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On the cover: The 2021 SCA Annual Meeting will be virtual due to the pandemic (see page 24). We look forward to seeing everyone in person at the 2022 Annual Meeting.
SCA – We Are Family
Michelle C. St. Clair-Cross, President

The longer I am away from my SCA friends and colleagues because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the more I realize what an incredible community, even more so a family, we are. It is our members who really make the SCA what it is and who keep it vibrant, lively, active, engaged, and relevant. Now more than ever, I miss the engagement of seeing my colleagues face to face. Zoom meetings have become our new platform for safe communication, but nothing can replace in-person interaction around the coffee pot, next to a campfire, or across the table at a restaurant. I remain hopeful for a return to these activities in the future (as I write this, possible vaccines were just announced), but until then the SCA Executive Board members have been working tirelessly to bring our membership new and innovative ways to interact and stay connected.

In October 2020, we completed a massive campaign to bring our SCA membership an interactive Archaeology Month experience. We kicked off the month with a members-only happy hour, followed by a variety of activities and discussions
to engage members of all ages. We hosted a virtual story-time interaction for children with Native American elder and storyteller, Alan Salazar; the Women in California Archaeology Committee hosted a free screening of the Sundance film festival documentary, “Picture a Scientist”; and the newly formed Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology hosted a panel discussion on increasing diversity and fostering inclusion in the field of archaeology. During three Thursday evenings in October, we hosted original student presentations. These events were highly regarded by our membership, and we hope to continue this series. The SCA also hosted a workshop on the California Environmental Quality Act and Cultural Resources Management, led by Southern Vice President, Glenn Russell. More than 90 people registered for the event and we raised more than $10,000 for the SCA. The workshop was a huge success and we look forward to future opportunities to host similar workshops.

In other news, the Executive Board met for our fall meeting in a socially distanced manner. Most of the Board called in virtually. We welcomed our new Business Office management company, Advantage AMC, led by company President Tracey Booth. Tracey and Denise Wills will be working closely together to transition Denise’s role. Tracey is a great fit for our Society and we encourage you to get to know her. She can be contacted at tracey@scahome.org.

I recently led the formation of the California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS) SCA Task Force to discuss a call for action regarding accessibility (in light of the pandemic, wildfires, etc.) and digitization of the CHRIS system. SCA members from the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC), CHRIS centers, agencies, academia, and consultants have signed up to participate on the Task Force. I recently spoke at the SHRC on behalf of the SCA, noting that the Society wishes to participate in supporting development and funding of access and digitization of the CHRIS in coordination with the California Office of Historic Preservation. Julianna Polanco, State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO) thanked the SCA for their voice on this matter and asked the task force to reach out to her directly.

Next up for the SCA is membership registration renewals, voting for open Executive Board positions, and voting on a proposed amendment to the SCA bylaws regarding our sexual harassment policy and a procedure for anti-harassment protections and processes at our Annual Meetings. Please take a look at this information when you receive it and then vote. Your vote and your registration matter in making the SCA sustainable and successful. In addition, the call for papers for the 2021 virtual Annual Meeting has gone out. Please submit your proposals! For this meeting, the Plenary Session and keynote speaker are two not-to-be-missed events and there will be numerous virtual workshops. We are looking into creative and interactive ways to honor our 2021 award winners virtually during the meeting. Please stay tuned for more of what is in store. We promise we are doing our best to make it fun, engaging, and interactive. Do not forget to register! We are also soliciting nominations for our 2021 annual awards.

Remember, we are family! We support each other, we annoy each other, we make each other laugh, we make each other cry, but at the end of the day we have each other’s backs and all come together on the basis of a common passion for California archaeology. As always, the SCA Executive Board is here for you. Never hesitate to reach out with questions, concerns, or suggestions. I wish you all continued health and safety and look forward to the day when we will be together in-person once again.
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SCA Executive Board Meeting Minutes, Cohasset, California, July 24-25, 2020

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Please note that the SCA Executive Board Meeting took place over the course of two days (Friday, July 24, and Saturday, July 25, 2020. Due to COVID-19 and the need to socially distance, several Board members attended the meeting virtually over Zoom. Unfortunately, the audio quality of the meeting on the first day was too difficult for the Secretary to take Board minutes in detail. The first day of the Board meeting was spent reviewing the Board Manual and Strategic Plan, and updates were made to both. The following is a summary of the minutes from Saturday, July 25 only. Note: Some events mentioned in these minutes were pending at the time of the meeting, but have since taken place.

Archaeology Month Mini-Grants and Office of Historic Preservation Grant

Since there cannot be a gathering of people at present, Archaeology Month mini-grants are suspended for 2020. We will return to issuing the mini-grants in 2021.

Michelle moved to suspend the Archaeology Month Mini-Grants for the 2020 calendar year. Shannon seconded the motion. All Board members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

Brendon suggested using Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) meeting underwriting money to fund student presentations to be streamed during 2020 October Archaeology Month events. Brendon ran the student projects idea by OHP and they approved it. Students will submit their project proposals via video and the Board will select the awardees. The awardees will give LIVE presentations, open to our members via Zoom, with a round-table discussion afterwards. The Board was in favor of these events and the use of OHP funds.
Website Redesign Update

The Board reviewed the www.scahome.org website update and changes. The website will be ready to launch in the fall of 2020.

SAA 2021 Council of Councils and Sponsorship

The SCA was approached by the Society for American Archaeology (SAA) to host their Council of Councils meeting at their April 2021 conference in San Francisco. The SCA would provide refreshments and suggest a topic for the meeting. Shannon will be president of the SCA at that time and will be leading the Board to determine the focus and budget for the SCA presentation. The SCA will be given a book room table that Board members will staff.

Legislative Committee

Samantha Schell, Chair of the Legislative Committee, provided a legislative update to the Board (see details on page 9). Items discussed included federal efforts to roll back environmental oversight and protections including proposed changes to NEPA made by the President's Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) and Waters of the United States (WOTUS). State legislative updates included AB275 amending the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001, and an update to the Executive Order giving tribes extra days to respond to AB52 requests. The Legislative Committee continues to plan future “Day at the Capitol” events.

Sam will send an update describing the Legislative Committee topics to be broadcast via Newsflash to the SCA membership, including hyperlinks for ease of further research by our readership. Sam reported efforts to coordinate the SCA and SAA Legislative Committees, but has received no response from SAA Government Affairs leadership.

California Historical Resources Information System (CHRIS)

Michelle would like to see better funding for the CHRIS centers. There is not enough funding for workers and for conducting records searches, especially if the records are not digitalized.

Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology

Seetha Reddy introduced the Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology (CDCA) proposal to the SCA Board. The CDCA is a team of 11 people, and the committee would like to have a close relationship with the Board. Its long-term goals are to increase diversity in California archaeology and to provide a supportive community for members of minority and underrepresented groups. The coalition will be an umbrella group with multiple task forces. There are currently five identified task forces: Native American Archaeologists in California, Black Archaeologists in California, Hispanic and Latino Archaeologists in California, Asian-American Archaeologists in California, and Education/Curriculum/Community Engagement. At present,
there is no task force for the LGBTQ community. These task forces are only the first wave and it will be up to the SCA membership to help bring forward the interests of other groups that need support.

The CDCA would like access to the SCA membership to get their message out. They would also like to have their own page on the SCA website. There is also interest in a Facebook page at some point. Brendon invited the CDCA to participate in Archaeology Month events and they expressed interest in that. Finally, the CDCA would like to present a virtual session for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Michelle moved that the SCA Executive Board officially recognize the new SCA Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology. Shannon seconded the motion. All Board members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

Nominations

Three Board positions need to be nominated and filled – President, Southern Vice President, and Treasurer. Lynn Gamble, Tom Wheeler, and Amy Gusick are actively recruiting nominations.

Women in California Archaeology Committee

The Women in California Archaeology Committee (WCAC) Facebook page will be adding new statements for all viewers. Martha Diaz is being considered for the liaison role between the WCAC and the CDCA. The childcare provider contracted for the 2020 meeting still wants to work with the SCA. They will hold onto the deposit to be applied to the next live Annual Meeting.

Mystery Artifact Facebook Page

The Board discussed feedback from membership on the SCA Mystery Artifact Facebook page. Over the last several months, some have criticized the group for potentially assisting looters. Others would like to limit the group to professionals. In the past, it has served an educational purpose and has been useful to the public.

There continues to be division on this issue. The SCA has received a letter asking for the page to be disbanded due to ethical issues. Some SCA members say the Board needs to place guidelines on the page and the membership has been asked to step up and help with this. Several SCA members are interested in moderating the page and providing context. There is a lot of support for the page from past Board members as well as the SCA membership. The Board decided to keep it up and set up a moderator committee to approve membership to the page and have the ability to moderate posts. Criteria have been established and are stated on the page.

James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award

Pat Mikkelsen, Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Chair, reported via email that the Bennyhoff committee will continue to award qualified applicants, but receives very few submissions. The committee has considered using the award to help publish several manuscripts related to Bennyhoff’s interests, as well as supporting the development of an electronic Bennyhoff publication series. For details about the application process and contact information, please see page 28.
Burro Flats Cultural District Letter of Support

The SCA is preparing a letter of support for the Burro Flats Cultural District that has been nominated for the National Register of Historic Places. The letter will be sent to the California OHP.

California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP)

CASSP is sponsoring a virtual site stewardship workshop on October 14, 2020. They have asked if the SCA could help get the word out. It is a multi-state work workshop with volunteers, archaeologists, program coordinators, and agency personnel.

American Cultural Resources Association (ACRA)

Shelly-Davis King, the ACRA liaison, reported that their 2020 conference will be virtual this year (see page 20). Using the most up-to-date technologies, ACRA will be hosting their 2020 conference over two half-days on September 24 and 25. A combination of webinars and interactive round tables will be presented, including the opportunity to virtually network with other participants and engage ACRA sponsors.

Maritime Archaeology Committee

Tricia Dodds reported that the Maritime Archaeology Committee wants to write a letter of support for the proposed Chumash Heritage National Marine Sanctuary (https://northernchumash.org/chumash-sanctuary), but because their committee is part of the SCA, they wanted to inform the SCA Board about the nomination. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) would be the government agency that would be overseeing and managing the sanctuary. Tricia would speak to the NOAA archaeologists to get their take as well and find out the pros and cons of the nomination. She will share with the SCA what she learns.

Michelle moved to close the Executive Board Meeting and Shannon Tushingham seconded the motion. All Board members voted “aye” and the motion passed.

Legislative Committee Liaison Report

Samantha Schell, Legislative Committee Chair

Day at the Capitol

One of the goals for the Legislative Awareness Committee is to continue our efforts at having a “Day at the Capitol.” The objective is to develop relationships with staff, members, departments, committees, and organizations involved with policy and legislation that impacts cultural resources. We would like to meet with individuals to offer the experience and expertise of cultural resource professionals.
It is the Committee’s hope that when cultural resource discussions arise, the SCA has a seat at the table. This event can be important for the SCA to develop relationships with decision makers in Sacramento and solidify the Society as a strong voice on cultural resource issues in the Capitol. We had our first “Day at the Capitol” during the 2019 SCA Annual Meeting in Sacramento. A core group of Committee members met with the Governor’s Office of Planning and Research (OPR) staff to explain the SCA’s mission, what cultural resources management means, and to offer our expertise, particularly as it relates to updates to the California Environmental Quality Act. We hope to develop relationships with staff at the California Senate Environmental Quality Committee, the California State Assembly Committee on Natural Resources, OPR, the League of California Cities, and the California State Association of Counties.

Assembly Bill 275 – Repatriation of Native American Remains and Artifacts

Assembly Bill 275, which Governor Gavin Newsom signed into law on September 25, 2020, and goes into effect on January 1, 2021, changes the way institutions create their inventories of objects by requiring them to consult with California indigenous tribes when summarizing their holdings. This bill would expand which indigenous groups are able to request the return of human remains, funerary objects, and other sacred items from cultural institutions, building upon the California Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 2001 by opening up the repatriation process to indigenous tribes in California who are not federally recognized. The 2001 Act, which requires museums and other organizations to inventory human remains and funerary objects associated with indigenous tribes in the state and provides a process by which tribes can request returns of such materials, only applies to federally recognized tribes.

This law requires every state agency, as defined, to significant interact with tribal issues, peoples, or lands. It also requests that the Regents of the University of California designate one or more liaisons for the purpose of engaging in consultation with California Native American tribes on the tribal contact list and educating the agency on topics relevant to the state’s relationship with those tribes.

This law revises the definition of “California Indian tribe” to include both a tribe that meets the federal definition of an Indian tribe, and a tribe that is not recognized by the federal government but is located in California and on the list maintained by the Native American Heritage Commission; the definition of “museum” to specify it receives state funds; the definition of “preponderance of the evidence” to specify that tribal traditional knowledge alone may be sufficient to meet this standard; and the definition of “reasonable” to specify that tribal traditional knowledge can and should be used to establish reasonable conclusions for determining cultural affiliation and identifying cultural items.

