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President's Message

In this column, I want to talk about surviving COVID-19 isolation and CAS's response.

The future of the COVID-19 pandemic is unknown. It is called "novel", because it has not been experienced before. Based upon the history of the 1918 Spanish Flu pandemic, a let-up during the summer can be anticipated to be followed by a resurgence of the virus in the autumn and winter. Causes of the resurgence in 1918-1919 may have been due to cooler temperatures, less UV rays from sunlight, and a reluctance of the population to resume preventive restrictions. Given the unknowns and the experience of the 1918 Pandemic, the CAS Executive Committee has decided to take the cautious approach of "going virtual" for the July Quarterly Board Meeting and the September Annual Meeting.

Much has been done in the past few months to make virtual meetings and conferences more enjoyable and valuable. I have participated in three virtual conferences: (American Research Center in Egypt; Biblical Archaeological Society (coordinated by NYU); and American Astronomical Society. The Geological Society of America is considering going to a virtual conference in the autumn. With each succeeding conference, the technology and presentation has improved. For example, the AAS Conference had parallel tracks of speakers, plenary speakers, workshops, networking opportunities, and exhibit halls over three days. There even is a feature that permits attendees to log into the site for the next 30 days to see the recorded speaker presentations that were missed. Attendance at the three conferences was staggering (ARCE= 1,000, BAS = 600, AAS = 1,300).

I'm excited about the possibilities of virtual conferences/lectures. I'm like a "kid in a candy shop" with all the lectures and conferences online. Now, I can participate in nearly all of them. Before, I would be restricted by time and money from attending most of them in person. Of course, I miss the person-to-person contact. After COVID-19 is in the past, the wave of the future will be to have conferences/lectures in both person-to-person and virtual formats at the same time. Now, let's turn to how CAS members can survive the isolation caused by COVID-19. A recent article in CEP (Chemical Engineering Progress), by Nidhi Sharma, dealt with this problem. It quoted Astronaut, Al Sacco, about how he dealt with isolation on the International Space Station. There are three keys, he said: stay busy; stay connected; and appreciate your environment.

NASA keeps its astronauts busy with 12-hour shifts, followed by 1-hour clean up, and three 1-hour meals. Bathroom breaks are scheduled in 30 minute periods. Sacco said, "If you just sit around and watch TV, you're going to go nuts. You are going to feel lonely...isolated,

uncomfortable, and worried ...that you have coronavirus". He suggested doing stuff you never had time to do before, such as fixing, cleaning, gardening, and projects. I would add: work on hobbies; learn a language; learn to cook new foods; and read (archaeology, of course). Keeping in touch with friends and family also is important. In Space, Sacco only saw his coworkers at mealtimes. His main contacts were with ground control. Voice contact was his main connection with other people. He suggests calling (and virtual) family and friends often, including having virtual meals/happy hours together.

Sacco said to appreciate the beauty of your surroundings. Walk around the neighborhood. Look at the stars. Notice the little things that you didn't notice before. Appreciate the things that you have.

COVID-19 will be behind us someday. In the meantime, follow Al Sacco's suggestions. You'll be stronger and CAS will be stronger, too.

Bob Rushforth
President

CAS Quarterly Board Meeting Highlights

Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the CAS April quarterly board meeting was cancelled. The board did take the following actions via email votes:

- Approved the minutes from the January 25, 2020 Quarterly Board meeting.
- Approved the proposed 2020 CAS Budget, and
- Approved the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Committee's recommendation to provide a \$1,000 scholarship to Zachary Cooper and a \$700 scholarship to Matthew Balance (see details below).

We hope that all our members and their families are staying self and healthy during these unsettling times. See below (Resources) for links to several webinars, podcasts and videos of various archaeological presentations.

PAAC News

HC - OAHP staff is currently teleworking. Essential functions will continue, including reviewing Tax Credit projects, Section 106, National Register nominations, and permit applications. The best option for communication is via email, although please be aware that the volume of emails will likely increase for all staff. If you need to get in touch with me immediately, contact me directly using the information below.

PAAC classes & summer fieldwork are suspended. I continue to work on the best way to provide online material for the program, but there is no timeline for material release. In the meantime, History Colorado continues to provide digital experiences through its

website: <https://www.historycolorado.org/digital-experiences>. If you have questions, ideas, or are willing to help develop the online presence of PAAC, please don't hesitate to contact me.

