From the President
Steve Daron, NAA President

The next Board meeting will be in Pahrump on Saturday, January 21, and the Site Steward Committee will meet on Friday, January 20, also in Pahrump. Eva Jensen and Don Hendricks have been making the arrangements. See Eva’s articles below for more details.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!
The NAA’s 2006 Annual Meeting will be held in Mesquite, Nevada, at the Eureka Hotel and Casino, April 7th through 9th. The Program Chair is Mark Giambastiani. See his call for papers for more details. We know there is a lot going on out there so pound out those abstracts and get them in.

We will have a workshop on Friday afternoon. It will be on identification of historic ceramics and bottles and will be given by Dr. Jim Ayres and Dr. Terry Majewski. There will be a mixer Friday evening but the location has not yet been determined.

On Saturday, the paper presentations and banquet will be held at the Eureka. The roundtable at noon will be an open discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of the IMACS site form and where we go from here. Dr. Rick Ahlstrom will be the speaker at the banquet and will give a presentation on HRA’s ongoing work in the Las Vegas Wash area. There will be tours on Sunday but there are so many interesting places in the area we are having a hard time deciding on which ones to go to.

We will be sending out registration information in late January after the Board meeting so be watching for it. We are planning to have an auction again this year so start making a pile of all that stuff that you do not use that someone else might want and bring it to the meeting.

Two couples were nominated to receive the 2006 Ting Perkins Award. Both couples exemplify the spirit of the award and the Board decided each couple should receive the award this year. The couples are Darrell and Terry Wade and Jack and Elaine Holmes. The awards were presented at events in front of the groups they helped create. Darrell and Terry received their
award at the Lincoln county Site Stewardship picnic held at Cathedral Gorge State Park on October 22, 2005. Jack and Elaine received their award at the Clark County Site Stewardship picnic held at Valley of Fire State Park on November 5, 2005. See the article below that describes the contributions to Nevada archaeology made by both outstanding couples.

Next Board Meeting
Eva Jensen, NAA Treasurer

The next NAA Board meeting will be held Saturday, January 21st, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the museum in Pahrump, NV. The business meeting will include reports on sales items, membership, and financial status, as well as discussion about the upcoming, annual meeting, board elections, and Archaeology and Historic Preservation Month poster and activities. The Pahrump Museum is located just off Highway 160. The address is: 401 East Basin Avenue.

The field trip Saturday morning will visit Ash Meadows to see the recently restored Jack Longstreet cabin (See story below by LouAnn Spuelda on the restoration of the Longstreet cabin). If time permits, there is a prehistoric site in a mesquite bosque close to the road we can visit along the way. We will meet Saturday morning at 8:00 at the Museum parking area for the field trip.

Don Hendrix has helped make arrangements with Harry Ford, the museum director, to use the facilities for the board meeting and the Site Steward committee meeting on Friday. The museum has a diverse collection of prehistoric and historic artifacts from the Pahrump area as well as a collection of Abraham Lincoln material from a local donor who also volunteers at the museum. We appreciate their support and if you can’t make it to the meeting we hope you will stop by the museum if you are ever passing through Pahrump.

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800 433-3987

Best Western
Pahrump Station
1101 S Highway 160,
Pahrump, Nevada, 89048-4700
Phone: 775-727-5100 Fax: 775-751-1325
888-829-0092

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Pahrump, Nevada 89048
Phone: 1-775-751-6500
www.pahrumpnugget.com

Dues are Due

It’s that time of the year already, and your NAA dues. If you didn’t take advantage of the membership form that was attached to the last In-Situ, now’s your chance! Remember, your dues help the NAA accomplish its goals of preserving Nevada’s archaeological and historical heritage through site stewardship, publications, and annual meetings. Thank you for your support!

Site Steward Program Wants You!
Eva Jensen, NAA Treasurer

The NAA site steward program is looking for a few good archaeologists. Our volunteer training format uses a site steward volunteer as the primary trainer assisted by a professional archaeologist. We are looking for archaeologists who would be willing to spend a few hours assisting during training sessions. The NAA has a long history of volunteerism. This is a great opportunity to
meet people who are interested in learning more about archaeology and are willing to volunteer their time to help protect the resources that provide jobs for the archaeologists! We would like to develop an “on-call” list and you could be a regular assistant or just fill in as needed. If you are interested in helping, contact Eva Jensen at eajensen@comnett.net or contact any of the regional coordinators or trainers.

The SHPO has been very supportive of our efforts and approved a Historic Preservation Grant to help fund training. Currently our focus is strengthening the training program and we are planning a “Train the Trainers” workshop for February or March. In the workshop we are hoping to involve agency archaeologists and law enforcement personnel to talk about ARPA investigation and what the volunteers should do if they encounter a crime scene. Other topics for the workshop will be to develop educational information for stewards and to inform the public about the program and the importance of protecting sites.

The NAA site steward committee is working on goals and objectives to help define our role in the site steward program statewide. In the last legislative session the State Historic Preservation Office received funding from the State Legislature to hire a site steward program coordinator. We will be working actively with SHPO to continue building a strong volunteer base to help protect archaeological and historic sites.

Our next NAA site steward committee meeting will be held Friday, January 20th at 3:00 p.m. at the Pahrump Museum, 401 East Basin Ave., just off highway 160 in Pahrump. We will discuss plans for the trainer session and will look at goals and objectives for the growing site steward program in the state.

We also wish to express our special thanks to Helen and Assemblyman Harry Mortenson for sponsoring and promoting the site steward bill in the legislature, and to Ron James, Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer, for his support in helping secure funding for this important program.

Call for Papers—2006 Meeting of the Nevada Archaeological Association
Mark A. Giambastiani, 2006 Program Chair

The 2006 annual NAA meeting will take place April 7-9 at the Eureka Inn and Casino way down in Mesquite, Nevada. We encourage all meeting attendees to present a short paper on any interesting work they are doing (or have done) pertaining to the archaeology, history, or ethnohistory of Nevada. On the heels of last year’s successful meeting, we would like to increase the number of presenters and provide an even more informative and thoughtful session. We need more input from northern and eastern Nevada! Graduate students are particularly urged to present summaries or discussions of their research in what will be a friendly, low-stress environment. Each presenter will be allotted 20 minutes.

Please send abstracts of your papers (no more than 150 words) to Mark A. Giambastiani, Program Chair, no later than March 3, 2006. You can e-mail your abstracts (in Word or Word Perfect format) to mgiam@asmaffiliates.com, fax them to (775) 324-9666, or send them standard mail to Mark A. Giambastiani, ASM Affiliates, Inc., 120 Vine St., Suite A, Reno, NV 89503. Please contact Mark by e-mail or by phone (775) 324-6789 for details concerning abstracts or papers.