Waters of the United States (WOTUS)

Changes to the WOTUS section of the Clean Water Act includes a new rule eliminating many aquatic areas previously considered and protected under WOTUS. In California, the State Water Resources Control Board asserts jurisdiction over wetlands, and the Regional Water Quality Control Board is responsible for permitting, specifically 401 and 404 permits, so the new federal rules will not impact California waters and permitting requirements.
Cast Your Ballot: 2021 SCA Executive Board and Bylaws Amendments  *(Deadline 1/11/21)*

Now is the time to cast your vote for the 2021 SCA Executive Board and amendments to the bylaws. The candidate statements for President, Southern Vice President, and Treasurer, as well as the amendments, are presented below and can also be found at [https://scahome.org/meetings/2021-election-executive-board-bylaws-amendments-2/](https://scahome.org/meetings/2021-election-executive-board-bylaws-amendments-2/). To cast your ballot, log on to [https://scahome.org/memb/login.php](https://scahome.org/memb/login.php).

**PRESIDENT**

**JANET P. EIDSNESS**
Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO), Blue Lake Rancheria Tribe of California

*Education, Professional Background, and Research Interests*

I graduated in 1977 with a B.A. with honors in Anthropology, with an Archaeology focus, from the University of Colorado at Boulder, living there at the end of the hippie era when you could still rent a Victorian house for cheap. After working five years and realizing I needed an advanced degree to be qualified to do the work as a consultant, I entered the cultural resources management (CRM) program at Sonoma State University under the mentorship of Dave Fredrickson. I was encouraged by Yurok elders Joy Sundberg and Walt Lara, Jr., who were keeping the Northwest Indian Cemetery Protection Association (NICPA) alive and wanted me to help tribes as a “socially responsible archaeologist.” I was awarded an M.A. with honors in 1986, penning a thesis on Chimariko area archaeology.

I have more than 43 years of professional experience in CRM and archaeology, having been employed by the U.S. Forest Service, Recon, Flower, Ike & Roth, BioSystems Analysis, and other firms, and as being a co-founder of Pacific Legacy and my own woman-owned small consulting business. Since 2009, I have served as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO) for Blue Lake Rancheria, a small tribe near Arcata in Humboldt County. My archaeological work experience has focused on California prehistory (especially the northwest), where I have contributed to refining the regional chronology through source-controlled obsidian hydration studies for sites along the mainstem Trinity River and Humboldt Bay. I crafted historic preservation and cultural resources management plans for military installations in California and Hawaii. I authored the National Register nomination for listing the entire Lava Beds National Monument for its significance to Modoc peoples from time immemorial, through the Modoc War, to the present, which was accepted by the Keeper upon initial submittal.

For nearly 20 years beginning in 1993, I was the driving force behind the SCA Native American Programs Committee (NAPC), working tirelessly with help from Gregg Castro, his wife Elonda, Cassandra Hensher, and many others to provide forums for education and cross-cultural communications. As the Program Chair, I developed curricula and organized tailor-made workshops for tribal monitors in CRM in
partnerships between the SCA and the Salinan Nation, Wiyot Tribe, Tejon Tribe, Monache Intertribal Association, Amah Mutsun Band, Pit River Tribe, Nor Rel Muk Nation, Mechoopda Tribe, Big Pine Tribe, Greenville and Susanville Rancherias, Yurok Tribe, Trinidad Rancheria, and Tolowa Dene and Elk Valley tribes, among others, with participation of local professionals and agency representatives (1993-2006). I was the principal author of the widely used Sourcebook on Cultural Resources Management, Archaeology, and Cultural Heritage Values for the Native American Communities of California (5 editions, 1998-2005) (see the SCA website for access). With input from Native people and SCA members, I helped organize symposia, forums, and workshops hosted by the NAPC at 10 annual SCA meetings. These collaborative sessions highlighted shared-end goals for heritage resource preservation and the importance of talking and listening by both archaeologists and Native people.

**Position Statement**

I am proud and passionate about my work with California Indian communities and for numerous tribes, as my focus has long been to get culturally affiliated tribal representatives to the table to help identify and protect their cultural legacy while also considering what archaeology can offer. As SCA President, I will work hard to engage and encourage tribal members to join the SCA ranks and collaborate with archaeologists to address their interests in a socially responsible manner, including organizing CRM training for tribal monitors to fill this critical need in their community.

As the pandemic drags on and in-person SCA meetings are postponed to protect our health, I urge you to VOTE in the 2020 election for representatives who will push back on the recent regime’s undermining of historic and environmental preservation laws that we old hipsters have dedicated a lifetime to getting in place. What John Lennon said comes to mind, "Nobody told me there’d be days like this... strange days indeed!"

The current unrest in America about civil rights issues is likened to the 1960s when Martin Luther King, Jr. was leading the way and promoting peaceful resistance, but there was violence in the streets shown on the evening news by our beloved Walter Cronkite at dinnertime. I believe the SCA's newly established Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology and its leaders, with their plan to “embrace our commitment to equity and justice to diverse people in California archaeology,” is a strong and important mission for SCA members to embrace (see *SCA Newsletter* 54[3], September 2020).

Climate change and its effects on archaeological preservation and human populations (especially those on the fringe) continue to be a freight train heading our way, and we must collaborate with descendent communities to address these issues and how to manage them. I am a disciple and strong supporter of Past President Michael Newland’s leadership in SCA’s Climate Change area of concern. I believe we need to inform the general public about climate change, reflected in the archaeological record and how the ancestors were resilient and adapted to new conditions, to underscore the relevancy of archaeology today.

Continuing to consider and adopt key recommendations about ethical concerns made by the California Indian community and SCA members in the “White Papers” is another important goal. I believe the SCA must adopt recommended professional standards for conducting archaeology that considers the concerns and interests of descendent communities, while calling out best practices in our profession. I bring to the SCA leadership
a deep and broad institutional and working knowledge of the evolution of CRM and the Society dating from my arrival in California in 1977 to the present. A lot happened during this period; changes in laws, in attitudes, and in working relationships. Yet we still have important work to do, including giving back to the general public the knowledge learned from archaeology and how it can help shape our future.