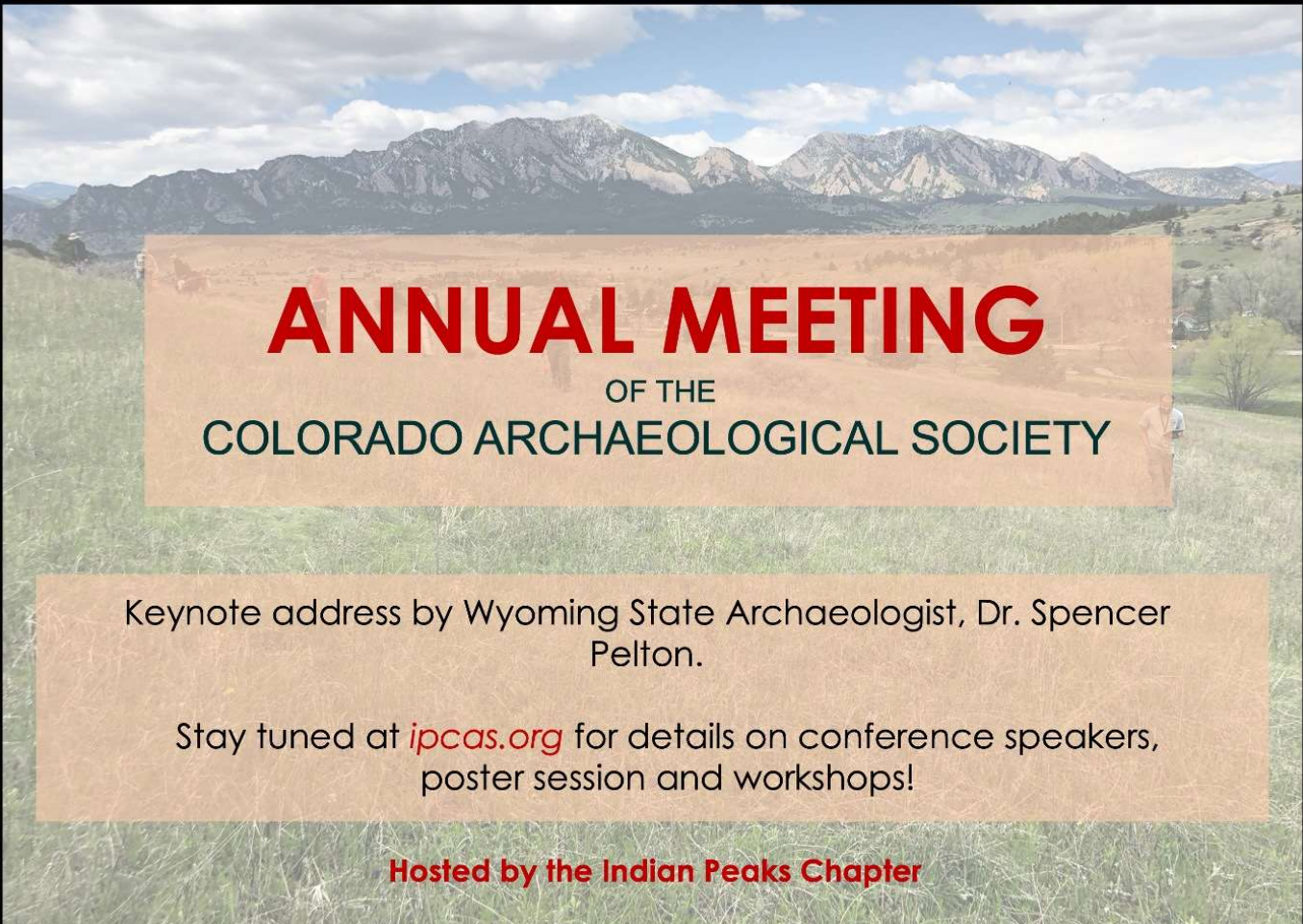
Stay safe and be well. If you have any questions, concerns, or need to talk, feel free to contact me via email (rebecca.simon@state.co.us) or phone/text (202) 641-4303. Submitted by Becca Simon, Assistant State Archaeologist and State PAAC Coordinator.