Am-Arcs of Nevada News

Ms. Danya Tinsley, a graduate student at UNR was the guest speaker for
the October meeting. She gave a talk entitled “Site Distributions and Land-use Patterns in Slinkard Valley, an Upland Environment in the Western Great Basin.” The talk is based on research for her Master’s degree.

AmArcs officers for 2006 were elected during the November meeting. Congratulations to:
- President—Jim White
- Vice President—Connie Douglas
- Secretary—Mary Gregory
- Treasurer—Dan Urriola

The annual Christmas Buffet and Fundraiser was held December 14th at the Bonanza Casino in Reno. Dr. Catherine Fowler was the guest speaker, giving a talk entitled “The Museum Different: The National Museum of the American Indian.” Following the banquet, there was an auction and raffle to raise money for the scholarship fund.

Archaeological Institute of America, Southern Nevada Chapter News
Alan Simmons, UNLV

The Archaeological Institute of America, Southern Nevada Chapter has two planned lectures for this spring. The first, on March 1, 2006 is by Kenneth Lapatin (J. Paul Getty Museum) and is entitled “Polychromy in Ancient Art and Archaeological Forgeries: Why Fakes Matter.”

The second is April 11, 2006 by Susan Langdom (University of Missouri, Columbia). It is entitled “Big Men, Little Women: Art and Society in Early Greece.”

There are no times or rooms scheduled as yet, but the both will be on the University of Nevada Las Vegas campus. Watch your next In-Situ for times and places.

Archeo-Nevada Society (ANS) News
Cheryl Martin, ANS President

So far this year we have had several excellent presentations. In the fall, Darwin Johnson shared his wealth of knowledge on regional petroglyphs with us in a presentation entitled “Stories Told by Rock Art,” and led a tour at Sloan Canyon. DRI archaeologist Susan Edwards presented information on work she and number of hearty volunteers recently completed during a Passport in Time project on Nevada’s Austin and Reese River Transportation Company toll road and the Wallace stagecoach station. In November we had Barron Haley with us talking about rock art in and around Moab, Utah. January’s speaker is DRI archaeologist Robert Jones, who is presenting on historic cabins in Southern Nevada. We are also looking forward to a tour of archaeology at the Valley of Fire in February headed up by archaeologist Kevin Rafferty, who has been working in that area for a number of years with his students.

The year 2006 is Archeo-Nevada’s 40th anniversary. We would like to express our appreciation to our founders and past officers for bringing us to where we are today. May we last 40 more!

Please contact Helen Mortenson at (702) 876-6944 or Cheryl Martin at cheryl.martin@dri.edu for further information on ANS activities.

Churchill County Chapter News
Bob Kautz, Kautz Environmental Consultants

The group is currently inactive, although there are plans afoot to get it moving soon. Stay tuned for news!
Elko County Chapter, Nevada Archaeological Association News

For information on Elko County Chapter activities, contact Tim or Donna Murphy at murphys@citlink.net.

Lincoln County Chapter News
Liz Russell, Lincoln County Chapter Chairperson

It has been a busy quarter for the Chapter. Our By-laws were finalized and voted on. At our October meeting, Barbara Rohde was our featured speaker. She presented a program entitled, “A Grave Matter.” It dealt with historic cemeteries. We did not have a meeting in November because there were too many conflicts due to the Thanksgiving holiday. December’s meeting had Eva Jensen, Archaeologist at the Lost City Museum in Overton, presenting a program on pottery.

Future presenters will be Nate Thomas, an archaeologist with the Ely office of the BLM, and a joint program in April with Cathedral Gorge. At that time Mark Henderson will present a program on flintknapping.

Nevada Rock Art Foundation News
Alanah Woody, Executive Director

Nevada Rock Art Foundation (NRAF) members came from all over for the Mt. Irish Documentation Project in November 2005. Shaman’s Knob, Shaman Hill, Paiute Rocks, and the Echo Panel have been included in the new Mt. Irish Rock Art Trail Guide (recently developed by NRAF Members and Site Stewards Bob & Penny Claubaugh, though Bob says that Penny did all the work!) and so these were the highest priority for documentation. Mark Henderson (NRAF Member and Bureau of Land Management [BLM] Archaeologist, Ely Field Office) is working hard to get ready for what everyone anticipates will be an enormous increase in visitation when the new Coyote Springs housing development is completed. The BLM and the Nevada State Museum both provided support for this project – without which the project would never have taken place.

In the north, the Lagomarsino project continued this fall and, once again, an amazing amount of work was done. Nearly 1,500 panels have been documented at Lagomarsino so far, including the most critical area adjacent to the road. Team Leaders Ralph & Cherlyn Bennett and the support of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and the U.S. Forest Service made this possible. And again, thanks go to Western Village Inn-Casino and our other partners—Storey County, Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Nevada State Museum and Nevada Department of Transportation (Geodesy and Cartographic Units)—for their continuing support and which makes this project possible.

And with the help of Team Leaders Don and Joanne Murray and lots of NRAF Volunteers, a number of rock rings, hunting blinds, ground stone and very deeply engraved rock art were also recorded at the Deep Grooves site in Dry Lakes. Peggy Waski, BLM Archaeologist, is working hard to “get the archaeology done” before town reaches the mouth of the canyon— and it’s a race against time. The Dry Lakes Project is made possible with financial assistance from the BLM, Carson City Field Office and the support of the Nevada State Museum.

Now that winter has arrived up north, NRAF activities move south! First off, “Fun-in-the-Sun” in beautiful Boulder City, January 14-15. We’ll car pool for a local site visit and that evening we’ll gather for a presentation on the rock art in the immediate area of Boulder City by local
Law Enforcement Officer Bob Oliver. The rock art in the southern part of the state is clearly the most threatened due to unprecedented population growth, which shows no signs of letting up. There is even more urgency for NRAF to document rock art sites and support the effort to get Site Monitors in place throughout southern Nevada.

Next up is the long awaited Sloan Canyon Documentation Project, beginning in February and running through March, 2006. In an effort to protect the rock art, as well as the other archaeological and natural resources of this wild and wonderful place, Sloan Canyon was made into a National Conservation Area in 2002. Structured, careful development and regulated public access is the goal of Charlie Carroll (Manager of the Sloan Canyon NCA) and his team which includes Lola Henio (Native American Coordinator and Lead Environmental Education Specialist) as well as a newly hired archaeologist and other environmental scientists. It is exciting for NRAF to be involved in the documentation of such an important place!