**ANMARIE MEDIN**
Pacific Legacy, Inc.

*Education, Professional Background, and Research Interests*

A product of the robust cultural resources program (CRM) at Sonoma State University (SSU), I received my B.A. in Anthropology in 1990 and my M.A. in CRM in 1994. While at SSU, I was fortunate to learn about my profession by working at the Anthropological Studies Center under Dave Fredrickson and Adrian Praetzellis. They taught me many valuable lessons about being an ethical, anthropologically oriented archaeologist. I also had the good fortune to work at the Northwest Information Center, albeit records searches have changed substantially since that paper-oriented world. After working as a consultant, I joined Caltrans in 2000, eventually becoming the Cultural Studies Office Chief for the state. During my time at Caltrans, I am proud to have led the teams that converted District GIS cultural databases to the Caltrans Cultural Resources Database (CCRD), authored the statewide historical archaeological research design thematic studies (HARDs), updated substantial guidance and training for statewide staff and consultants, renewed the Caltrans/FHWA Section 106 Programmatic Agreement, and created the PRC 5024 MOU for state-owned historic properties.

I served on the SCA's professional standards and ethics committee, working to develop the Society's professional qualification standards and update their ethics statement. During my time on the State Historical Resources Commission (SHRC), I led the archaeological resources committee and worked to implement the goals of the archaeological white papers. In 2015, I moved to the Office of Historic Preservation (OHP) to supervise the archaeological review unit and serve as OHP's Tribal Liaison. In that role, I very much enjoyed getting to work with tribes on a variety of initiatives, not just project-specific work like at Caltrans. During my final year of tenure at OHP, I also served as the CHRIS Coordinator. After a fulfilling career with the state, I decided to take advantage of an opportunity to explore other areas of interest, among them taking a more active role in the SCA.

My research orientation might be described as non-traditional. I do not identify with one school of thought nor am I focused on examining a specific artifact category. Rather, I find value in helping people solve real-world issues to protect cultural resources while meeting the needs of our complex modern society. To me, that may mean something as simple as providing technical guidance to help agencies or the public understand what they should look for when hiring an archaeologist to help them with regulatory compliance. I was pleased to see that the SCA recently issued such guidance for CEQA compliance. One of my goals as President would be to expand such guidance so the Society can be relevant to the many constituencies in California. Given the recent assault on environmental regulation, I think it is incumbent upon us to demonstrate to professionals and the public the value that cultural resources bring to their communities. If we who love these
resources are unable to explain to the public why they should be protected, then who can? Tribes cannot carry this burden alone.

**Position Statement**

Since attending my first SCA Annual Meeting in 1991, I have known that this is an organization I want to be part of and help sustain. I am now able to devote the time and energy necessary to being President. I have not previously run for office because I felt it was important to keep my role as a state employee separate from any potential Board actions. I am considered highly ethical by my peers; I have high ethical standards and I hold myself to them. I understand how even the appearance of a conflict of interest is problematic. With that work constraint removed, I am eager to get more involved in the SCA. The next few years hold the potential for administrative changes that will require many hours by many dedicated people to maintain the quality of service our members have come to expect, all while dealing with the added pressures and stress related to the COVID pandemic. Having managed a wide variety of teams over my career, I know I have the necessary abilities to lead the SCA through this transition.

SCA members have long had a “love–hate” relationship with the CHRIS Information Centers. To their credit, OHP is moving forward on a fully automated single system for inventory management and workflow management. As the only statewide entity whose members are consistent CHRIS clients, the SCA is in a unique position to help OHP achieve this goal. The input of end users will be crucial in creating a workable enterprise system. The existing SCA Board is well aware of the challenges with the CHRIS and is currently reaching out to OHP. With my background and experience, as the President of the SCA I would be in a singular position to continue this effort towards the mutual goal of a fully digitized inventory for California.

**SOUTHERN VICE PRESIDENT**

**PATTI GARCIA**
Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians

**Education, Professional Background, and Research Interests**

I completed a B.A. in Anthropology from California State University, Fullerton, in 2003. As an adult returning to school, I interned with Caltrans District 10 in Irvine and I was first exposed to Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act and National Environmental Quality Act, as well as the role archaeology plays in the evaluation of impacts to the environment as a whole. I was also working in cultural resource management (CRM) while getting my B.A. and continued working in CRM for six years. During that period of time, I received training in a variety of aspects in CRM while assisting on projects ranging from large developments to transportation corridors. My early career work was mostly focused on GIS and Native American consultation. In 2006, I started working in the Agua Caliente Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) as the tribe’s archaeologist and I now serve as the THPO. I am a member of the SCA and recent recipient of the Excellence in Cultural Resource Management Award, a former board member.
Position Statement

The SCA is one of the first associations I joined when I was a student and has been an important part of my career and that of my colleagues. Over the years, one of the highlights has been the SCA Annual Meeting. It is THE gathering of archaeologists in the state of California. It provides a venue where we can all connect and a place for information to be shared. The Annual Meeting and Data Sharing Meetings are gatherings of great minds, good conversations, and many networking opportunities, but we have also tackled some very serious issues.

Over the years, the SCA has gone through some growing pains and it has some growth yet to do. I would like to be of service to the Society as Southern Vice President to (1) facilitate a healthier relationship between the SCA and indigenous communities and (2) increase collaboration between archaeologists and descendant communities. As archaeologists, we have an obligation to engage in conversations with descendant communities that will facilitate better understanding and bring equity and balance to the interpretation of the archaeological record.

If elected as Southern Vice President, I will be pleased to coordinate the Data Sharing Meetings, assist with the Annual Meeting, and serve as member of the Board to further the discipline, camaraderie, and sense of community in the SCA.

RICHARD GUTTENBERG
Vice President, John Minch and Associates

Education, Professional Background, and Research Interests

I have over 20 years of professional experience in southern California archaeology. My background is primarily coastal prehistoric archaeology, historical archaeology, ethnohistory, and GIS analysis. I earned my undergraduate degree in Anthropology at Cal State Long Beach, where I cultivated my interest in Channel Islands archaeology. I spent the next 10 years working in cultural resource management (CRM) on a wide variety of archaeological investigations across southern California. In 2009, I entered the graduate program at Cal State Los Angeles, where I had the opportunity to work extensively on San Nicolas Island. I worked full time managing my firm during my graduate studies and earned my M.A. in 2014. My current research interests involve prehistoric chronologies of northern Baja and documenting evidence of coastal erosion and impact to archaeological sites in the Upper Gulf of California. I currently serve as Cultural Resources Chair on the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, a public group formed with the National Forest Foundation to support the designation of the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. I also serve on the ACRA Continuing Education Committee where we establish online learning opportunities for CRM practitioners with all levels of experience.
I have spent my entire career working for a small, independent firm. This experience provides me with valuable insight on the inner workings of a small consultancy, as well as the merits and disadvantages of small businesses in our industry. I worked my way up from field tech to the position of vice president of the company.

