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## *President's Corner*

Some weeks ago, I had the privilege of making a short presentation, on behalf of the Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS), to the Historic Preservation Conference, hosted by the Colorado Historical Society (OAHF). While making the presentation about CAS, I realized the difference between CAS and the other local archaeological groups to which I belong. The difference is that CAS provides archaeologists with trained volunteers for hands-on archaeological experiences. I changed my talk in mid-stream to emphasize this training and the associated hands-on archaeological experience for our members.

The training is provided by the Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification (PAAC). PAAC is composed of several courses, including lab work and field work. Graduation from any of the modules communicates to the archaeologist that the CAS member is trained in that area. It facilitates the CAS member being accepted for participation in archaeological projects.

The hands-on archaeological experience is priceless. It enables a CAS member to experience Colorado archaeology as an armchair archaeologist never could. It is the difference between being a participant and being a spectator. The participant has real adventures. The spectator has only virtual ones. Yes, some of the "real adventures" are painful, but they are worth it. Ask any of the CAS members who actively participate. We all have stories. One of my favorites is having my headlamp battery go out in a dark cave passage at Porcupine Cave and replacing the batteries in the dark. I am reminded of a scene from the movie, "A Bridge Too Far", in which the briefing officer says that the soldiers on the mission "will have stories to tell their grandchildren", and jokingly added, "and mighty bored they will be".

I encourage all CAS members to take advantage of the PAAC program and participate in real, hands-on, archaeological adventures. That's what CAS is all about.

*Bob Rushforth*

## *CAS Quarterly Board Meeting Highlights – Jan. 26, 2019 - Boulder*

The Quarterly Board meeting of the Colorado Archaeological Society was called to order at 1:00 p.m. by President Bob Rushforth on January 26, 2019, at the City of Boulder Open Space and Mountain Parks HUB in Boulder. Roll call was taken, with a quorum of both chapters and Board members present. Chapters represented were: Chipeta, Colorado Rock Art, Denver, Grand Junction, Hisatsinom, Indian Peaks, Northern Colorado, Pikes Peak, and Pueblo.

**EXECUTIVE SECRETARY (KAREN KINNEAR):** The BLM Special Recreation Permit from the Monticello, Utah office has been approved. The San Juan Basin chapter has voted to

separate from CAS at some time this year. Karen announced that Kris Holien has resigned as CAS Recording Secretary so CAS will be looking for another volunteer to fill that position.

**TREASURER'S REPORT (BOB RUSHFORTH for MICHELE GIOMETTI):** Current assets are \$37,923 including checking, savings and 4 certificates of deposit in Vectra Bank. Financial reports for the third quarter (\$42,373) and fourth quarter were approved.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. **2019 Quarterly Board meetings.** The schedule for 2019 CAS meetings will be as follows: April 27-Salida (hosted by Colorado Rock Art and State officers) and the annual meeting will be held in Pueblo at the Community College October 11-13. Indian Peaks (Boulder) volunteered to host the July quarterly meeting.
2. The Board approved the reconfirmation of the Executive Secretary appointment for Karen Kinnear.

## **COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP (BEV GOERING):** Karen reported CAS currently has 803 memberships with 1,122 members. There will be an upcoming evaluation of Member365 based on experience and feedback from chapters. Katy Waechter, Indian Peaks chapter president, volunteered to assist Karen with Member365 duties.

**ALICE HAMILTON SCHOLARSHIP (PHIL WILLIAMS):** The deadline for scholarship applications is March 29, and the final award decisions will be made by the committee at the April quarterly meeting. The Board approved raising maximum award limit to \$1,000.

**PAAC (BECCA SIMON):** A tentative PAAC schedule is up on the website. Becca is continuing work on a site stewardship program and Project Archaeology. An upcoming archaeological survey, involving students and Native Americans, is being planned in coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife at Lone Mesa.

**EDUCATION and OUTREACH (LINDA SAND):** Committee member Susan Montgomery will be updating the speaker database with input from the chapters. The Committee plans to begin issuing reports similar to those from the Science Advisory Committee to capture data of educational and outreach activities occurring within the chapters. The annual meeting program will highlight current research within specific geographic areas of Colorado, i.e. Northwest, Northeast.