The NRAF Lecture Series continues in Reno in 2006 with a presentation on Sloan Canyon by Daron Duke in February. In May, NRAF will host several sites tours as part of “Archaeology Awareness Month” activities. Also, “Behind the Scenes Tours” will be at the Nevada State Museum in Carson City every Friday in May. Featuring the Santini Incised Stones Collection!

For more information on these and other projects go to www.nevadarockart.org.

Southern Nevada Rock Art Association (SNRAA) News

SNRAA has had a busy fall. On October 20, J. J. Brody, Professor Emeritus of Art History from the University of New Mexico gave a presentation entitled “Pictorial Traditions of the Ancient Mimbres: Rock Art and Pottery Painting in Southwestern New Mexico.”

On November 6, Leigh Marylom gave a talk entitled “Conservation Status: 25 Rock Art Sites on BLM Lands in California. Leigh is currently the president of the American Rock Art Research Association.

Courtney Smith was the guest speaker on December 15. His talk is entitled “Confessions from My Photo Album.” Courtney is a repeat presenter, who usually provides a lot of great photographs with his talks.

The January (on the 19th) guest speaker is David Valentine, who give a slide tour of the rock art found on BLM lands administered out of the Winnemucca Field Office. Jeff LaFave is scheduled for February 16th, and will discuss Australian Aboriginal rock art in Arnhem Land.

SNRAA members have also been busy going on field trips and assisting the Nevada Rock Art Foundation with recording projects. For dates, locations, topics, and field trip information, contact the SNRAA voice mail at (702) 897-7878, or send e-mail inquiries to SNRAA@hotpop.com.

SHPO News
Alice Baldrica, Deputy SHPO

Section 106: Nothing has yet occurred on the reauthorization of the National Historic Preservation Act. If the passage of recent legislation on the Threatened and Endangered Species Act is any indication, the process could move very quickly with little debate. It is not too late to contact your congressional delegation and let them know your thoughts on proposals to alter Section 106 of the Act which requires federal agencies to consider the effects of their undertakings on properties listed as well as determined eligible for inclusion in...
the National Register of Historic Places. Removing the “determined eligible” properties from consideration would leave 98% of the State’s resources at risk. Only 18 prehistoric and 14 historic archaeological sites along with two trail segments are listed on the National Register in Nevada but over 69,000 archaeological sites are entered into the State’s automated database. Only those listed properties would be protected under the provisions of draft amendments made public by the House Resource Subcommittee on National Parks.

Sources of funds for Archaeological Sites: The Nevada SHPO makes available Historic Preservation funds each year that may be used for survey, planning, National Register preparation and public education. The funding does require a 40% match and the applicant must be a non-profit organization or a local government. The requirements limit funding of archaeological projects to projects on non-federal land and federal funding cannot be used as match. In the past, the Nevada SHPO has funded projects with the NAA to promote Historic Preservation and Archaeological Awareness Month and to help provide training for the site stewardship program.

Other sources of funding exist that can be used to help preserve and interpret sites and one of these is the State of Nevada Question 1 Bond program. Voters approved State Question 1 a number in 2002 for $200,000,000 in funding to support clean water, parks and wildlife across the State. A portion of this funding is set aside for 50/50 matching grant applications for land and water acquisitions to preserve open space, water, habitat and cultural sites. A nother part of the Question 1 program is to build trails and trailheads. The Nevada Division of State Lands manages the program and a SHPO representative serves on two technical advisory groups that make recommendations to the State Lands Administrator to award grants and ensure that cultural resources are taken into consideration in the funding of these grants. Three rounds of funding have been awarded so far and a fourth round is currently being considered. One application sought match for the purchase of a historic site on private land that would be managed by county parks. A nother application seeks to fund a trail head with interpretation of a particular area’s important prehistory and the proper etiquette for viewing rock art and a “Leave No Trace” message. Most of the grant applications are a reaction to existing public use of an area’s resources that needs to be managed. For resources on federal land, the federal agency has to be a player in the process for the project to be funded. The bottom line is that the potential exists to partner with county governments, federal agencies, and non-profits to fund projects that educate the public and preserve sites. For more information on the question 1 program and what might be considered eligible projects, call Kevin Hill, the Question 1 Program Coordinator at (775) 684-2747.

For more information on any of these topics call Alice Baldrica at (775) 684-3444 or e-mail her at ambaldri@clan.lib.nv.us.

Clark County Cultural Site Stewardship
George Phillips, Project Manager, Cultural Site Stewardship

A Clark County site stewardship training session is scheduled for Saturday, January 21st, at the Red Rock Canyon Visitors Center from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Space is limited so for those interested, please email George Phillips, CSSP Manager, at george.phillips@unlv.edu or call 702-895-4863 to register.

Eighty site stewards relaxed in warm, shirtsleeve weather at the Valley of Fire enjoying their first annual Recognition
Picnic of the Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP) for Clark County. Representatives of all five land managing agencies thanked the stewards for more than 5100 monitoring hours donated during their first nine months of operation. With more than 7,000 documented archaeological sites in Clark County, stewardship is playing a vital role in providing information to assist its management.

During the recognition ceremonies, Steve Daron, President of the Nevada Archaeological Association (NAA), presented Jack and Elaine Holmes with the Ting Perkins award, the highest award given by the NAA for non-professionals in the field of archaeology. Their award was based upon five categories: organizational effectiveness, papers written and published, leadership in site recording for Nevada, recognition by affiliated organizations and site stewardship. They have been active members of the Clark County Site Stewardship Program, Clark County Heritage Resource Team, Archaeo-Nevada, Southern Nevada Rock Art Association, Nevada Rock Art Foundation, American Rock Art Research Association, Mojave Rock Art Workshop and Friends of Gold Butte. Their behind-the-scenes skills promote the goals of each organization based on their passion for both natural and cultural resources in the American southwest. This is the first year that two recipients received the Ting Perkins award.

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Don Miller, BLM law enforcement ranger, received a special acknowledgement for his work in the Gold Butte area and for his assistance in creating a protocol for response to site impacts.