2020 Annual Conference and Meeting

Due to concerns over the potential continuing threat of Covid-19, the Indian Peaks Chapter (IPCAS) and the CAS Executive Committee agreed the 2020 Annual Conference and Meeting should be a virtual conference rather than an onsite, in person conference and meeting. The IPCAS website (<http://www.indianpeaksarchaeology.org/events/cas-annual-meeting>) will be the primary site for information on the conference.

September 25-26

Virtual Conference



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Keynote address by Wyoming State Archaeologist, Dr. Spencer Pelton.

Stay tuned at ipc.as.org for details on conference speakers, poster session and workshops!

Hosted by the Indian Peaks Chapter

We have a wonderful Navajo weaving as the raffle prize. Details on the purchase of raffle tickets are still being worked out and will be posted to the IPCAS website as soon as they are available.

Alice Hamilton Scholarship Raffle Prize



This authentic Navajo weaving measures 24"x42" and has an estimated value of \$1,200-1,500. Raffle tickets are not yet available. Contact annual.meeting@coloradoarchaeologicalsociety.org if you'd like to purchase tickets. (Photo courtesy of Larry Evans)

Stay tuned for more details in the Summer *Surveyor* and on the IPCAS website.

Alice Hamilton 2020 Scholarship Winners

The 2020 Colorado Archaeological Society Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee awarded \$1,750 this spring to a field of two Scholars consisting one Master's Candidate and one PhD Candidate.

Both of this year's applicants were well qualified and were supported with Letters of Recommendation from top archaeological educators and researchers in Colorado and North Carolina. The Scholars were from two institutions in Colorado, and projects involved research from prehistoric Native American and early Historic periods.

The 2020 Alice Hamilton Scholars are:

Zachary Cooper, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder \$1,000

For dissertation labwork: Partial funding for Instrumental Neutron Activation Analysis of Red Mesa black-on-white sherds from the Pojoaque Grant Site to determine their origin. This objective of his doctoral research is to investigate the relationship between the Northern Rio Grande and Chaco during the Late Developmental Period (AD 900 – 1200).

Matthew Ballance, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University, Ft. Collins \$700

For thesis fieldwork expenses: Partial funding for airfare and local transportation to Potosí, Bolivia in November 2020. The fieldwork goal is to excavate two historic structures, waystations along the road (pre-railroad) for moving silver from the mines of Potosí to Pacific coast ports. The objective of his MA research is to determine first the chronology of the structures, and then the extent to which they were integrated into the indigenous economy or functioned as a strictly Spanish colonial operation.

This is a challenging time as field schools, surveys and excavations have all been cancelled for the upcoming field season. Many students, potential applicants to our scholarship competition, are now reworking their education plans to find their way forward. We wish them well, and hope that we will see many of them apply to the CAS Alice Hamilton Scholarship Competition next year.

The CAS Website

The new and improved CAS Website (<https://www.coloradoarchaeology.org/>) is now live! Many thanks to Bill Haddock, the CAS Website Administrator, who has worked hard on finding a new platform for the site, designed and improved the information provided, and will help us maintain the site. Please let him know if you have any suggestions for other information that should be made available on the site. Thank you, Bill!

We have a section under the Education tab, labeled "Resources." Because most onsite meetings, lectures, and other informative and educational programs have been cancelled due to Covid-19, many of these sessions are available online. The Resources page will provide links to many of these sources; if you are aware of any webinars, podcasts, and other offerings that

are not currently on the website, please let Bill know so he can add those to the list. We have listed some webinars and videos below (see Resources), but the website will have the most up-to-date information.

Resources

Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation webinars on History Colorado's YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLI68fpINJM8Bca8KUBZSyPwz7y3Oawo8e>

Other History Colorado Digital Experiences: <https://www.historycolorado.org/digital-experiences>

Crow Canyon: <https://www.crowcanyon.org/index.php/learn-about-archaeology/archaeology-webinars>

Southwest Seminars Online Lectures Library: <https://southwestseminars.tv/catalog>

Archaeology Southwest: <https://www.archaeologysouthwest.org/videos/>

ORCA (Online Resources for Colorado Archaeology and Historic Preservation): <https://archaeologycolorado.org/>


Utah Rock Art Research Association: <https://urara.wildapricot.org/>

CCPA (Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists): <http://coloradoarchaeologists.org/>

Four Corners Research-Archaeology in the Mesa Verde Region: <http://www.fourcornersresearch.com/>

Archaeological Conservancy: <https://www.archaeologicalconservancy.org/>

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