**SCIENCE ADVISORY (DAVE MELANSON):** In 2018, thirty-two science projects were reported with 239 members contributing 4,708 volunteer hours. By science, cultural site stewardship, closely followed by curation, archaeological survey and excavation attract the highest participation. Goals for 2019 include encouraging broader volunteer participation and better data collection from each chapter.

**PUBLICATIONS (LARRY EVANS for KIMBALL BANKS):** A volunteer Webmaster is urgently needed to replace Craig Banister who resigned in early January. An oversight committee has been established to finish writing the final report for the Denver Chapter's multiyear Swallow Site project.

**LEGAL (SHARON MURPHY):** An update on the Advocacy Policy had just recently been received from the CAS *pro bono* attorney so an update will be provided at the April meeting.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING (DAVE MELANSON-Acting):** This quarter, the committee plans to release a draft for feedback, comment and improvements for a plan covering the next five years. The proposed plan builds on the current mission statement and objectives in the

CAS Bylaws, and there will be at least four mission areas – science, public outreach and education, training, and publications.

**AWARDS (KAREN KINNEAR for JASON LABELLE):** Two nominations have been received for the C.T. Hurst Award, and the committee is looking for 1-2 new members.

**CAS REP TO AHPC (PETER FARIS):** The Archaeological Conservancy received a grant for \$148,378 for preservation at the Haynie Site near Cortez.

**STATE ARCHAEOLOGIST (HOLLY NORTON):** This is the first time in 3 years to report no staff changes! The Archaeology lab should be fully functional by end of March with Lynn Hoy on board as part time lab manager. Work continues on the El Pueblo collection at the Denver lab and also at a lab in Fountain. On October 10 History Colorado will host a breakfast with hands on activities for the National Trust Conference in Denver. A Grand Junction middle school and Museum of Western Colorado recently received the State Archaeologist's Hart Award for their work addressing archaeological vandalism by removing graffiti.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Kimball Banks was confirmed by the Board as the new Publications Committee Chair.
2. The Board approved the 2019 Proposed Budget as prepared by Michele Giometti.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kris Holien

CAS Recording Secretary

## *Science Advisory Report – Quarter 3, 2018*

*The [Colorado Archaeological Society](#) (CAS) is a non-profit organization committed to the stewardship of archaeological resources in Colorado. We achieve this through public education, research, conservation, and enhanced opportunities for responsible participation in archaeology for interested individuals and organizations.*

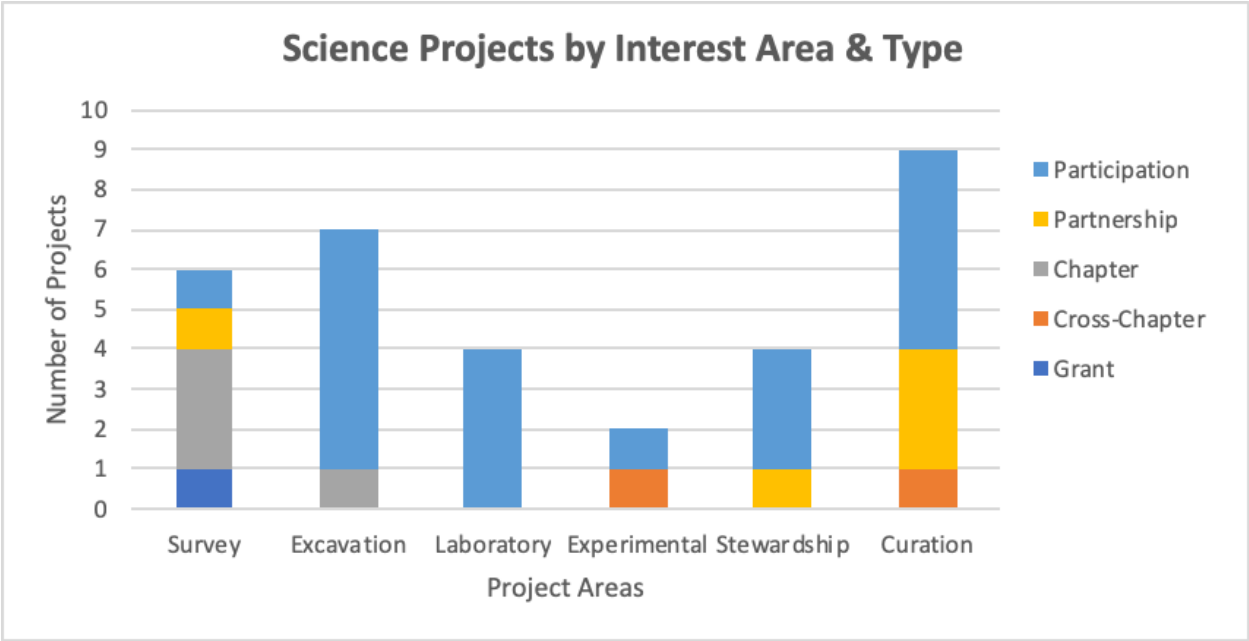
This article summarizes the archaeological research and cultural resource conservation contributions of CAS chapters and members in the fulfillment of our mission during 2018. It draws on the [2018 Year-End Science Advisory Report](#) compiled by the Science Advisory Committee from project information submitted by CAS chapters.