Dr. Jim Watson, a bioarchaeologist from UNLV, has provided site stewards throughout Nevada with data, guidance and directions for areas of interest under the Cultural Site Stewardship Program. Under this concept, site stewards design their own topics of interest regarding the prehistory and history of Clark County and are presented with the most up-to-date information from Dr. Watson. Topics have ranged from GPS instruction and navigation to, “Paleoindians to the Pioneers: Southern Nevada Pre-History.” Classes range in attendance from 20 to 50 attendees and are open to any site steward in Nevada. We invite suggestions for topics.

An alarming upward trend in site impact reports are occurring that not surprisingly reflect the population growth. It’s going to be a busy year!

The 2006 Ting-Perkins Awards
Mark Henderson and George Phillips

This year the NAA awarded two Ting-Perkins Awards. Both awards went to couples who are making significant contributions in the Site Steward program and other aspects of archaeology in Nevada. Since the recipients are so active in site stewardship activities, the awards were presented during site stewardship award picnics instead of waiting for the 2006 annual meeting.

The first recipients are Darrell and Terri Wade from Mesquite, Nevada. They received the award at the annual Site Steward Recognition event held at Cathedral Gorge State Park on October 23rd.
Darrell and Terri first volunteered for Mark Henderson and the Ely District Bureau of Land Management and became involved in the Archaeological Site Steward Program in December 2002. Not only have they volunteered countless hours monitoring sites, their dedication to site stewardship prompted them to become more involved by leading workshops for the training of additional site stewards. They not only lead the training programs, but also oversaw the production and revision of the site steward training manual and slide shows to improve the training. They traveled all over Nevada to hold trainings in Mesquite, the Lost City Museum in Overton, Reno (with the Nevada Rock Art Foundation), Henderson (with the Friends of Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area), and Winnemucca. These sessions resulted in the training of well over 100 additional stewards who are busy monitoring the condition of Nevada’s cultural resources. Recognizing the need and desire for additional training for stewards, they also organized special topic site steward training workshops in GPS use and ceramic identification.

Not content with merely training stewards and wanting to recognize the contributions of fellow site stewards, they organized and coordinated an annual site steward recognition event. The event continues to this day and was copied by other site steward programs.

Beyond the efforts they put into training, they have also worked towards ensuring the survival of a site steward program and in taking the program state wide. They established an agenda and led quarterly “Site Steward Administrators Meetings” to encourage and build “Regional Coordinator” competency and communication and were instrumental in establishing the Nevada Heritage Stewardship Program as a non-profit under the leadership of the Nevada Archaeological Association. Darrel has chaired the Site Steward Committee of the NAA and further participated in NAA activities by serving on the regular board.

Darrell and Terri are also active beyond site stewardship. They assisted in the establishment of the Tri-State Archaeology Education Group (adopt a school) by designing a teaching kit and personally delivered at least three classroom presentations. They also volunteered with Mark Henderson and assisted in the damage assessment of the Sand Dune Fremont Site in Lincoln County.

The second couple receiving the Ting-Perkins Award is Jack and Elaine Holmes. Jack and Elaine Holmes have been a voice of rationality in Southern Nevada’s archaeological community for more than fifteen years. They became an indispensable source of organizational energy, forming the Nevada Rock Art Documentation Project with Anne McConnell in February, 2000, which has since evolved into the southern portion of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation. They have been active members of the Clark County Site Stewardship Program, Clark County Heritage Resource Team, Archaeo-Nevada, Southern Nevada Rock Art Association, Nevada Rock Art Foundation, American Rock Art Research Association, Mojave Rock Art Workshop, Friends of Gold Butte, and the Nevada Archaeological Association. Their behind-the-scenes skills promote the goals of each organization based on their passion for both natural and cultural resources in the American southwest. Their numerous accomplishments were achieved in accordance with the highest level of conduct in the field of archaeology.

In addition to her organizational skills, Elaine is also an active researcher and has published a number of articles, including, but not limited to:
Green, Eileen and Elaine Holmes


Holmes, Elaine


Holmes, Elaine and Pamela A. Cramer

Jack and Elaine are very active in site recording. More than twenty-three site recordings were conducted by the Holmes under the professional direction of archaeologist Alanah Woody. The majority of these were initiated by the Holmes in Gold Butte, Moapa Valley, and Muddy Mountain areas. They participated in various other recordings near the Colorado River and Lincoln County areas under the direction of archaeologists Steve Daron, Dave Valentine, and Mark Henderson. Uncountable inking sessions were organized and hosted by the Holmes. They supported and assisted virtually every recording class presented in Southern Nevada.

The NAA is not the first organization to recognize Jack and Elaine. During the first recognition ceremony of the Nevada Rock Art Foundation in January 18, 2004, the first Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Jack and Elaine. Because of the extraordinarily high standards they embody, the award now bears their name - the Jack and Elaine Holmes Award.

The Holmes attended the first Heritage Site Stewardship class given for southern Nevada. They monitor numerous sites in the Gold Butte, Muddy Mountains, and Spring Mountain areas. They are active members and the only non-professional archaeologists on the Clark County Heritage Resource Team that oversees the Clark County Cultural Site Stewardship Program facilitated through UNLV. The Holmes testified for Assemblyman Mortenson’s Bill #289 which passed successfully in the spring of 2005. This Bill is in support of funding a position with the State Historical Preservation Office for statewide cultural site stewardship.

Jack and Elaine don’t merely participate in planning for conservation, recording, and stewardship activities; they initiate, organize, and follow-up by assembling the manpower to invest in the processes. And they have succeeded with a low profile byline.

Please join the NAA in thanking Darrell and Terri Wade and Jack and Elaine Holmes for all of their hard work!

Newsletter Editor Needed
David Valentine, Editor, In-Situ

I will retire from the position of Newsletter Editor after the Spring 2006 issue. The newsletter editor is a member of the NAA board, and must be able and willing to travel around the state to the quarterly board meetings. This is an enjoyable duty, as it involves field trips to
various sites around the state. Duties as editor include assembling information from the various archaeological and preservation groups throughout the state, soliciting articles and other items of interest to the NAA membership, and dumping it all into the newsletter—hopefully in a coherent and pleasant manner. The majority of the information gathering is accomplished through e-mail contacts, although an occasional phone call is sometimes necessary. This is often an ideal extra reason to stay in touch with your Nevada archy friends. Mailing the newsletter is also one of the duties, which involves printing labels, stuffing envelopes, and sticking stamps. This isn’t much fun, but help can often be bought for the price of a few beers. If you are interested in assuming the In-Situ editorial duties, please contact any board member before the 2006 Annual Meeting.