Position Statement

I have been an active member of the SCA for nearly 15 years. I decided to run for an SCA Board position because I feel that my current and past research and business experience allows me to make distinctive contributions to the Society. My current work in a long-term research collaboration with INAH in northern Baja has inspired me to serve a greater role in reaching out and forming more collective partnerships with our southern neighbors. In order to better understand the archaeology and ethnohistory of the borderlands, we need more data sharing and conversation with our colleagues in Mexico. As Southern Vice President, I would propose a Southern Data Sharing Meeting that features topics of shared interests with INAH and, if logistically possible, hosted in either Ensenada, Tecaté, or Mexicali.

As a small business operator, I have grave concerns for the future of small businesses in our industry. To be clear, the pandemic and resulting economic downturn has been devastating to small businesses and independent contractors. I fear many small firms, owner-operators, and independent technical specialists will not survive in this economic climate. I firmly believe that small businesses can provide the best opportunity for young people to gain firsthand experience. As an employer, I have seen the value of developing employees from within and providing equal opportunities for growth and promotion. I believe that the SCA needs to provide more support for small firms and consultants. As a Board member, I will endorse holding annual round table or panel discussions for small business operators and consultants. Perhaps this effort will lead to the formation of an SCA Small Business Committee that serves to provide an open network for information about resources and programs that benefit small businesses, which are vital to not only the overall economy, but also serves a valuable role in the CRM industry.

The SCA must have a greater role in providing a forum for content and outreach directed towards small firms, especially those that seek to not only employ young people from all backgrounds but offer them training and room for advancement into managerial positions. This mission could work in tandem with the newly formed Coalition for Diversity in California Archaeology (CDCA). Small firms offer more than just employment opportunities for young people entering the field, they may provide the training and mentorship necessary for a lasting and successful career in archaeology.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve the SCA as Southern Vice President. I look forward to representing my friends and colleagues in southern California. Thank you for your consideration.
**TREASURER**

**MAGGIE TRUMBLY**

*Education, Professional Background, and Research Interests*

- B.A. in Anthropology from California State University, Chico – 1999
- M.S. in Management and Leadership, Western Governors University – 2017

I have 20-plus years of experience working in the California archaeological and environmental field. The majority of my experience has been in private sector, first as a contract archaeologist, then as a cultural resources specialist at Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E), and then moving into leadership in the environmental department at PG&E. I started my career in 1998 as an intern for the Department of Water Resources, working on CalFed projects on the west side of the Sacramento Valley. From there, I worked at the California State University, Chico, Archaeology Lab, working on field schools and other contract firms throughout the northern state. In 2005, I started at PG&E as a cultural resources specialist, working initially on Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Hydroelectric Projects and then eventually supporting new energy development and transmission projects. I have held various management positions at PG&E and have worked closely with the Cultural Resources team in different capacities. My interests in archaeology include California prehistory, geoarchaeology, and regulatory/compliance management. As for volunteer experience, I have served as Commissioner on the City of Benicia’s Historical Preservation Review Commission, a board member of Chooda, the SCA Secretary from 2012 to 2013 and as the SCA Treasurer from 2015 to 2019. Until March 2020, I acted as the Treasurer advisor as we transitioned duties to the current Treasurer.

*Position Statement*

It was nice to take a break, but I am excited to be running again for the position of SCA Treasurer. In my two terms, we made a lot of progress towards a more automated and simple accounting system. First, we have moved our QuickBooks from a computer-based system to QuickBooks Online, giving more visibility to the Executive Director and creating a platform for linking accounts to Quick including direct and simple reconciliation of books between bank accounts and QuickBooks. Additionally, we simplified and enhanced reporting to the Board to increase financial understanding. Melinda, the current Treasurer, and I completed an update to the Treasurer Manual and implemented a new bill pay program. The next term will be critical as we move the bookkeeping responsibilities away from the treasurer to the new business office management firm – this will help to move the Treasurer positions from an administrative position to a management and oversite position. Additionally, I am uniquely qualified to help manage the SCA finances through the challenges faced with COVID-19, having a in-depth understanding of operational costs and potential impact to income.

I believe the key skills for being successful in this position include being organized, providing accurate and timely information, and communications. I possess these skills and practice them on a daily basis in my current role at PG&E. I regularly work on a number of teams both leading and contributing to various projects and initiatives. I work constructively in teams and always bring my enthusiasm to these endeavors.

I am passionate about community involvement in archaeology, as well as in training the next generation of archaeologists. I am thrilled about the continued opportunity to work with the Executive Board in finding
innovative and exciting new ways to involve the community and students in California archaeology. I have been a member of the SCA since 1999, and during this time I have prepared papers and volunteered for local arrangements committees and served as the SCA Secretary and Treasurer.

The SCA Treasurer is the caretaker of funds that help establish and make the SCA goals possible. It is important for this person to have a good understanding of both accounting and finance. Thank you for your consideration.

SCA ANTI-HARASSMENT POLICY BYLAWS AMENDMENT PROPOSAL

In response to recent events at another organization’s annual meeting, the SCA Executive Board requested that the SCA Standards and Ethics Advisory Committee develop anti-harassment policies and procedures for SCA-sponsored events. Policies and procedures have been developed, reviewed, and approved by the Executive Board. We present them here for your consideration.

Current SCA Bylaws include the following section on expulsion:

Article IV: Membership

Section 3. Members in the Society shall affirm and adhere to the Code of Ethical Guidelines established in the Bylaws of the Society. A Member or a prospective Member whose acts are contrary to the Objectives of the Society or the Code of Ethical Guidelines established in the Bylaws of the Society may be expelled or excluded from Membership by a three-quarters vote of the Executive Board, but only after the Member has been given 15 days prior notice of the pending action together with the reasons therefor, and has been given the opportunity to be heard, orally or in writing, by the Executive Board at least five days before the effective date of expulsion.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment 1

Article IV of the Bylaws of the Society for California Archaeology be amended to include a new Section 4, as follows (see below), with the current Sections 4-6 being renumbered as 5-7.

Article IV, Section 3 (see above) of the Bylaws of the Society for California Archaeology to be added to as follows:

Article IV: Membership, add to Section 3 — Termination of Membership

1. Upon being presented with credible evidence that an individual has been found, by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative or regulatory body (the “Adjudicating Body”), to have engaged in conduct or actions contrary to the ideals, objectives, and accepted standards of the Society as set forth in these Bylaws, Board policies, or the SCA Code of Ethics, or for other reasons at its discretion, the Board may, by
three-quarters vote of the Board members present and voting, remove the member from the membership rolls for a specific term or permanently. Upon being presented with evidence that the ruling of the Adjudicating Body was duly overturned on appeal, the Board may reconsider its determination and choose to reinstate the member to the membership rolls.