Research projects represent the leading edge of our mission activities; providing opportunities for our members to responsibly participate in generating new knowledge about Colorado's rich cultural heritage. This work adds new data for the archaeological community to analyze and interpret. While research generates new data and knowledge, cultural conservation projects curate Colorado's cultural resources on the landscape, in museums, and in other curation facilities. It preserves these resources and their associated research materials for current and future researchers and the public. It also helps to preserve the living history of descendent populations.

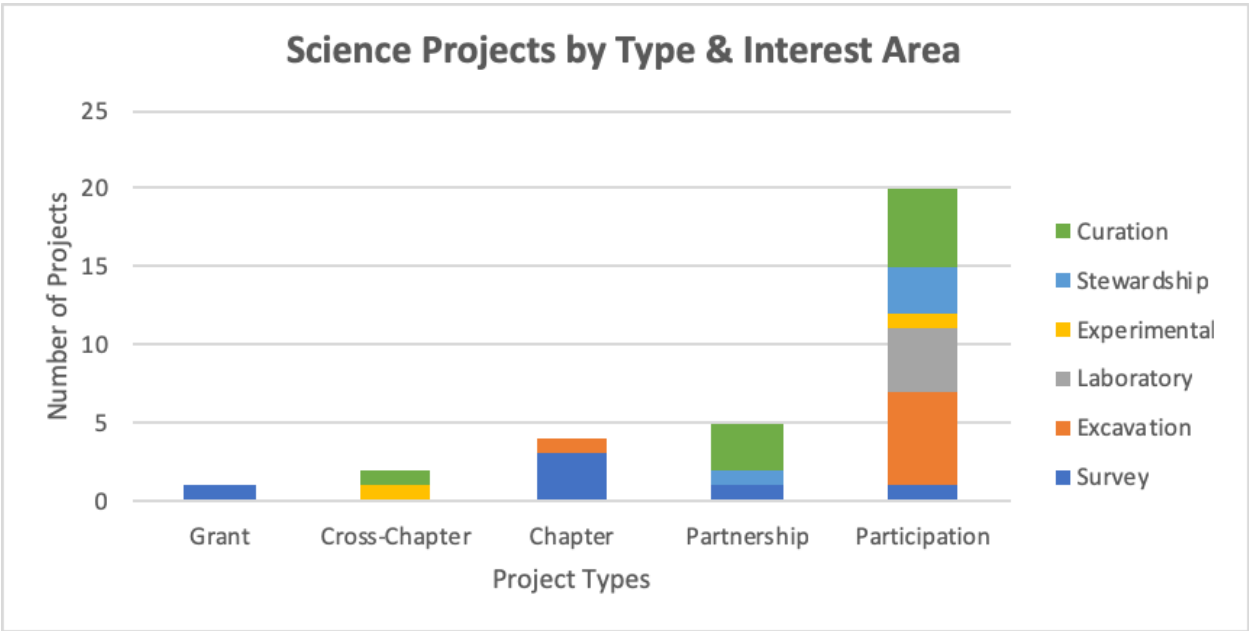
Our reported science projects cover four primary research interest areas – archaeological survey, excavation, laboratory processing and analysis, experimental archaeology – and two conservation interest areas – cultural site stewardship and cultural resource curation. CAS manages some of these projects. Others are managed by external organizations. CAS-managed projects are of three types -- grant, cross-chapter, or chapter. Externally managed projects are of two types -- external partner or external participation. This article

summarizes CAS member contributions at the science interest area and project type level. For information about the science interest areas and project types as well as individual project descriptions see the Committee’s [report](#).