**Spring Newsletter**

The Spring 2006 issue of In-Situ is scheduled for publication in March 2006. If you have anything you want included, such as mini-reports, requests for information, announcements, letters to the editor, book reviews, etc., etc., send it to Dave Valentine by February 28, 2006. Submissions can be sent via e-mail to: david_valentine@nv.blm.gov or valentine.david@gmail.com, or by snail mail to P.O. Box 1084, Winnemucca, NV 89446. Photographs are welcome. Remember, a diverse and interesting In-Situ cannot be maintained without member support and participation.

**UNR Hires New Archaeologist**

Please help the University of Nevada Reno welcome the newest member of the Anthropology Department, Dr. Carolyn L. White. Dr. White received her PhD from Boston University. She wrote her dissertation was on artifacts of personal adornment from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, using archaeological collections and materials from ongoing excavations. Prior to coming to UNR, Dr. White taught at William Paterson University, University of Massachusetts, and Boston University. She also worked for the archaeology division of the Strawberry Bank Museum, a living history museum in Portsmouth, and as a consultant for the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities, a preservation agency in New England. She has also worked for the Cultural Resources Consulting Group in Highland Park, New Jersey.

She has used data from her dissertation and other research in writing a book, American Artifacts of Personal Adornment, 1680-1820: A Guide to Identification and Interpretation (2005, AltaMira Press, Walnut Creek, California). Her current research plans include writing a second book on personal adornment to cover the period 1820-1950. She is also co-editing, with Tim Scarlett, a new series of volumes on identifying material culture entitled, Guides to American Artifacts, to be published by Left Coast Press. If you are interested in publishing research on material culture, contact Dr. White at clwhite@unr.edu; she is actively seeking manuscripts.

She hopes to continue exploring her interest in “questions of individuality and personhood and identity construction using material culture” while at UNR. She looks forward to working with Don Hardesty, the graduate students at UNR, and helping out with historic archaeology field schools this coming summer. Although experiencing a minor amount of culture shock when she first moved to Reno, she is quickly growing
to love the Sierra Nevada Mountains and Nevada’s deserts, as well as the beautiful neon landscape of downtown Reno.

UNLV Receives Award for an Interpretative Archaeological Park at the Neolithic Village of Ghwair I, Jordan
Renee Kolvet

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) was recently awarded a grant entitled “Preservation and an Interpretative Archaeological Park at the Neolithic Village of Ghwair I, Jordan.” The Ambassador’s Fund for Cultural Preservation, part of the Fulbright-Hayes program, was awarded to Dr. Alan Simmons, chair of UNLV’s Department of Anthropology and Ethnic Studies, and Dr. Mohammad Najjar of Jordan’s Department of Antiquities. The grant is intended to promote goodwill between the United States and Jordan, and help develop Jordan’s ecotourism industry.

The Neolithic village (ca. 7,500 B.C.) is located in the Wadi Feinan, east of the Dead Sea in southern Jordan. Simmons and Najjar’s research was previously funded by grants from the National Science Foundation, the Brennan Foundation, and UNLV. Now that the excavation is over, attention has turned towards site presentation. The Ambassador’s Fund grant is for conservation and the establishment of an archaeological park at the site. Ghwair I and nearby sites, ranging from Paleolithic to Byzantine era age, will be included in guided, educational tours.

Plans for the park are currently underway. In October, 2005, Simmons traveled to the Biblical site of Tel Hesban for a formal signing ceremony between the two countries. From there, Simmons and Najjar traveled to the site to develop plans for the park. They met with the local Bedouin who will assist with the conservation and construction. The archaeological park is scheduled to open in the summer of 2006.

Neolithic Village of Ghwair I, Jordan

Art Bites at the Nevada Museum of Art

The Nevada Museum of Art, 160 W. Liberty Street in Reno, has the Art Bites program, which consists of half-hour dialogues concerning exhibits in the museum. The museum currently has an exhibit on the Black Rock desert based on a recently published book by Peter Goin and Paul F. Starrs. David Valentine, archaeologist for the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area, will be giving an Art Bites talk on the “History and Prehistory of the Black Rock” at noon, Friday, January 27th. Tickets for the event are: $4 NMA members / $13 / $11 seniors and students, Museum admission included. Space is limited to 30 participants. Tickets are available online at nevadaart.org/tickets or at the NMA admissions desk.

Call for Papers, 2007 Nevada Archaeologist
David Valentine, 2007 Nevada Archaeologist Editor

Papers are needed for Volume 25 of the Nevada Archaeologist. This issue will focus on the Black Rock Desert-High Rock
Canyon region of northwestern Nevada. If you have research pertaining to the archaeology, ethnography, history, or paleontology of the area that you need to report, please send your submissions to David Valentine, P.O. Box 1084, Winnemucca, NV 89446 by February 14, 2007. Please submit one hard copy and an e-copy of your paper. If you have questions, Dave can be reached via e-mail: David_Valentine@nv.blm.gov or by phone at (775) 623-1766 (w) or (775) 625-1604 (h).

Upcoming Conferences

The Society for Historical Archaeology 2006 Annual Conference will be held in Sacramento, California, January 11-15, 2006. For more information visit the website: www.sha.org.

The Nevada Boomtown History Event will be held February 3-5, 2006 at the Longstreet's Hotel and Casino in Amargosa Valley, Nye County, Nevada. The Nevada Boomtown History Event is a conference-like setting that brings together professional and amateur historians with a passion for Nevada’s unique mining past. Topics are selected for their significant historical qualities and relevance to Nevada and associated locations. This year is the first in what will be a series of events held throughout the state. Registration cost for the conference is $60, which includes a copy of the proceedings. If you have questions or need registration information, please call Pat Houser at (775) 751-2250 or (775) 291-8518 or e-mail her at aphouser@aol.com as soon as possible.

The 71st annual meeting of the Society for American Archaeology will be held April 26-30, 2006 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. For more information visit the society’s web page at www.saa.org.

The Mining History Association’s 17th Annual Conference will be held June 1-4, 2006 in Globe, Arizona. The opening reception will be held in the Gila County Museum. A number of tours, including tours to Roosevelt Dam and the Phelps Dodge Clifton-Morenci open pit mine are planned for the final day of the conference. For more information, visit the website at www.mininghistoryassociation.org.

The Society for Industrial Archaeology’s 35th Annual Conference will be held in Saint Louis, Missouri from Thursday June 1 to Sunday, June 4, 2006. For more information visit the society’s website at www.ss.mtu.edu/IA/sia.html.

