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President's Message

In a recent chapter meeting, a person relatively new to CAS asked a few of us about opportunities to become more involved in CAS activities. One person mentioned (and forwarded) an email that had recently been sent to chapter members about an upcoming survey in a nearby county; another person mentioned lab work that will resume this fall; someone suggested checking the CAS website; someone else commented that some chapters occasionally allow members of other chapters to join field trips if space permits; and I mentioned the Annual Meeting that the Northern Colorado Chapter will host this fall. The entire conversation was encouraging for everyone there! It was a good reminder to all of us that CAS is alive and well.

Many CAS members have continued to participate (in-person or remotely) in their usual CAS activities these past two years. Those activities might be selected surveys or excavation projects, committee discussions, chapter meetings, lab work, field trips, or webinars.

Virtual or hybrid connections have allowed a different form of participation than many of us experienced in the past. That's especially helpful for a statewide organization because some of us are sometimes reluctant to travel to the far reaches of Colorado for in-person gatherings, due to work schedules, health concerns – or the current price of gas! Nevertheless, Terry and I are looking forward to in-person attendance at the July Board Meeting in Grand Junction and at the Annual Meeting this fall.

However, you want to participate in CAS, I hope you enjoy this season and I encourage you to share your enthusiasm with others who might like to know more about CAS.

Sharon Murphy

Last Board of Director's Meeting Highlights

April 23, 2023 | Virtual meeting

The Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) Board of Directors held its spring 2022 Quarterly Meeting on Saturday, April 23, 2022 beginning at 1:00 PM. The virtual meeting was hosted by the Indian Peaks Chapter (IPCAS). Thank you IPCAS (especially Katy Waechter for being the meeting administrator/tech support).

President Sharon Murphy called the meeting to order, and the Chapter roll was called by Recording Secretary Larry Beidle. A quorum was met with eight of nine Chapters present (Northern Colorado was absent) and 17 out of 33 (51+ %) Board members attending.

Officer and Committee News

Swallow Site: The Swallow Site report will likely be completed by the end of the year. We are looking for volunteers to help on various projects.

Treasurer's Report: State CAS is in good financial condition. At the end of the first quarter of 2022, state CAS had \$14,219 in checking and savings and \$23,874 in four Certificates of Deposit. One CD was rolled over for another year on April 26, 2022. Publication costs for *Southwestern Lore* remain below budget.

Proposed 2022 Budget: The Board unanimously adopted the Proposed 2022 Budget.

July 2022 Quarterly Meeting Update: The July 2022 CAS Quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be held in Grand Junction on Saturday July 16 and will be a hybrid live/virtual meeting.

The 2022 Annual Meeting Update: The Northern Colorado Chapter is the host for the 2022 CAS Annual Meeting but was not present to make a report.

Video Conferencing Platforms: At the January 2022 Board meeting it was proposed that a new state CAS Board position of Virtual Meeting Coordinator be created to provide technical assistance to the Board, its Committees and the Chapters to run virtual meeting (video conferencing) platforms. A Motion was made that state CAS apply for a Microsoft Business 365 Business grant at no cost and create a Microsoft Teams account for each Chapter, which shall be managed by the Chapter with the administrative support to be provided by state CAS. The state CAS Executive Committee also will be provided a Microsoft Teams account which shall be managed by the Executive Secretary. If Microsoft will not grant CAS a set of premium licenses as described above, CAS then applies for the same number of Business Basic licenses under a Business 365 Business grant and, if awarded, manage and administer such accounts in the same manner described for the Premium accounts.

Each CAS Chapter will choose whether or not to activate their respective Microsoft Teams account. The CAS Board of Directors will reevaluate the continued use of any licenses if terms and conditions of these services change. The Motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Since the meeting, Microsoft has granted CAS 10 premium licenses. **If your chapter would like to take advantage of a license for Teams or other software at no cost, email [Katy Waechter](#) to get set up.**

Highlighted Reports

Membership: Membership numbers have increased slightly over the first quarter of 2022 with a net gain of 18 new members (945 total members) and 10 new memberships (695 total). The Committee is working on a policy regarding the appropriate use of the Member365 email system.

Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund (Kris Holien): A Motion by the Committee to approve the award of five scholarships totaling \$4,100 was unanimously passed by the Board. The Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund has awarded 280 scholarships totaling over \$110,000 since its inception in 1987.

Education and Outreach: The Committee is looking for a Chair and additional members. We are hoping to begin collecting data from Chapters on their Education/Outreach efforts before the end of the year. Katy Waechter (Scientific Advisory Committee) and Karen Kinnear (Education/Outreach) will coordinate on modifying the online survey to collect these data.