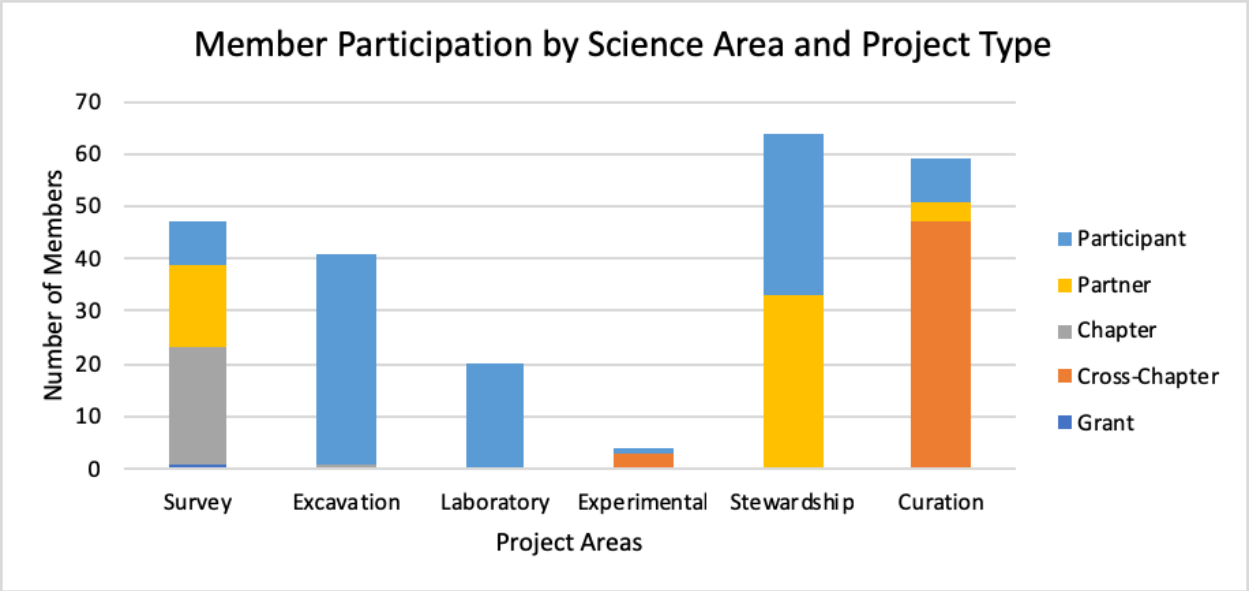
This year CAS chapters report conducting, or member participation in, 32 research or conservation science projects. The figure below shows the number of reported CAS projects first by science interest area and then by project type within each area. Currently, CAS chapters report participation in more curation projects than any other interest area. This is closely followed by excavation and survey projects.