Gerlach Water Tower

In-Situ readers may recall that the NAA pledged $1,000 towards the rehabilitation of the Western Pacific wooden water tower in Gerlach, Nevada (Fall 2002, pgs. 3 & 4 and Winter 2002, pg. 4). The tower is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, but had decayed to the point that it was in danger of collapse. The Gerlach-Empire Senior Citizens, Inc., assumed the task of finding funds for the rehabilitating the tower and overseeing the rehabilitation. They were successful, and visitors to Gerlach can now feast their eyes on a sound structure.
Rehabilitating the Jack Longstreet Cabin, Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge, Nye County, Nevada.
Lou Ann Speulda, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Myth and mystery shrouds the truth about Andrew Jackson “Jack” Longstreet. He was born in about 1838, based on what he guessed his age was just before he died in 1928 at 90. He never talked about his family or where he was born – even his name was one that he chose himself as an adult. Most of what we know about him is drawn from the many hours of research conducted by Sally Zanjani. The following information is from her book Jack Longstreet: Last of the Desert Frontiersmen (1988, 1994).

Jack had a southern accent and would have been a young man during the Civil War, it is possible that he began his trek west after that conflict. Nevada’s dry, harsh desert is in stark contrast to the humid, mild southeast where he was born. He seems to have preferred the wide open vistas of Southern Nevada.

![Jack Longstreet in Tonopah, ca. 1925 (Courtesy Central Nevada Historical Society).](image)

Chronology of Longstreet’s life in Nevada

1882-1888: Longstreet first enters Nevada in the southeast corner of the state, settling in St. Thomas and opening a saloon which was notorious for fights. He later moved into the Moapa Valley, homesteaded 120 acres and raised race horses on a ranch about six miles from the Moapa Indian Reservation. Longstreet won many races, but he lost to a neighbor with whom he had other conflicts. After a few drinks they rode out of town together, with only Longstreet returning. He was acquitted on grounds of justifiable homicide as it was obviously self-defense since there were no witnesses. Longstreet noticed the poor treatment of the Paiute on the Moapa Reservation and wrote letters listing their grievances and demanding the removal of the
incompetent Indian Agent. Longstreet and the agent got into a brawl and Longstreet was charged with assault. He was quickly acquitted and the corrupt agent was removed.

1890-1891: Longstreet filed for a homestead in Oasis Valley, north of Beatty, Nevada. He had 28 cattle, 18 horses, 1 hog, and a wagon worth $25, according to the tax rolls for which he was delinquent. While living there he also ran a saloon in the nearby mining community of Sylvania. In the winter of 1891 the Indians were working at the mine began to gather for a Ghost Dance. Longstreet decided to aid their bleak condition by leading them on a raid of the mine. The Indians had been paid in worthless scrip, so Longstreet helped them force the mine Superintendent, at gunpoint, to pay them in cash.

1891-1895: Longstreet disappeared for a few years after this episode.

1895: Longstreet returns to the Death Valley area and joins a group of men attempting to seize the Chispa Mine which had been “abandoned” according to the laws of the day. The attempt to take control of the mine failed when the owners unexpectedly returned with a small arsenal and several sharpshooters. One of Longstreet’s companions was killed in the fight. Longstreet and two others were taken to Belmont (Nye County seat at the time) to stand trial for claim jumping. He was convicted on a lesser charge, paid a fine, and was released.

1895-1899: Longstreet takes shelter at Ash Meadows – building the stone cabin and raising horses. Jack was 60 years old and living with his Paiute wife, Susie. Legends persist that Jack built the stone cabin with the rear portion opening into a small cave as a fortress so that he could survive several days of a gun battle in his well provisioned thick walled cabin.

1899-1906: Longstreet moved north, closer to Tonopah, settling on the Red Rock Ranch, in the Kawich Mountains. After a couple of years on the ranch he got into a dispute with one of his neighbors over the suspicious circumstances surrounding a nearby rancher’s death. Longstreet accused the Clifford family of having a hand in the murder. Tempers flared, ending in a gun battle that left one of the Clifford’s relatives wounded. The case went to trial and Longstreet was acquitted of the charges. Longstreet’s lawyer was Key Pittman, just starting his career as a frontier lawyer; he later was elected to the U.S. Senate for Nevada.

1906: Longstreet’s frontier experience was rewarded when he was chosen by Nye County to mark the springs and roads of the uncharted desert south and east of Tonopah. The gold rush to the area caused a deadly combination of long stretches of hot, dry desert and inexperienced travelers. The gold rush boom also brought in speculators and Longstreet sold his Ash Meadows Ranch for $10,000. Longstreet worked for a while as a hired gun riding on the Tonopah Stage, carrying his money with him in an old suitcase.

1906-1928: At 68 Longstreet finally settles down, purchasing a ranch in Windy Canyon outside of Tonopah. He raised livestock, patented a mine, and apparently ran an illegal still producing liquor during prohibition. His isolated ranch and well-known reputation with a gun kept the law at a distance. It was at about this time that he and Fannie Black got together. Fannie was a Paiute from the Ash Meadows area. They adopted a daughter, Emma, and raised several other orphaned children. Fannie’s brother, Bob Black, was a bad outlaw, known to have murdered many miners and travelers. During a visit with Fannie, he rode to town with Longstreet for supplies, and on the way back they got into an argument that escalated into a fight. Longstreet shot Black, and although he took him back to town for medical treatment, Black died. Longstreet was again charged with murder and acquitted because it was a clear case of self-defense.

July 26, 1928: Longstreet dies from complications after an accidental, self-inflicted gunshot wound.
Longstreet epitomizes the mythical Western frontiersman: self-reliant, independent, and fair-minded. He championed the rights of the Southern Paiute, whom he often lived with. Speaking with a southern drawl, he was quick with a pistol and never missed his mark. As his skill with a gun grew so did his reputation as a dangerous man. Trouble seemed to follow him and he often found it convenient to avoid his enemies by living in out-of-the-way places. At the end of his life he was finally accepted into the community as a gruff but tenderhearted southern gentleman with exciting stories of his gunslinger days.

The Longstreet Cabin

Looking for a protected, isolated place for a home, Jack Longstreet rode into Ash Meadows and found exactly what he was looking for -- a clear spring, a cave in a spring mound, and open pasture for his horses. He enlarged the cave and built a stone cabin in front of the opening. The mound actually formed the back wall and part of the sides of the cabin. Longstreet and his second wife, Susie, lived at the house for about five years (1895-1899).

