were holding steady. Later in the meeting, a revised budget was to be voted on. Part of the revisions included a proposed increase in contractor fees from \$100 to \$115. That increase would not happen until next year. The accounts are at their lowest than they have been in the past, and this is due to some unexpected expenses from the Fall 2011 Meeting.

**Newsletter Editor (Mindy Bonine):** Mindy thanked those for contributions to the newsletter and the website. Both the newsletter and Yahoo! Group have been humming along. Mindy proposed another addition to the budget. She wanted to expand access to the backend of the website and open the site to comments. If this was done, the site will be open to the public and would need moderators to review content and the posting of comments. There are some additional costs associated to monitor a site open to the public.

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### Standing Committee Reports

**Auditing (Mark Denton):** Mark reported that the budget was on track.

**Communications (Mindy Bonine):** Thus far only Mindy Bonine has access to changes on the website. There had been a discussion at 2011 Fall Meeting about who had access to changes, but there was not a clear resolution at that meeting. It was discussed that there are certain individuals who need backend access to the website. Shelly and officers should have access, but it was noted that the more people who have access creates more problems, and training would be needed to teach those using it. However, Mindy stated that the new website is easier to use than the old. The issue concerning access was revisited. It was proposed that just committee chairs and officers have access to posting and editing information on the website. It was noted that the frequency at which the pages were updated varied, though Mindy thought that maybe with the easier design it might lead to better use. Currently the website can show posts from those with a login. If the posts are opened to the public, anyone will be able to comment. Rachel Feit asked if there was a filter on the posts. Mindy stated that a program called Akismet was needed to filter out the spam. Akismet would require funds for the service. A personal webpage had free spam filtering, but a corporate site would be charged a \$5 fee per month for the service. Mindy needed to check on rules for non-profit organizations, but felt that CTA would be obligated to pay to activate the spam filter. Once the filter was in place, CTA would be able to set the parameters as to what would be filtered out and what was considered inappropriate or non-related material. Mindy would be able to moderate the rest of the posted comments. Mindy would be able to set the standards for content and the members of CTA would vote to approve. Mary Jo noted that it would be similar to TXARCH-L, but more real-time. Mindy indicated that Akismet would work like an email spam filter.

David Brown asked if the software would require people to sign in to post. He speculated that if there was a registration, and a post approval process, there would be fewer crazy posts. The \$5 fee for the service was a good deal as well, even if there was a comment approval process.

Mindy noted that it would take time to set up if members were to register. David recommended that comments should be open to the public but that a member's only area would be beneficial. Mindy indicated that there may be important issues that would benefit from responses from the public.

Jim Abbot asked if there was a log of the service to show what it was doing. Mindy responded that there was a way of seeing that the service was working. David asked if Mindy had been monitoring the hits on the CTA website. She said she had, but not since the new website took effect. From the floor a question arose about the possibility of getting some of the documents in a PDF format to be able to print easily. Mindy said that was something she would put on her list of things to do. She also indicated that help would be welcome. Mary Jo asked for help from the membership to offer Mindy assistance. Also, a motion during the budget discussion will be made to ask for funds for filter service if everyone was ok with the backend access.

Marybeth Tomka asked about the amount of space that committees had on their pages. Mindy indicated that the site had a lot more space available than CTA needed. The organization uses less than 1 percent of the allotted space. Unless we started publishing huge reports, each committee should have more than enough space to post updates and information.

**Contractor's List (Shelly Fishbeck):** Carole Leezer presented the details about the contractor's list. If a company submitted their contractor fee after today (day of the Spring Meeting) a late fee will be assessed. If the contractor did not send their dues a month or so after that, the contractor will be deleted from list. If there are any problems please contact Shelley Fishbeck before May 13.

**Curation (Carolyn Spock):** Carolyn addressed the issue that she is retiring and wanted to pass the reins of the Curation Committee. The Committee has elected Laura Nightengale as the new chair. Carolyn intended to stay on to help the committee for a short while to help with the transition.