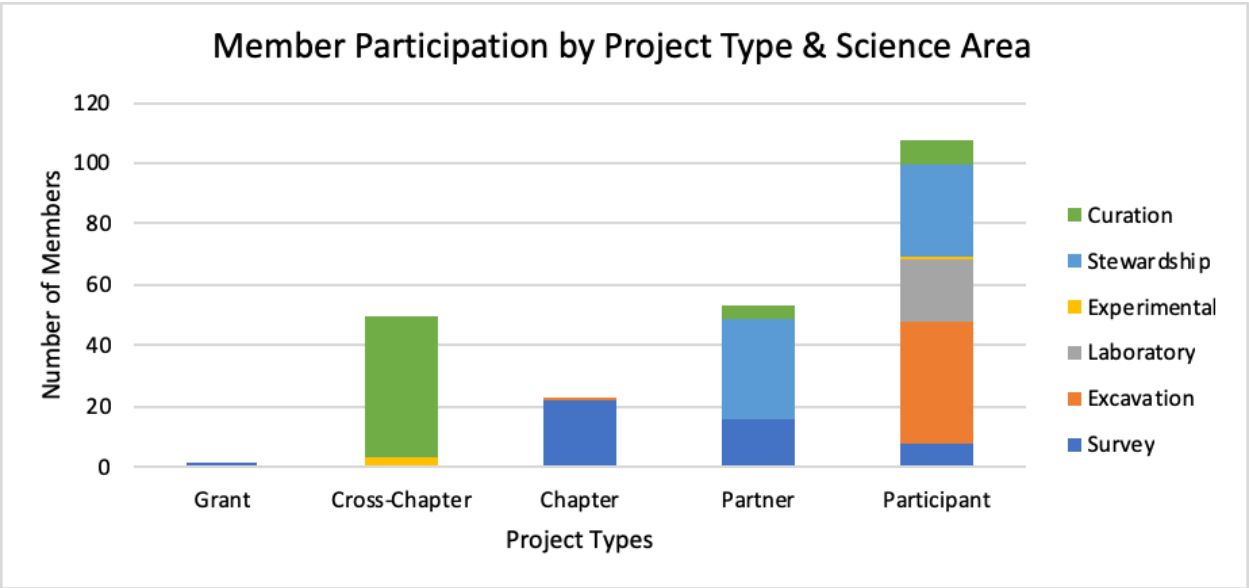
The next figure reverses the first by showing projects by type and then, within that, by science area. Member participation in projects managed by external agencies continues to be CAS’s dominant science project type. Twenty of our 32 reported science projects are of this type. Five of the remaining projects are conducted in partnership with external agencies.



Chapters report a total of 239 members participating in science projects this year. Some members participate in more than one project, so the actual number of different science project volunteers is less. The figure below shows the number of CAS members participating as volunteers in the 32 reported science projects by science area and project type. Although CAS membership includes professional archaeologists only members who participate as unpaid volunteers are included. By science area, cultural site stewardship, closely followed by curation, archaeological survey, and excavation attracts the most member volunteers. Both stewardship and curation are underestimated due to the lack of fourth quarter government agency data access during the government shutdown.