Longstreet sold the Ash Meadows Ranch in 1906 to speculators who purchased many ranches in the Ash Meadows area. There is no record of anyone living at the Longstreet cabin after Jack moved out. By the 1920s a photograph showing visitors at the cabin indicate that it was abandoned and starting to deteriorate. A screen from a window is on the ground next to the front wall, and there is a pile of wood near the southwest corner.

In 1982, Sally Zanjani was finishing her research on Jack Longstreet and took several photographs of the cabin which provide a great deal of information. The cabin was simply constructed using fairly small stones, a lime based mortar, and log purlins with planks covered with mud for the roof. The side gable cabin is a single room with a dirt floor, measuring 24 x 15 feet. Three walls were built from stone and each has a window or door opening. The travertine-limestone blocks were shaped into squares and are typically two rows wide, about 20 in. deep, although some blocks fit the entire wall depth. Stones were faced to be fairly flush on the exterior wall surfaces. The fourth wall was partially constructed into the spring mound. The spring mound was cut back to create the back wall of the cabin. The roof height was about 10 ft at the gable peak with the walls about 7 ft high. The rear of the cabin roof extended over the spring mound, which was solid at the time that Longstreet built the cabin. Water draining off of the roof may have contributed to the erosion of the mound behind the cabin.
Cabin Rehabilitation Project

The cabin was in a much deteriorated condition by 2004 when we began the rehabilitation project with funding from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act. The FWS’s cultural resources staff oversaw the on-site project management. The project was completed by a small team of experts – Erich Obermayr, and his brother, Sam, were responsible for excavating the foundation and completing the masonry. A master carpenter fabricated the window and door frames, headers, purlin logs, and roofing boards. Volunteers and refuge staff assisted along the way. The photographs taken by Ms. Zanjani provided the best information for the rehabilitation work and served as our guide to be as authentic as possible.

The west (front) wall contains a window and door. The door frame and threshold were present in the pile of rubble in front of the cabin. The door frame was constructed with milled lumber (2 x 10 in.) and machine cut nails. The door-sized cabinet on the north wall was completely missing. Windows are present on the south side and west walls, but no framing was present. The rear wall of the cabin was built to have access back into a cavity dug into the spring mound. The gap in the rear wall is about 2 ft high by 4 ft wide. The spring mound cave provided cool storage for food and apparently water was available when Jack lived there, it has subsequently subsided and is dry, and the cave has collapsed. A wood stove was located in the southeast corner and vented through a stove pipe. We chose not to install the stove pipe. No furnishings will be added to the interior.

The biggest challenge to rehabilitating the cabin was the spring mound which had formed the back wall of Jack’s Cabin but had collapsed. We had to make the difficult decision to replace the caliche boulders with CMU blocks reinforced with rebar and concrete. We excavated the foundation trench using archaeological methods – but recovered very few artifacts. Overall we found a few glass fragments, nails, and boards, along with modern Styrofoam plates and pull tabs. In the southeast corner there was an ash deposit where the wood stove was located.
First day on the project, assessing the rear wall where the mound has collapsed (FWS 23691-3).

Erich Obermayr excavating new foundation trench along rear wall after spring mound boulders were removed (FWS).

Portions of the original stone wall were still intact and we were able to gather samples of the mortar and run tests to determine how the mortar was made. We replicated the mortar using lime, sediment from the spring mound, and a small amount of Portland cement. The color and texture matches well with the original.

Refitting the stones back in their original positions was slow work, much like a 3-dimensional jigsaw puzzle. Each wall had simply tipped over, so that all of the stones were still present and laid out in rows on each side of the building. We simply reassembled the walls one course at a time.

Wood for the door and window framing was fabricated to match the original. We did not have any documentation to indicate what type of window sash or door was present, so we have not added these elements. If a photograph is found that shows the type of windows and door, then we can replicate them. But, without accurate information, we have decided to leave the windows and door open.
The length of the cabin is a long span and finding the right size of logs for the roof in Southern Nevada was a challenge. Luckily the Forest Service donated the logs from a tree thinning project in Kyle Canyon of the Spring Mountains. Once the walls were completed, we lifted the logs into place and then nailed planks to the logs. We also added a layer of asphalt rolled roofing to provide a layer of protection for the planks. Then we added a layer of mud to the roof to replicate the original appearance of the cabin. The project was completed in May 2005. The cabin is built on the original foundation, using the same stones with matching mortar, and similar wood framing and roofing. Our goal was to return the cabin to its original appearance so that Jack would recognize it and feel right at home.

We hosted an Open House at the cabin on October 22nd to officially recognize completion of the rehabilitation work. Ms. Zanjani was our honored guest and shared her knowledge of Jack Longstreet.
Nevada Archaeological Association, Board of Directors Meeting Austin, Nevada  
July 16, 2005  
Suzan Slaughter, Secretary

Board members Absent: Ted Goebel.  
Others Present: George Phillips, Anne Carter, Terri Wade