**Governmental Affairs (Rachel Feit):** Rachel spoke for the Governmental Affairs Committee.

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She stated at the Fall Meeting that she was interested in stepping down from the committee chair. She was currently looking for someone to chair the committee. Nesta Anderson has agreed to do it. Rachel noted that the Texas Legislation has not been in session this year, and no issues have been raised. Although quiet, the committee would be gearing up for a very active session soon. Rachel offered to help Nesta. Mary Jo asked if co-chairs for the committee might be a solution to the activity required. Rachel agreed that it could help. There was a discussion of who was on the committee and the need to remain active. The committee would be needed to write letters and be present in front of the legislative sessions. The next session would start January 8, 2013. The filing of Bills would begin in November. The committee would need to be gearing up in October to respond to certain bills. There may be some major fights again during this session. Mary Jo named Nesta Anderson as the new Chair of the Government Affairs Committee.

**Multicultural Relations (Mary Jo Galindo):** The committee noted that the donation jar towards dig kits for the TAS field school was at the meeting. Marie Archambeault has taken over as the Subcommittee Chair for the Native American Scholarship. She thanked the members for their donations towards the scholarships. It was noted that contractor sponsorship was very important, but donations at any level were welcome.

**Nominating (Bill Martin):** Bill has no nominations for next year.

**Public Education (David Brown):** David reported for the Public Education Committee. The main topic was the Mott Awards.

In addition to the awards, David brought up the recent looting shows and notes that it is an issue for the Public Education Committee. He has seen an increase in carelessness of archaeological documentation on TV. Television shows are displaying questionable ethics. These looting shows are culmination of that lack of ethical behaviors out there. He does not like the way archaeologists are being portrayed.

Dan has given out the E. Mott Davis Award for the last 12 years. For excellence in public outreach the nominee this year was James Karbula for the Spindle top project. The project took place

at the historic landmark. They worked with Atlanta Gas and Light. The public interface aspects of the project included talks, volunteers, stewards visits, television and other media participation. David had photos of the project to show members of the CTA. David Brown awarded the E. Mott Davis Award to James Karbula and Deidra Black for the Spindletop Project. James thanked Dr Joe Cornelius, and GTS. He noted that it was Phase 2 of the project. He would be talking about the project after the meeting. He is a great admirer of Dr. Davis and was honored to receive the award for a second time.

### Special Committee Reports:

**Academic Archaeology and CRM (Jon Lohse):** Jon had nothing to report for the Academic Committee.

**Anti Looting (Jeffery Hanson):** Jeffery reported for the Anti Looting Committee. The committee had completed an anti-looting survey. He thanked Robert Mauldin for helping. They had over 100 respondents and will post the results on TX-ARCHL and CTA Yahoo! group. A few of the things he noticed is that people want to see more education. There is a need to increase awareness and get the youth involved. He also stated that there appeared to be a lack of support from the law enforcement. In Texas, looting is moderately to highly significant. We need to reach out to the law. In addition, we need to increase awareness with the media. Treasure hunting shows are not sensitive to the collective heritage. One of the ways to increase awareness would be to increase coverage of looting cases. There is a need for greater consequences for looters. At this time there is a reluctance to charge looters with felonies.

The survey revealed that a vast majority noted that that looting is a problem. Now we need data concerning the number of sites that are looted or vandalized. Empirical date is needed to back up a request for greater enforcement. One way of gathering the data is to include an area on the site form that discusses looting and vandalism so it can easily be searched for through the database.

At this time, the law states that looters can be fined \$500 and be charged with a Class B misdemeanor.

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Dan Julian spoke about the sites exposed during drought. They spent last summer educating law enforcement and rangers about laws. Rangers ticketed those caught looting. One person was caught twice, taken to jail, and found that she had other warrants. When asked why she went back, she said she couldn't help herself. Michael Strutt made the point that looting paid more than the fines. There is a need to train local magistrates on the issue and that the fine needs to be maximum to deter looters in the future. Pat Mercado noted that most of land in Texas is not public. We need to go the extra step to educate private land owners to protect their sites. David Brown stated that the magistrates are just not enforcing the laws and the law enforcement needs to be approached. He asked if there would be value of compiling anti-looting website to make available to police departments. Mary Jo recommended a packet to be distributed that would show examples and characteristics. Mark Denton stated how metal detecting is allowed in certain cities and counties. He noted how Travis County came close to issuing permits for metal detection. Kristi Ulrich interjected that permits are given in San Antonio.