2. Such conduct or action shall include, but is not limited to, sexual assault and harassment.

3. The membership of those members who are under suspension for nonpayment of dues at the close of a membership year shall be terminated.

4. An individual whose SCA membership is terminated under this Article IV, Section 3, may request reinstatement to membership for good cause shown. A showing of “good cause” for purposes of reinstatement shall be considered only in limited instances of extraordinary circumstances, or for new, material information not available to the Board at the time of termination.

5. An individual whose membership has been terminated for a reason other than nonpayment of dues is ineligible for reinstatement of membership except through an action of the Board described under this Article IV, Section 3.

Article IV: Membership, new Section 4 — Ban on Attendance at the Annual Meeting

1. Upon being presented with credible evidence that an individual has been found, by a court of competent jurisdiction or an administrative or regulatory body, to have engaged in conduct or actions contrary to the ideals, objectives, and accepted standards of the Society as set forth in these Bylaws, Board policies, or the SCA Code of Ethics, the Board may bar that individual from attending the Annual Meeting and other SCA-sponsored events, permanently or for a specific term.

2. Such conduct or action shall include, but is not limited to, sexual assault and harassment.

Proposed Bylaws Amendment 2

Section 5. Code of Conduct at SCA Events

The following behaviors are prohibited at the SCA Annual Meeting and SCA events:

- Harassment of any kind, including sexual harassment, sexual assault, and coercion
- Physical or verbal abuse, including bullying
- Unwelcome comments and/or exclusionary behaviors related to an individual’s age, sex, gender identity and expression, perceived sexual identity, appearance or body size, military status, ethnicity, individual lifestyle, marital status, sexual orientation, physical or cognitive abilities, political affiliation, race, religion, or nationality
- Intimidation, stalking, or following

SCA strictly prohibits retaliation to ensure that SCA event participants feel comfortable coming forward with their concerns without fear of reprisal.
Retaliation is when someone penalizes another person for:

- Reporting, or expressing an intent to report, what the person believes in good faith to be assault, harassment, or any conduct prohibited by the SCA as stated herein
- Assisting another in reporting assault or harassment, or any conduct prohibited by the SCA
- Participating in any SCA inquiry, review, or investigation pertaining to misconduct
- Having previously reported assault, harassment, or misconduct, and/or having participated in an inquiry, review, or investigation, whether the potential violation occurred at SCA or elsewhere


SCA Bylaws Amendment 1 (Membership section additions, banning, and expulsion)
SCA Bylaws Amendment 2 (Code of Ethics addition, Anti-Harassment Bylaws)
SCA Meeting Safety Policy and Code of Conduct
SCA Disclosure Form- Appendix A (Onsite Reporting)
SCA Reporting Form Appendix B (Advance Reporting)

American Cultural Resources Association Liaison Report
Shelly Davis-King, ACRA Liaison

ACRA is the national trade association supporting and promoting the common interests of cultural resource management (CRM) firms of all sizes, types, and specialties. Today, our member firms undertake much of the legally mandated CRM studies and investigations in the United States. ACRA and the SCA have been partners since the formation of ACRA in the 1990s.

2020 Annual Conference

This year’s conference was held virtually, with good reviews from members and attendees regarding content and relevance of topics. Hopefully, ACRA will have an in-person conference in 2021. ACRA members can view the business meeting and government affairs presentation at vimeo.com/ondemand/2020acraconference. If you are interested in the conference presentations, information is available at the same web link.

2021 Annual Conference

The 2021 Annual Conference is proposed and being planned for Alexandria, Virginia, on the Potomac River south of Washington, D.C. It is known for its Old Town, with brick sidewalks and well-preserved 18th- and 19th-century buildings, and its proximity to Mt. Vernon. We are planning a “Day on the Hill” with visits to your senators or congressional representatives, along with presentations by senior leaders in historic
preservation. Perhaps there will be a river trip down the Potomac, or a visit to Mt. Vernon, or a walking tour of Old Town, along with meeting and interacting with colleagues from around the nation. More information will be available in SCA’s spring 2021 newsletter.

**Webinars**

Two webinars are upcoming that may be of interest. The first discusses whether a Programmatic Agreement (PA) is necessary at the end of the Section 106 process, while the second presents considerations of Criteria A, B, and C when conducting National Register evaluations of tribal and cultural resources.

*ACRA Webinar: So you think you need a PA…*

December 10, 2020
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

GotoWebinar

Registration

ACRA Members – $89.00
NAEP Members (non-ACRA) – $89.00 (Registration code required)
Non-ACRA Members – $129.00
Student – $19.00 (Students who are ACRA members are eligible to receive our new student-only pricing. You MUST hold an ACRA student membership in order to qualify.)

Many federal land management units, including bases, campuses, buildings, forests, and parks, benefit from Section 106 PAs that establish efficiencies for routine projects and maintenance, repair, and operations activities. In this webinar, Program Analysts Katharine Kerr and Chris Daniel will identify the pros and cons of pursuing such a PA and provide practical advice to program managers on how to develop one.

This webinar was designed and developed by the President’s Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and productive use of our nation’s historic resources, and advises the President and Congress on national historic preservation policy.

*ACRA Webinar: A, B, C, easy as 1, 2, 3: Evaluating Archaeological and Tribal Resources Under the “Other” National Register Criteria*

January 28, 2021
11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time)

GotoWebinar

Registration

ACRA Members – $89.00
NAEP Members (non-ACRA) – $89.00 (Registration code required)
Cultural resource management (CRM) frequently involves the evaluation of resources for their eligibility to be listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). CRM practitioners know there are four main eligibility criteria, and each CRM specialist tends to focus on one or another of those criteria. Although all resources should be evaluated under all four criteria, archaeologists generally focus on information values, that is, NRHP Criterion D. As our society changes and awareness increases of broader cultural values, CRM practitioners are increasingly asked to consider whether cultural resources might possess other values and thus be eligible for listing in the NRHP under Criteria A, B, and/or C. Capturing those cultural values in a regulatory context can be very challenging.