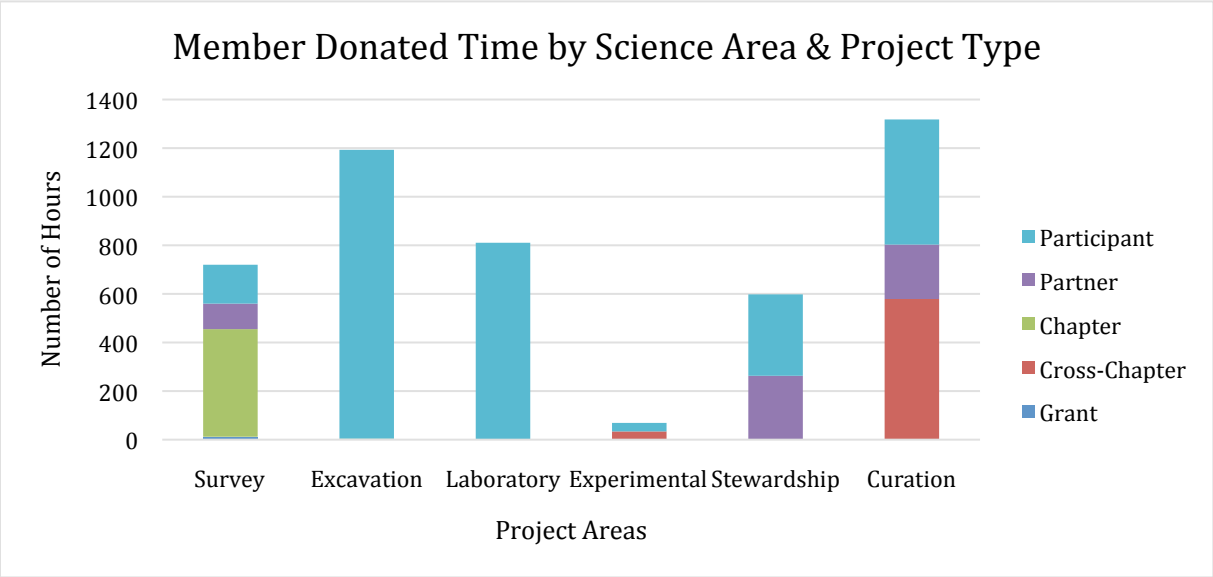


As shown below, almost half the reported CAS member participation in reported science projects, were in projects managed by external organizations. This is consistent with the large number of external projects reported.

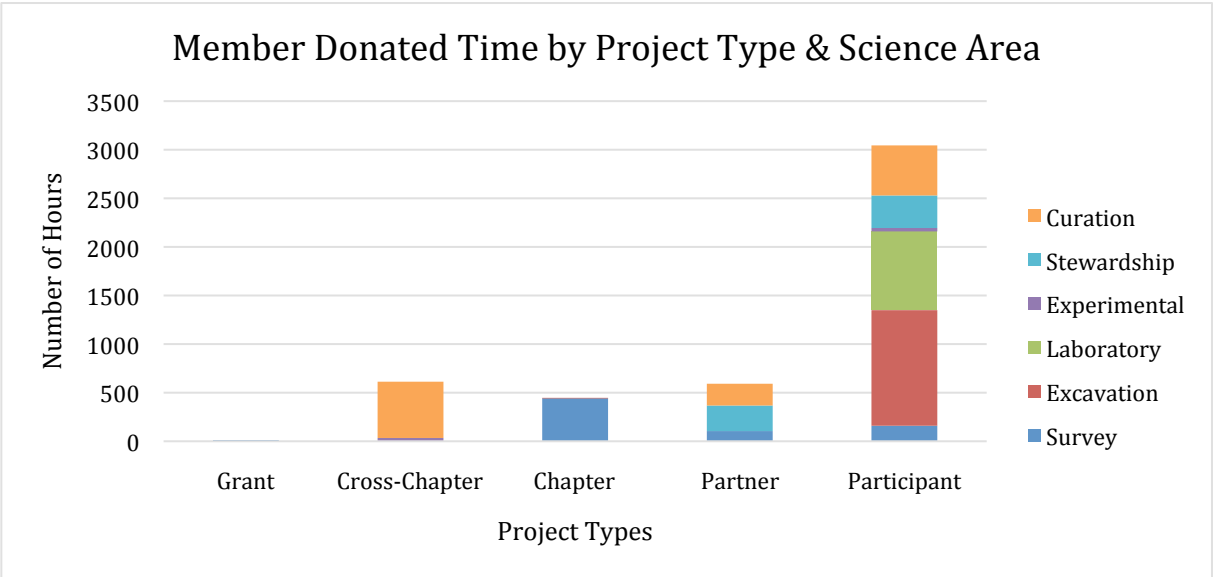


This year, CAS members report contributing 4,708 volunteer hours to science projects. The figure below shows time contributed organized by science area and within that, by project

type. As can be seen, members contribute significantly more volunteer time to curation and excavation projects than projects in the other science areas. However, members also spend considerable time volunteering for laboratory and survey projects.



Like the number of projects and participating members, most member volunteer time is devoted to supporting external organizations. This is seen in the figure below.



During the coming year, the Committee will work with CAS chapters to improve our reporting process and more completely capture the contributions of our members to Colorado archaeology.

Respectfully submitted for the Science Advisory Committee,

David Melanson, Chair

## *State CAS Information*

### **Looking for a State CAS Recording Secretary.**

Unfortunately for CAS, Kris Holien has submitted her resignation as CAS Recording Secretary, effective at the conclusion of the January 2019 quarterly board meeting and upon completion of the meeting minutes. Her Rocky Mountain Park supervisor, Kelly, has asked her to work more hours this spring and summer, and with other obligations, Kris doesn't believe she can continue as Recording Secretary. **Thank you, Kris,** for all the work you have done for State CAS (and for IPCAS). We really appreciate it!