A discussion ensued concerning how to record damage to sites from looting as well as additional methods to educate law enforcement and the public. An anti-looting checklist was recommended. Hanson suggested a Damage Assessment form that could be uploaded and available to everyone. The Texas Archaeological Sites Atlas could be utilized for quantifying looted sites. One problem was noted about using the Atlas was that not everyone used the same terminology. Mark Denton recommended that from now on everyone use a uniform term to document looting so it is easier to search for in the database.

**History (Doug Boyd):** Doug had nothing to report.

Break at 10:30 AM.

**Membership (Becky Shelton):** After returning from the break, the Student Research Grant was discussed. There were eight submissions for the grant. This year's recipient was Robert Zach Selden for The Angelina River Basin project. Robert received a check for \$1000 and the award from

Jim Hughey of the Membership Committee.

### **Agency Reports:**

**THC (Pat Mercado-Allinger):** Pat spoke on behalf of the THC. She noted that Jim Bruseth did retire.

In addition, she noted that sometime this year we will see a new improved THC website with an easier format. The project review component will link old and the new with a focus on the multidisciplinary review of projects: statutes, rules and regulations, how do you hire, and guidelines for tribal consultation. A button on a sidebar will take you to the correct page.

In light of previous discussions, the THC developed a form about the changes to the health and safety form and what to do when you discover a cemetery. THC is encouraging people not to provide GPS coordinates. This would assist landowners in fending off people trying to disturb the graves. Instead, THC recommends to just mention that an unmarked cemetery is located within a certain tract.

THC still has reduced staff. Some reviewers are part time reviewers. One will be on a temporary leave. Request for expedited reviews need to be truly necessary and well thought out. For a short time THC will be down the one reviewer, which means an increase work load for that one reviewer. So please consider carefully what is an emergency. But otherwise, they seem to be doing a great job now with a reduced work staff.

Pat needed to note that if you were looking for something that you have done since December of 2011 on the Texas Historic Sites Atlas, it is not up yet. Marie is working on it. But understand that there is a lag and there will continue to be lag for a while longer. Rachel Feit asked about how to get unpermitted sites on the Atlas. Mark Denton answered that if you send a shape file and complimentary copy of the work with it noted in cover letter that it is unpermitted project, it will get posted. Pat also emphasized the shape file. The THC needs shape file information with the submission of the draft report. Anything that is requiring manual work gets put in the queue to be done later due to reduced staff. Also, ESRI: ARC-GIS explorer desktop is a free program that can be used and emailed to GIS users. This would be

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extremely helpful for getting everything up on the Atlas. Pat reminded all those that have shipwreck information that that additional layer of information will be included, but not currently on the Atlas. For all sites, eligibility information will be included. TxDOT is currently working to help compile that information. Envision that it will be something that will provide multiple eligibility forms when you pull up a trinomial. Denton noted that database will only go back to 1993, but should still be helpful. Anything that is potentially eligible in reports is being listed as "Unknown".

There will be more enhancements with working with TxDOT relating to historic highways. They are trying to keep good data on the Atlas. To help, please include acreage in the reports, dates of actual fieldwork in report, and shape files with the report. Please review the Section 26 for the numbers of reports and what kinds to be submitted. It is clearly spelled out.

Pat discussed upcoming projects. The THC is undergoing a formal review of all its laws. There will be proposed changes as soon as July which will be presented at the meeting in Austin. During the summer they will have another diversity intern. It will be Denise Scott from UTA. Internship funding comes from Friends of the THC. Denise will work with Brad Jones. Work continues on the technical report of the LaBelle. There were 39 chapters at last count and many authors. Submission of the manuscript will hopefully occur this fall. There is an exhibition in the works for the Bob Bullock Museum that will feature the conserved hull of the LaBelle with recreation of the mast. And a traveling exhibit will be developed and make its way around country and to France.

There was a discussion about looting concerns again. Kay Hinds made a note on TX-ARCHL about the centennial markers giving away locations for potential looters. This is a hard situation. Some markers are off site, some are spot on. There will be further discussions to talk about the concerns. Metal detecting shows have created a problem for the archaeological community. National Geographic had the first show. All major archaeological organizations nationwide jumped on it. National Geographic farms out their shows to the Fox Network. Enough pressure was put on National Geographic that they will not carry on the show. This was one small victory. American Diggers on Spike TV is a different story. They are

not willing to back down. The star of the show just got booted off the affiliated magazine. Some tension is brewing that may work in our favor. Pat is in discussion with public information and education coordinator to draft something that discusses increased interest in metal detecting and how it is illegal on public property. They are undertaking a multi pronged approach to attack the situation.