Science Advisory Committee: The Committee continues to compile data on volunteer opportunities involving and reported by CAS members. The Committee then reports the results to the Board quarterly and also provides an annual comprehensive analytical report of CAS's significant contributions to preserving and interpreting Colorado's heritage. The annual report will be published in the Summer 2022 issue of *Southwestern Lore*.

While most Chapters still are recovering from the significant negative impact the pandemic had on volunteer opportunities and participation, volunteer numbers have increased 30% and volunteer hours have increased 34% in 1Q 2022 over 1Q 2021. Three Chapters contributed 99+% of the volunteers and 99% volunteer hours for the 1Q 2022: Hisatsinom

- 92% of the volunteers and 89% of the volunteer hours; Indian Peaks – 4% volunteers and 8% hours; and Grand Junction – 4% volunteers and 2% hours. A total of 26 volunteers contributed 492 hours. What is unknown is why most of the other Chapters are not reporting participation in volunteer activities. The Committee Chair will be working on a web application to better capture the needed data.

Publications: We are looking for an editor for the Surveyor. Katy Waechter is willing to serve as editor as long as the publication can be compiled in an email client.

Governance: The CAS Board has requested the Governance Committee clarify how the Chairs and members of the CAS Board Committees are nominated and approved. A report from the Committee is expected at the July Board meeting.

Long Range Planning: The Committee will be reviewing the last draft of the CAS Strategic Plan over the next quarter and will report its recommendations at the July Board meeting.

History Colorado Special Projects: Planning for the 2022 International Archaeology Day (IAD) has begun.

PAAC/OAHP: Shawn Fausett has been hired as the new Emery Archaeology Lab Coordinator at History Colorado. He can be contacted at fausett@state.co.us about volunteer opportunities at the Lab.

There remain several short-term and long-term PAAC needs:
Identifying and obtaining long-term program funding;
Restructuring PAAC certifications and updating the PAAC curriculum; and
Create new learning opportunities and venues including K-12 education, informal education venues and programs, and expanded site stewardship opportunities.

The state PAAC Coordinator, along with the PAAC Board and CAS Chapter PAAC coordinators, is working diligently to create and implement an updated schedule of PAAC and OAHP Archaeology Education programs for 2022 and beyond.

Looking for a Few Good Members

Many of the CAS Committees have been on hiatus since Covid hit. But we are ready to start them up again and need a few good members to help us out. Here are the openings:

The **Membership Committee** is looking for a new chair and a few members to help grow the membership and come up with ways to benefit our members.

The **Long-Range Planning Committee** is looking for a few members to help develop the CAS Long Range/Strategic Plan.

These are all great opportunities to get involved in CAS and help lead it into 2023. Most of the Committees will be meeting virtually to keep members from having to travel all over the state for meetings. **Please contact [Karen Kinneer](#) if you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information.**

Alice Hamilton Scholarship Awards

For the 36th year, CAS's Alice Hamilton Scholarship Award Committee is pleased to announce \$4,100 this spring to five new Alice Hamilton Scholars. These recipients include:

Andrew Aceves, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado - Boulder

Caitrin Scarlett Engle, Doctoral Candidate, University of Colorado - Boulder

Spencer Little, Masters Candidate, Colorado State University

Lia Plankenhorn, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado - Denver

Elin White, Masters Candidate, University of Colorado - Denver

Congratulations to this year's recipients and thank you to all students who applied plus those who wrote letters of recommendation for the applicants!

Program for Avocational Archaeological Certification Classes

Class schedules, registration, and other offerings will be posted July 1, 2022. Visit <https://www.historycolorado.org/offerings-and-communications> for updates.

Call for Volunteers

This year's annual meeting will be hosted by the Northern Colorado chapter from October 21-23 in Loveland. NCCAS is looking for volunteers to assist in planning efforts as well as donations for the Alice Hamilton fundraiser (items for silent auction). **Please reach out to [Lori Vanagunas](#) if you are interesting in helping.**

Upcoming Events

South Park Site Stewards - Archaeology Day	July 9 10 am - 3 pm	Fairplay, CO
Board of Directors Quarterly Meeting	July 16	Western Colorado Community College Grand Junction, CO
Loveland Stone Age Fair	September 24-25	Loveland, CO
CAS Annual Meeting	October 21-23	Embassy Suites Loveland, CO

If you'd like to submit an event to be shared in the next edition of The Surveyor, email cas@coloradoarchaeology.onmicrosoft.com with event info.

Officers and Committee Chairs

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