We are looking for someone to complete Kris's term as Recording Secretary. Being Recording Secretary provides you with the opportunity to (1) get involved with CAS at the state level, meeting members from around the state; (2) network with others interested in archaeology, including professional archaeologists; and (3) help influence the future of CAS by participating on one of the CAS Committees. If you are interested or want to learn more about the duties of the Recording Secretary, please contact one of the Nominating Committee Members: Karen Kinnear ([kinnear.rockies@gmail.com](mailto:kinnear.rockies@gmail.com)), Linda Seyfert ([lindaseyfert@live.com](mailto:lindaseyfert@live.com)) or Jason LaBelle ([Jason.LaBelle@colostate.edu](mailto:Jason.LaBelle@colostate.edu)).

### **Looking for a State CAS Webmaster**

Unfortunately, Craig Banister has also resigned as state CAS Webmaster. If you are interested in this position or want to learn more about it, please contact Kimball Banks, chairman of the Publications Committee ([kbanks@metcalfarchaeology.com](mailto:kbanks@metcalfarchaeology.com)).

### **Sandy Tradlener Fund**

As many of you know, Sandy Tradlener (CAS President 2007) has been struggling with a neurological syndrome since last March. She has been unable to move "from the neck down". She has been in three rehab units (currently Durango) most of that time. She is finally gaining some movement in her legs and arms. So progress is slow, but things are looking hopeful.

Sandy has been a very active Hisatsinom and CAS member for decades. And she's been physically active: hiking in the canyons and the mountains and doing trail maintenance and cleanup on National Public Lands Day annually. All of this came to an abrupt stop with her illness. And it's been an unimaginable challenge for her and her husband, Larry. An account has been set up to help the Tradleners with medical expenses and rehabilitation bills. If you would like to contribute, go to First National Bank of Cortez and ask to deposit money into "Sandy's Fund". You can also mail a check to the bank:

Attn: Lacey  
Sandy's Fund  
First National Bank of Cortez  
2258 E Main St.  
Cortez, CO 81321



## *News of Interest*

### **Sheila Goff Retires as History Colorado's NAGPRA Liaison/Curator of Archaeology**



After 11 years working devotedly for History Colorado, Sheila Goff has retired as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Liaison and Curator of Archaeology and Ethnography. She worked extensively with tribes who have ancestral ties to Colorado on repatriation and exhibit development -- recognized for how she collaborated and engaged tribes in relationships that led to authentic conversations, exhibits and policies.

Appointed in 2007, Goff was responsible for agency compliance with NAGPRA for human remains and cultural items in History Colorado's collections, or as a result of inadvertent discoveries on Colorado State and private lands. She is an industry pioneer who moved culturally sensitive policies and law forward, while helping History Colorado develop exhibits that are tribally driven and authentic to the stories of the tribes. In fact, the combination of Goff's role and History Colorado's commitment to relationships with the American Indians earned History Colorado Center, the flagship institution in History Colorado's collection of community museums, a national reputation as "the first great history museum of the 21<sup>st</sup> century" by Harold Closter, Smithsonian Affiliations Director, who also recently retired.

During her tenure, Goff published 40 Notices of Inventory Completion, repatriating 212 individuals and 272 associated funerary objects and three Notices of Intent to Repatriate for 227 artifacts. She worked with 48 tribes in this process, including Ute, Cheyenne and Arapaho. In addition to these milestones, she is recognized for her incalculable achievements among museum and American Indian communities: building relationships, holding important conversations with tribes, and engaging them in culturally-sensitive matters.

"So much of what we do is measured by numbers, facts and research, which are all important in archaeology" shared Goff. "However, as an industry, regardless of the type of



museum and cultural center -- from history to art and science, I believe we all must share the following best practices to truly engage tribes in our work and to tell their stories: build relationships; listen to and respect tribal perspectives; value and appreciate the American Indian culture; be open and honest with tribal representatives; and always sustain those relationships.” “After all,” continued Goff, “if you want a correct, meaningful interpretation of tribal cultures, you need to talk to the people you are studying.”

