

Nevada Archaeological Association
Board Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2007

Location: Pine Creek Campground, Toquima Range (Monitor Valley)

Board Members Present: Eva Jensen, Dave Valentine, Hal Rager, Alice Baldrice (ex-officio SHPO Representative), Mark Giambastiani, Greg Haynes

Other Members Present: Steve Daron, Pat Haynal

Board Members Absent: Greg Seymour, Liz Russell, Suzan Slaughter, Daron Duke

A. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Eva Jensen at 3:45 pm. The meeting ran from 3:45 to 6:00 pm.

B. Approval of Minutes: The past minutes of the NAA board meeting, dated July 7, 2007, was not reviewed.

C. President's Report: Greg S. was not able to attend because of family-related health problems. Eva facilitated the board meeting in his absence and stated that Greg S. had not given her any report for the Board.

D. Treasurer's Report: Eva said that her report was only preliminary and that the official Treasurer's Report would be submitted after September 30. This is because she now completes official financial statements at the end of each quarter. She will email the full report in October. Along with the money we currently have in the bank (see below), she has filed the paperwork and expects to receive reimbursement for the 2007 site steward grant in the amount of \$2800. SHPO has also approved our grants for Archaeology Month for 2008 and for site steward training for 2008. We will be getting the funding agreements in place soon. In addition, the Nevada state sales tax exemption paperwork is due soon. The NAA claims exempt status as an educational organization; there are only a small number of categories under which organizations can file for exemption.

As of June 30, there was \$10,151.34 in the NAA bank account. Between July 1 and September 13, receipts totaled \$3,201.52, expenses totaled \$1,828.52, with a net gain of \$1,373.00.

E. Secretary's Report: Greg H. thanked Dave V. for doing the July board meeting minutes, since he had been unable to attend the summer meeting in Winnemucca. He stated that this was his first official board meeting as secretary and was pleased to act in this capacity for the organization.

F. Newsletter Editor's Report: Suzan S. was not able to attend, but she sent a hard-copy report. 155 copies of *In-Situ* were mailed out on August 27. The cost, including postage, photocopy, and supplies, totaled \$438.36.

Some discussion ensued regarding the length of articles in a newsletter-type venue. A number of recent articles have been quite long and perhaps these are better left for the journal. The long articles also increase overall newsletter cost. The general consensus among the Board is

that articles should be limited to not more than three pages. All were in favor of having Suzan suggest a three-page limit to articles when she puts out the quarterly call for articles.

Another discussion revolved around whether the newsletter should be sent to members electronically or by regular mail. Hal R. wondered if we want to place it on the website, although the general thought is that receiving *In-Situ* is a benefit of membership; only newsletters older than one year should be posted on the website. It was decided that Daron D. should put boxes on the membership application so each member can identify how he or she would like to receive the newsletter -- electronically, regular mail, or both.

G. Membership Secretary's Report: Daron D. sent a verbal report via Mark G. Membership numbers remain unchanged. Eva J. said that we recently received two more memberships in the mail. She also wants Daron to be reminded that we are giving out membership cards this year and that we need to put a list of those members WHO HAVE PAID their annual dues in the first quarter issue of *In-Situ*, rather than a list of people who have failed to pay their membership dues.

H. Webmaster: Nothing really to report. The number of hits on the NAA website remains relatively constant, without any substantial peaks or valleys. PayPal is not set up yet, but it would be helpful to have on-line access to NAA bank account information. Our cost to use PayPal is graduated, depending on how much we sell: If we sell less than \$150/month it is free, then the cost goes up from there.

I. Report by Chapters and Affiliated Organizations:

1. Am-Arcs. Dave V. said that Ben Barna, a graduate student at UNR, gave a talk on Rabbit Hole Mining District for the fall kick-off meeting.

2. Archaeo-Nevada Society. Greg H. said that the new ANS president is Dr. Kevin Rafferty and that there is a field trip today out to Coyote Springs. Greg is schedule to give a talk on recent archaeological investigations conducted by NPS-UNLV at Pueblo Grande de Nevada this January.

3. Churchill County Chapter. No Report.

4. Elko County Chapter. No Report.

5. White Pine Historical and Archaeological Society. No Report.

6. Lincoln County Chapter. This group meets at Cathedral Gorge State Park in the visitor center. It has problems getting speakers, so they alternate on a monthly basis between speakers and field trips. Greg H. is also scheduled to give a talk to them on November 28.

7. Nevada Rock Art Foundation. No Report.

8. Site Stewardship Program. Eva presented a written report from Sali Underwood. The program currently boasts about 450 stewards across the state, of which 250 are in Clark County, with 12 regional coordinators state-wide. A training event will soon take place in Reno; Mark G. offered his office for the training event.