**TPWD (Michael Strutt):** Michael spoke on behalf of Texas Parks and Wildlife. They are working on many different fronts. The TAS field school will be on Devils River at the new state park. He encourages everyone to go out to see it. There will be testing and survey, and he hopes to find more shelters and rock art during the field season. The field school will be held from June 9-16.

TPWD is hoping to get its own archaeologist for Big Bend State Park in the next few months.

Michael brought up the issue of looting. Since the lakes came up, looting has decreased, but metal detecting is still an issue. TPWD has instituted training in parks and wildlife regulations. One module is a cultural resources training. Rangers are given background on what to do if they catch looting in progress. They are trying to get voluntary compliance. The officer will ask after someone who looks like they may be looting, and inform them that collecting is against law.

A MOU is being written to try to make project reviews easier. Currently they are working on a bill aimed at graffiti on historic properties. TPWD would like to see a law passed where it becomes an offense to place graffiti on a state historic property or SAL. Recently there had been some graffiti found on rock art. They were able to remove some, but a deterrent is needed to keep more graffiti from happening. The aftermath of the fires in state parks was discussed. Bastrop State Park reopened shortly after the fires. During the closure period lots of archaeology occurred during that time. TPWD had to cut the trees that had burned to reopen the trails. There were efforts made to protect previously recorded sites. Rain that happened after the fires destroyed one of the CCC culverts. Currently TPWD was working on restoring a road and historic cabins. In addition, Mother Neff was flooded a couple years ago, and TPWD is still working on redesigning that park. Galveston is still being worked on as well. There

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were fires at three CCC-era constructed parks this past summer. Fire teams at those parks working practically on their own saved the CCC resources. A few weeks ago the fire teams were given the Governors Award for saving the resources.

**TxDOT (Scott Pletka):** Scott spoke on behalf of TxDOT. TxDOT is working on revising the MOU with THC. They have adopted wholesale changes to environmental rules that will go into effect on Monday (after the date of the Spring Meeting). There are ways that this will affect archeological projects. All projects that get environmental documents submitted after Monday have to go thru a scoping process. This will effect third party projects. The process will define roles and responsibilities and lay out tasks to fulfill environmental codes. The third party may coordinate directly with THC rather than passing thru TxDOT. TxDOT may be asked to help guide project sponsors through the scoping process. There may be cases where the scoping is flexible and the client may want it expedited through TxDOT. With whom the third party will deal with is going to be determined case by case. It may be linked to what will be needed in the project. In cases that antiquities codes are in play, sponsors may likely coordinate with THC directly. There will be changes in the MOU to be consistent with the scoping process. There will be acknowledgement that the third party is directly coordinating with THC. There will be formal documentation with each project. The scoping process will take place at the outset of a project.

The scoping process at the outset could deny or confirm federal involvement, or it can help if its unclear if federal funds are there. Contractors need to help inform the clients. Contractors need to forewarn the client that they should treat a project like a Section 106 and establish an APE. This way they will use the same process that will be useful in the outcome. If there is federal involvement it could cause problems if they treat it only as Antiquities Code. Mary Jo asked if the scoping process would happen prior to an archaeologist's involvement. Scott answered that archaeologists may be involved in the scoping process too. Archeological firms will be consulted to see what could be needed. The project sponsor would want to hire their own archaeologist to expedite reviews. The archaeologist would be advising them how to meet TxDOT standards, or advising them

how to coordinate with THC. There is a formal scoping document, but he was unsure if its available to the public at the moment. There was discussion with several CTA members that need clarification on the process. Scott Pletka tried to clarify with some examples. He went over a few different case scenarios that could indicate which way the scoping process can go. He talked about how the scope can and should be amended during the progress of the project.

General services contracts were set to expire in 2013. Archaeologists should expect to hear about a RFP in early fall. TxDOT is now planning a list of surveys through 2015. TxDOT wants to have definite deliverable contracts where a contractor would receive a list of surveys and given a deadline to complete.