A. The meeting was called to order at 2:30 P. M at Bob Scott Campground near Austin, Nevada. 
B. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the April 2005 board meeting were approved after some discussion. Corrections will be made and resubmitted to Steve Daron. 
C. President’s Report: No President’s Report 
D. Treasurer’s Report: Eva Jensen. Regarding the SHPO grant, any hours spent on the poster or brochure should be reported on time sheets for the SHPO matching grant. A net profit from the Archaeology Week posters this year was $1,095 and will be rolled into next years poster. The Annual Meeting also generated a net profit of $1,967.19. The bank balance as of April 15, 2005 is $14,712.28. After subtracting outstanding checks, total assets available are $8,269.00. 
E. Secretary's Report: Various errors were identified by the board. The secretary will make all suggested corrections and send corrected minutes to Dave Valentine and Steve Daron. 
F. Newsletter Editors report: Dave Valentine reported he mailed out 185 copies of In-Situ. The deadline for submissions to the next issue is September 10, 2005 
G. Membership Secretary’s Report: Daron Duke reported we have a membership of 142. It appears that membership is dropping. Daron will check past records to compare with the current membership numbers. Daron distributed a revised membership form to the board for suggestions and/or approval of the new form. Daron hopes the new form will help in the identification of site stewards. 
H. Web-Masters Report: Hal Rager. The web site is linked to three bills coming up in the legislature with implications for cultural resource management. A high-resolution version of In-Situ is available on the web site. Links to the Three Corners conference and a Section 106 training class are on the site. Traffic remains steady. 
I. Chapter Reports 
1. AmArchs: Ernie Winters, Vice President of the chapter, and Greg Haynes are putting together a site stewardship program for Washoe County. The chapter is currently very active. 
2. Churchill County: The chapter is still active. Dave Valentine is still getting updates 
3. Archaeo-Nevada: Steve Daron reported that the chapter is not meeting during the summer months. 
4. Elko County: Eva Jensen reported that the chapter sends in its NAA membership applications all at once. The chapter participated in archaeology week. 
5. White Pine County: No representative present. 
6. Lincoln County: Darrel Wade reported that the Lincoln county chapter is working on reactivating the chapter. 
7. SHPO Report: No SHPO representative present 
J. Old Business 
1. Nevada Archaeologist 
   a) 2004 volume: Eva Jensen and Laurie Perry are editing the 2004 journal. Eva reported that three submissions are in hand and they are expecting some shorter articles. 
   b) 2005 volume: Geoff Smith and Linsie Lafayette editors. Dave Valentine reported that to date, two papers are in hand with more promised. 
   c) 2006 Volume: Heidi Roberts is pulling together papers presented at the SAA meetings on circular forms in archaeological contexts. 
   d) 2007 Volume: An issue focusing on the Black Rock area is being planned by Dave Valentine. C. W. Clewlow will be updating some of his old papers for the issue. 
   e) 2008 Volume. Daron Duke suggested that the 2008 volume be open, without a theme. There is as yet no editor for this volume. 
2. Ting Perkins Award: Eva Jensen reported that she could find no records regarding where the plaques were purchased. Nominations for the next recipient of the award should be in writing. A call for nominations will be in the next in situ. 
3. Lifetime Achievement Award: A call for nominations will be published in the next issue of In-Situ.
4. Annual Meeting 2006: Eva Jensen and Teri Wade have been checking on facilities in Mesquite, Nevada. The Casablanca rooms run from $64.99 to $94.99 per. They provide catering services but appear to be quite expensive. Facilities are available but arrangements should be made soon because Mesquite is quite busy during that time. Steve Daron is checking on facilities at the Henderson Convention Center. The board set April 8, 2006 as the date for the next annual meeting.

5. Special Publication Series: No Report

6. Student Grant: The first check has been sent to this year’s recipient. Ted Goebel will send out the next call for submissions.

7. Occasional Papers: Dave Valentine reported that Ted Goebel is still in the process of getting Amanda Taylor’s Senior thesis reviewed. Possible topics for the next occasional paper were discussed. The occasional papers are peer reviewed and can consist of a monograph or several small papers.

8. Nevada Archaeology Historic Preservation Week: The discussion regarding whether Historic Preservation Week should be expanded to Historic Preservation Month was continued. The poster was discussed. The theme “Home Means Nevada” was agreed on for the next poster. Suzan Slaughter and Greg Haynes volunteered to gather some photographs for the next board meeting.

9. Promotional Materials: Brochures have been printed and will be sent to the Forest Service, BLM offices, SHPO and the chapters. The handy hypotenuse bandanas are in and will be sold for $5.00 each, $1.50 postage and handling for the first and .50 for each additional bandana. Eva Jensen will handle sales and mailings. Other ideas for promotional materials were discussed.

10. Site Stewardship:
   a) A Site Stewardship committee meeting was held at Bob Scott campground July 15, 2005. A restructuring of the committee and the role of the NAA in training and standards were discussed. Greg Haynes and Ernie Winters are setting up a training session in the northern part of the state, yet to be scheduled.
   b) A new permanent position at SHPO to be located in Las Vegas should be filled by October.
   c) Schedule of Events: Darrel Wade. A training session is scheduled in the southern part of the state on October 1. Greg Haynes is planning a session in the north at the same time. Each region will hold its own awards ceremonies. A ceremony for Lincoln County is tentatively scheduled at Cathedral Gorge for October 22. Clark County is planning one for November 5. George Phillips reported that at the state-wide meeting last year, stewards were given pins and hats and shirts should be for sale. A motion to buy the Site Steward pins was carried. Dave Valentine moved that the NAA reimburse the chapters up to $150.00. The motion was carried.

11. Professional Organization: The Status of the creation of a Professional organization is still being debated. Many archaeologists would prefer an organization not associated with NAA. The membership is still researching the question.

12. Other Events:
   a) Three Corners Conference will be held October 15, 2005 at UNLV
   b) Great Basin Conference will be held in Las Vegas October of 2006

K. New Business

1. Eva Jensen reported that the NAA has sent $1,000 to the Gerlach Water Tower rehabilitation project. She received a letter of thanks and report of progress from the rehabilitation committee.
2. The board discussed whether the NAA should buy liability insurance on the officers and board of directors to protect the organization against lawsuits.
3. Dave Valentine suggested that we look into developing public education materials and programs for children.
4. The next board meeting will be held at the Hookah Lounge in Las Vegas, Nevada on October 14, 2005. Hal Rager volunteered to make the arrangements. George Phillips will arrange a Site Stewardship meeting to be held at 1 PM that afternoon on the UNLV Campus.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.
THE 2006 SECTION 106 ESSENTIALS

TRAINING COURSE SCHEDULE

An in-depth look at historic preservation responsibilities under the National Historic Preservation Act by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

The Section 106 Essentials is a two-day course designed for those who are new to Section 106 review or those who want a refresher on its basic operation. Taught by the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), this course explains the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, which applies any time a Federal, federally assisted, or federally approved activity might affect a property listed in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

What will you learn in The Section 106 Essentials? This course features:
- Information on the most recent changes to the ACHP’s regulations, “Protection of Historic Properties” (36 CFR Part 800);
- New real-life case studies to illustrate each step in the Section 106 process;
- Practical advice on how to make Section 106 work smarter and more efficiently to resolve conflicts between development plans and historic preservation values; and
- A revised curriculum and a course CD, featuring model documents, guidance materials, and a reference library.

Who should attend? You! The course is geared toward Federal, State, or local government officials, tribal representatives, or private consultants who encounter preservation-related law in their job, and members of the public with an interest in historic preservation.

2006 course locations and dates - All course sessions are two days and meet from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. each day. These are limited-enrollment courses, so we encourage you to register at your earliest convenience.

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Cost – Payment can be made by credit card or check, or Federal employees may submit an S.F. 182.
- Regular registration = $450.00
- Early bird registration (before January 15, 2006) = $400.00
- Group discounts available – see group forms for discounts.

Questions? For registration, hotel/travel information, group discounts and other frequently asked questions, log onto our website at www.achp.gov/106 or contact Diane Secchi at dsecchi@achp.gov or call 202-606-8521.