9. State Historical Preservation Office Report. No big changes in the regulations or in current SHPO budget. The NAA grants were awarded. There is also a SNPLMA grant for the site stewardship database. The office continues to work on NVCRIS database issues; access issues for are settled for agencies and CRM firms, but not yet sure about academics and

students. A new contractor was hired for repairing the State's historic markers, so if you see one missing or damaged, let the SHPO know.

J. Old Business:

1. 2008 Archaeology Month. Alice B. has already sent out information about the upcoming year's "New Deal" theme. She is requesting photographs that highlight New Deal programs in Nevada. However, activities and events in next year's historic preservation and archaeological awareness month is not limited to New Deal topics.

2. Annual Meetings. Mark G. reported that Daron D. had looked into the Ramada Inn at Virginia City. Room cost would be \$79/night, a little steep. Mark also relayed that Daron was not too pleased with the staff at the Ramada. After some discussion, it was decided that Minden or Gardnerville would be a better location for the meetings and Carson Valley Inn was suggested as the preferred location. Alice B. said that she would be willing to work as the Meeting Coordinator, but not the Program Coordinator. Mark G. again offered to be the Program Coordinator.

Consensus was for a 2-day meeting, much like last year: _ day workshop and _ day paper session on Friday, and a full day paper session on Saturday. The _ day paper session on Friday afternoon would honor Alanah Woody. Don Fowler and/or Pat Barker were suggested as co-chairs for the special session and Alice said that she would be happy to ask Don and Pat if they would be willing. In honor of Dave V's famous Dutch oven dinners, a workshop on Dutch oven cooking was proposed. Greg H. mentioned that we might be able to have the Friday night mixer at the Carson Valley Museum, located several blocks from the Inn.

3. Student Grants. Mark G. said that he still has only received one grant application and that we need to somehow get information about the grant to students. There was a suggestion that perhaps we can send an email notice to university/college professors and student coordinators about the grant.

4. Board Member Guidebook. This agenda item was briefly discussed during the morning's Strategic Planning session. To summarize, all officers, including the newsletter editor, should write a narrative that summarizes the responsibilities associated with their position, their practical activities and how they accomplish their tasks. This information should be submitted to Dave V. for compilation, who will try to complete a draft of the guidebook for the next board meeting.

5. Membership Cards and Renewal Reminders. See above agenda item #G (Membership Secretary's Report).

6. Nevada Archaeologist. Eva J. said that, unfortunately, the 2006 journal on southern Nevada archaeology is not yet complete. She needs to contact the authors and see if they still want their articles published. She and Laurie Perry have just not had time to edit the papers and get them into a publishable form.

Likewise, publication of last year's annual meeting proceedings as the 2007 *Nevada Archaeologist* has not moved forward. Some discussion ensued that perhaps we want to wait until after the 2008 meetings and include a special section that honors both Alvin Mclane and Alanah Woody.

K. New Business

1. Federal Document Comments. Eva J. said that she received official letters regarding our advocacy letter about on-going problems at Gold Butte from Sen. Harry Reid, Sen. John Ensign and the BLM State Office. All-in-all, she felt that none of the responses were particularly strong in supporting a real, substantive solution to on-going archaeological resource damage in the area. Alice B. mentioned that she, too, has discussed the Gold Butte issue with a number of the State's congressional delegations and received similar responses.

2. Nominations Ting Perking/Lifetime Achievement Awards. Nomination applications need to go into the next newsletter.

3. Alanah Memorial. We are going to have a special session in honor of Alanah at the next annual meeting (see above). We may have the 2007 journal include papers written in honor of Alanah. Finally, we can give her the Lifetime Achievement award posthumously.

4. Miscellaneous. Hal R. said that Colleen Beck, the administrator for the Lincoln County Archaeological Initiative" would like to use the NAA email lists to disseminate information about the Initiative. There was a general feeling that we should not give out email lists to other people or organizations and that we should have Hal place information about LCAI and a link on the NAA website.

Eva J. stated that she needs approval to reimburse site stewardship regional coordinators up to \$150 for food provided at their annual appreciation picnics. She also needs funds for site stewardship pins. This issue was forgotten during the meeting, but was approved the following morning (September 16).

Any issues that come up regarding the 2008 Annual Meetings before the next board meeting can be dealt with by email.

L. Next Meeting: CALIENTE, JANUARY 25-26, 2008.

There being no further business, Hal R. moved for adjournment and Dave V. seconded, with unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Following the meeting, Dave V. prepared a delectable Dutch oven dinner that included pork chops smothered in creamy mushroom sauce, zucchini with diced tomatoes, French bread, and berry cobbler for dessert.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Haynes (Secretary)