Mark Denton reminded everyone that Adrienne Campbell is leaving THC on the 20<sup>th</sup> of this month. Someone will be replacing her, but she had a vast amount of knowledge. He wanted to remind people that he is not sure if the new person will be working in same capacity. Contractors need to remind their clients that there is a 20 day turnaround time per the MOU for submission of standing structure reports. Also, he recommends using in-house cultural resource experts to help the THC process. The process will take more time.

**TARL (Jonathan Jarvis):** Jonathan spoke on behalf of TARL. He wanted everyone to know that 96.5% of sites in Texas were recorded due to CRM activities, and 3% were results of academic investigations. TARL is pulling the plug on TxSITE 2 on September 1, 2012. He encouraged everyone to move to TxSite 3.

There was a question as to who the Director of TARL is now. Jarvis responded that changes are still on-going. Darrel is still around and taking care of TARL out of the kindness of his heart until the new director is determined. He does not know who it will be at the moment, but he expects everything to come out just fine. He didn't see many changes to TARL over the next year. There shouldn't be any significant changes in TARL functions, but he noted that he could be wrong. It was asked if CTA could formally express support for the core mission of TARL. Jarvis said he felt that it would not be harmful, but it may not be the right time. He would inform CTA when it ap-

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peared to be a better time.

#### **Old Business:**

Linda Ellis spoke about the Ceramic Protocol. There hadn't been too many comments and all had been addressed without changes to the document. She entertained a motion to vote on accepting the ceramic protocols as written. Andrea Stahlmann seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

#### **New Business:**

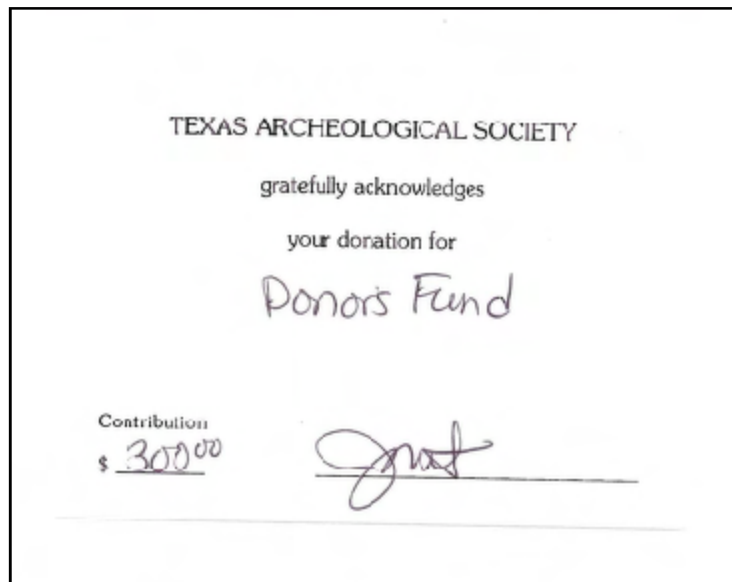
Carole Leezer opened the discussion on the 2012 Budget. Earlier in meeting, there was a need to ask for money for the Akismet program. During the break there was an anonymous donation to cover the expense. The donation did not require the budget to change in that area.

Pat Mercado-Allinger suggested shifting money from Texas Archeology Awareness Month calendar publications to grants. This would increase TAAM grants either by funds or by groups awarded. It was agreed upon to spread the award around rather than awarding more money to individual groups. Mary Jo said she would leave that to the discretion of the committee to award the funds how they saw fit. Rachel Feit motioned to vote to transfer the fund from the TAAM calendar publication to TAAM grants. The motion was seconded and passed.

Mary Jo asked for a motion to vote on the amended budget. Pat Mercado-Allinger motioned for the vote, and Rachel Feit seconded the motion. The motion passed and the budget was approved.


Carole Leezer asked to increase Contractor's Fees from \$100 to \$115. There was a need to vote on the increase now as the fee change would take effect on January 1, 2013. It was asked whether that increase was enough. There was discussion amongst the group, and ideas about graduated increases were entertained. Others suggested just an even increase was better. Mark Denton moved to increase the fee to \$125. Missi Green seconded that motion. The motion passed and the yearly Contractor's Fees were increased to \$125 starting January 1.

Mary Jo Galindo passed the gavel to Rachel Feit, passing the presidency of CTA to Rachel. The 2012 Spring Meeting was adjourned by Rachel at 12:16 PM.



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