In this webinar, our expert presenters will focus on how to document what makes a place important to descendant communities or how a place might fit into the identity a group shares about a location. This often involves interviews and consultation with other groups, including Native Americans but expanding to other social, cultural, or ethnic groups’ association with a significant place. The webinar will also provide guidelines and ideas on how to capture the information, and put it in writing so an agency reviewer can understand the case for significance and agree with the reviewer or ask appropriate questions. With liberal use of case studies and examples, the presenters will explain ways to document what may seem like nebulous values to an outsider as well as “dos and don’ts” that will help with managing properties in a regulatory setting such as for Section 106 compliance.

The presenters will also address some new directions in CRM compliance, including tribal resource studies (distinct from consultation) and the concept of traditional knowledge. Several federal agencies and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation apply the term “traditional knowledge” to the information or knowledge held by indigenous peoples and, for purposes of National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106, to the knowledge held by Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. Understanding how to integrate and evaluate resources under all the criteria will be an important tool in coming decades.

With apologies to The Jackson 5, it really is as simple as do, re, mi if you know the regulatory “lyrics” and can harmonize to capture a story of place.

Participants are encouraged to have a working knowledge of NHPA and NRHP vocabulary as this is not an introductory workshop and the content and presentation will assume familiarity. Presenters: Shelly Davis-King, Anmarie Medin, and Brendon Greenaway.
Here we highlight a few contributions made by California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program (CASSP) volunteers and coordinators to California Archaeology Month in October 2020.

Mary and Martin Jespersen have been protecting sites across southern California for several years. As site stewards, they visit sites for several Bureau of Land Management Field Offices (Barstow, Palm Springs-South Coast, Needles, and El Centro), the Cleveland National Forest, The Archaeological Conservancy, the Mojave National Preserve, and California State Parks Angeles District. This past year, they volunteered 1,678 hours. In October, Mary presented her paper on archaeological site CA-SBR-306 (Surprise Tank) for the virtual Southern California SCA Data Sharing Meeting. Mary reported on the documentation that she and Martin completed for many petroglyphs, milling features, trails, stone tools, and unfortunately, vandalism. She and Martin assist Daniel McCarthy in his research to help protect and to better understand the prehistory represented at this site. To view Mary’s presentation, visit https://vimeo.com/471050971. Thanks, Mary, for presenting your work to us in this virtual format.

Ed Fox volunteers as a site steward for CASSP and he also volunteers for the Nevada Site Stewardship Program. Ed participated in the first national site stewardship virtual workshop. This two-day workshop brought together other site steward coordinators and volunteers from across the country to talk about their programs and to review the best practices for site stewardship. He was a member of a discussion panel that included volunteer site stewards from California, Utah, Texas, Nevada, and Florida. The discussions were interesting, thoughtful, and boldly honest. In general, people who volunteer in archaeology are exceptional; this panel was especially exceptional. Thanks, Ed, for contributing to this workshop.

CASSP coordinator Karen Lacy also participated in the first national site stewardship workshop on October 14. Karen took part in a two-hour panel discussion with coordinators from Florida, Texas, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, and Nevada. Panelists discussed the differences among the programs, and the many similarities. This workshop gave Karen and Michael DeGiovine (the other CASSP coordinator) many ideas about improving CASSP. They are exploring ways to include virtual training into the CASSP workshops. Look for future announcements on the CASSP website (www.cassp.org). Thank you, Karen. You can find abstracts and recordings of all of the presentations at the national site stewardship workshop at the Partners for Archaeological Site Stewardship website (www.sitestewardship.org).

For several years, Karen and archaeologist Sandra Pentney have presented spooky archaeological topics at the October (Halloween) meeting of the San Diego County Archaeological Society. This year, they offered a
review of “Epidemic Archaeology,” describing archaeological evidence of pandemics and plagues, and the settings in which they occurred. For example, in a decree issued in the 1230s, Pope Gregory IX described a purported satanic ritual that involved the killing of black cats. The ritual may have made the Black Death of the 1340s more severe; i.e., if this ritual led to a significant reduction in the cat population in Europe, then it may have started a domino effect of more rats, followed by more fleas, and therefore more vectors for the plague to infect humans.

Finally, the CASSP e-mail list changed from our old host to Google Groups. If you want to automatically receive e-mail notices about CASSP activities, please visit https://groups.google.com and search for “California Archaeological Site Stewardship Program.” Choose “ask to join group,” and your e-mail address will be added to the list, after which you will receive a confirmation e-mail message. We send CASSP announcements about four to six times a year. We will also post announcements on the CASSP website (www.cassp.org).

**SCA 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting**

**Important Deadlines**

**Early Bird Deadline:** December 16, 2020  
Deadline for **Mail-in Registrations:** February 24, 2021  
(Postmarked by 2/17/21)

**2021 Annual Meeting Information**

It has been a crazy eight months since the 2020 Annual Meeting was canceled due to SARS-CoV-2. In that time, we have faced restrictions on our behavior; we have learned to Zoom; we have learned to live 24/7 with our spouses, partners, kids, and pets. Some of us have been lonely. We are ready for it to be over, but we know that we can endure, that life will return to normal eventually. So, tally-ho! It is time to renew your SCA membership, vote for new members of the Executive Board and two SCA Bylaws amendments that address harassment, and last but not least, to register for the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The 2021 SCA Annual Meeting will be virtual. Many of the organized symposia planned for 2020 will go forward in our brave new virtual environment. Workshops include Bettinger’s Foraging Theory and Practice sessions, Freeman’s Rock Art offerings, and Rogers’s Obsidian Hydration Dating workshop. The Virtual Awards conversations, Student Presentation Series, and Data Sharing Meetings have shown that we can have lively and engaging conversations about the topics we love in a virtual format. These events also provide an opportunity to see the faces of friends and colleagues sorely missed! We hope that you will join us in 2021!
You will find all the information you need to renew your membership, register for the meeting, view candidate statements, and cast your ballot for the 2021 SCA Election on the new SCA website. If you have opted to receive a hard copy registration packet, it will be delivered via U.S. mail shortly. You may also download the hard copy packet. As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Office at 530-342-3537 or at office@scahome.org should you require assistance.

This packet includes:

- Meeting Registration Forms
- Plenary Session, Keynote Speaker, Workshops, and Student Events information
- Forms for Bookroom Vendors, Program Advertisements, Underwriters, and Volunteers

**Plenary Session**

The Friday morning Plenary Session will highlight speakers who reflect this year’s conference theme, *Inside Out, Reflecting on Our Community*, as well as select speakers from the 2021 meeting. Topics will include the use of new technology to document and share our past; the integration of descendant communities in the planning, research, and reporting of archaeological projects; and the use of archaeology to reenergize and reimagine our communities.