A farewell ceremony took place in mid-January on opening night of History Colorado Center’s *Written On The Land* exhibition, which Goff conceptualized and curated to tell the stories of the Ute people, Colorado’s longest-continuous residents, and their role in shaping modern Colorado culture. She was presented with a traditional Bear Dance shawl, a symbol of the Ute culture, thanking her for her work with them and welcoming her as a lifelong friend of the tribes. *Written on the Land* was created with input and guidance from more than 30 tribal representatives, a tribute to Goff and History Colorado’s commitment to these ongoing relationships.

“Sheila helped our voices and perspectives get heard. And, in doing so, she has moved us closer to ensuring that Native American History is our shared history,” said Ernest House Jr., senior policy director of Keystone Policy Center and former executive director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA). “We are eternally grateful for her leadership and for History Colorado’s never-ending collaboration and storytelling with our tribes.”

“Sheila has been a remarkable leader at History Colorado, helping us enhance the depth, history and interpretation of our collection through tribal conversations and relationships. We continue to move toward a future that’s better informed, enlightened and inclusive,” said Steve Turner, executive director of History Colorado. “Through Sheila and History Colorado’s ongoing mission, more voices, perspectives and experiences are taking place within our venues.”

In a brief interview with the *Surveyor*, Goff was asked if she had any advice to CAS about activities they might pursue to further encourage citizen interest and involvement in preservation of archaeological sites and artifacts. She quickly mentioned and thanked the local CAS chapters who help catalog artifacts at History Colorado, and chapter members throughout the state who pursue PAAC certifications, help survey and excavate and serve as site stewards.

Goff also encouraged all chapters and chapter members to communicate, regarding NAGPRA requirements, that they have definitely NOT had a negative impact on museums, but rather the opposite. “Working with and building relationships with tribes has spilled over into other areas of museum development, such as enhancing collections through reviews with tribal representatives,” she stated.

Goff’s official retirement day was Jan. 15, and included a government proclamation in her honor. When asked what is next in her life, Goff said she was still thinking about what else she may want to do professionally. In the meantime she’ll be heading for Keet Seel in June and is planning a trip to Africa. Does Sheila Goff expect to leave Colorado? “I’ve been here 17 years; I will remain.”

*(Much of the above material is courtesy of Philosophy Communication, the firm that handles public relations for History Colorado.)*

## *Upcoming CAS Board Meetings & Related*

### **CAS BOARD MEETINGS:**

April 27, Canon City, Hosted by the Rock Art Chapter

July 27, Grand Junction, Hosted by Grand Junction Chapter

October 11 – 13, CAS Annual Meeting, Pueblo, Hosted by Pueblo Chapter

### **PAAC CLASSES**

April 26 – 28, Rock Art Studies, Grand Junction, Mesa State University. Contact Geoff Peterson, 970-250-7402.

May 31 – June 3, Geophysics and Remote Sensing, Durango, taught by Becca Simon, Colorado State Assistant Archaeologist. Contact Tish Varney, 303-880-7272 or [tishvarney@att.net](mailto:tishvarney@att.net)

## *Other Upcoming Meetings/Events/Information*

June 14-17, American Rock Art Association Conference, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff.  
<https://arara.wildapricot.org/Conference-Info-2019>

August 8 – 11, 2019 Pecos Conference, Cloudcroft, NM. Registration expected to go live April 8 at  
<http://www.pecosconference.org>

September 26-30, Utah Rock Art Research Association Symposium, Saint George, UT.  
<https://urara.wildapricot.org/>

September 27, Utah State Historical Society 67th Annual Meeting, West Valley City.  
<https://history.utah.gov/ushs-conference-cfp/>

October 3-5, Rocky Mountain Anthropological Conference, Logan, UT.  
<http://www.rockymtnanthro.org/>

October 16-19, 77th Plains Anthropological Conference, Bloomington, IN.  
Email: [plains2019@gmail.com](mailto:plains2019@gmail.com)

“Sewing Needles Reveal the Roots of Fashion” – Sapiens.org -  
<https://www.sapiens.org/archaeology/fashion-history-sewing-needles/>

“Former Interior Secretary Jewell Says Tribes Will Win Lawsuit over Monument Reduction”  
<http://bit.ly/2Ub5RXy>

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