**Keynote Speaker**

Chip Colwell is confirmed as our 2021 keynote speaker. Dr. Colwell’s essays and editorials have appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *The Guardian*, among other magazines and newspapers. His research has been covered by such outlets as the BBC, National Geographic, and Forbes. His book, *Plundered Skulls and Stolen Spirits: Inside the Fight to Reclaim Native America’s Culture*, received enthusiastic reviews in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Science*, and *New Scientist*, and elsewhere. It has received six prizes, including the 2020 Society for Historical Archaeology James Deetz Book Award and the 2019 National Council on Public History Book Award.

**Workshops**

**FORAGING THEORY AND PRACTICE**

Instructor: Robert L. Bettinger, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of California, Davis

This workshop will introduce the theoretical foundation of foraging theory, beginning with the concept of rational choice and definition of costs and benefits. It explores foraging models most amenable for application to the archaeological and ethnographic records. Participants may sign up for morning and afternoon, morning only, or afternoon only. Working knowledge of Microsoft Excel is highly useful. **Preregistration is required.**

FORA1: Foraging Theory and Practice Morning Session

- Rational choice theory
- Foraging costs and benefits
ROCK1: ROCK ART CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT FOR SITE STEWARDS AND MANAGERS
Instructor: Jeremy Freeman, Tribal Archaeologist, Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe, North Dakota

Rock art is a resource that captures people’s attention and provides a way for modern people to relate to ancient people. However, it is also one of the more sensitive resources due to its high visibility and changing climatic conditions that threaten the stability, integrity, and aesthetic quality of the sites. In this workshop, participants will learn how to identify the transformational processes affecting rock art sites. Participants will learn how to complete a condition assessment form and collect conservation management data that will provide a better understanding of the conservation needs of a rock art site. Participants will learn about preparing a conservation management plan along with intervention procedures used by professionals to help conserve rock art sites. Participants will also learn about methods used to collect conservation management data and how it can be used to make more informed decisions by managers. Preregistration is required.

ROCK2: USING 21ST CENTURY TECHNOLOGY FOR NON-INTRUSIVE ROCK ART DOCUMENTATION
Instructor: Jeremy Freeman, Tribal Archaeologist, Standing Rock Lakota Sioux Tribe, North Dakota

Advances in technology have resulted in a metamorphosis in archaeological methods with an increasing emphasis on non-invasive, non-destructive techniques. Modern technology is allowing researchers to adapt to new analytical methods without compromising the integrity of the archaeological evidence. This is particularly true in rock art research that has experienced an increased push for non-intrusive documentation. In this workshop, participants will learn about some of the technologies available to researchers to document rock art non-destructively using modern technology. Participants will learn about collecting and storing data, creating high-resolution imagery and virtual 3D models, creating digital renderings of figures and panels, deducing superpositioning and sequences of figure placement, collecting objective color data, assessing the chemical composition of paint, and collecting geospatial data. Preregistration is required.
OBSI: OBSIDIAN HYDRATION DATING WORKSHOP
Instructor: Alexander (Sandy) Rogers, Archaeology Curator Emeritus, Maturango Museum, Ridgecrest

As with all chronometric techniques, obsidian hydration dating (OHD) cannot be treated as a black box. The goal of this workshop is to provide insight into the theory and methods of OHD. It should enable the archaeologist to perform OHD analyses and the manager to ask the right questions. The workshop will cover the basic principles of obsidian hydration and the models employed in dating; how to develop an appropriate effective hydration temperature (EHT); various methods of computing a hydration rate; guidelines for data analysis; and numerous cautions. An Excel spreadsheet with numerical models for conducting an OHD analysis will be provided, and we will do some hands-on exercises. Some familiarity with Microsoft Excel is desirable, so please bring your laptop with Excel. Preregistration is required.

Maximum enrollment: 30  
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Cost: $40.00

Student Events

Let's Do Lunch/Student Mixer

This year, the “Let's Do Lunch” and “Student Mixer” events will be combined into a virtual multi-room event! Every year, established SCA professionals offer their time and experience to students and young professionals by taking them to lunch or attending the student mixer. The plan for 2021 is to have multiple Zoom rooms, each one based on a different topic and hosted by established professional(s), where students can drop in for discussion; additional rooms will also be available for undergraduates to connect with one another and with graduate students. Nearly 50 professional members participated in these events in 2019, lending their expert advice on a variety of interests, including tribal relations, CRM, underwater archaeology, historical and prehistoric archaeology, compliance, ethnography and material culture studies, diversity and inclusion in our field, and more. We are grateful for our generous members who are stepping up once again to assist aspiring archaeologists! Registration for student events will open closer to March.

Annual Meeting Underwriters

The SCA Executive Board will be leading fundraising in 2021 to encourage businesses and corporations engaged in archaeological work in our state to show their appreciation of the efforts of the SCA by making tax deductible donations. These contributions will enable our Society to continue its good work in both the public and private sectors, in education and advocacy, and representing professional archaeologists throughout California. For further information, please contact the Business Office at office@scahome.org. Donations can be made at https://scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/annual-meeting-underwriter-form/.

Volunteering

The success of the Annual Meeting and the overall health of the SCA are directly related to the participation and generosity of our members. While the 2021 meeting will be virtual, we will still need volunteers, particularly those with Zoom skills! (And, really, who doesn’t have Zoom skills these days?!) Please consider supporting the organization by volunteering to assist as presenters move in and out of virtual sessions. Sign up at https://scahome.org/sca-annual-meeting/annual-meeting-volunteer-form/.
2021 Registration Instructions

Online: log on to your member page at scahome.org and use the “register for events” link. Regular mail: complete the meeting pre-registration form and submit it to the SCA Business Office (checks only, please!). Pre-registration provides a 10% price break.

A Word About Registration Fees

The SCA policy for the past decade-plus has been to keep registration fees as low as possible. This means that we do not pad registration fees with snacks or swag or anything else. The same is true for membership dues—we have intentionally kept them very reasonable. In 2008, the regular member registration fee was $85; in 2020 it was $90. We fully recognize that the composition of our membership includes students, seniors, and field techs, along with well-compensated CRM professionals. Low rates have been offset by our generous members and underwriters, and the fact that we are frugal in our spending.

While a virtual meeting is clearly not the same as an in-person meeting, there are still substantial expenses that must be covered. To prevent this looking like your child’s school Zoom class, we have hired media professionals who will coordinate every aspect of this virtual meeting. They will control access, chat rooms, and mute buttons, helping us achieve professional quality presentations. The Plenary Session will be recorded, as well as discussion sessions. We encourage more sessions with discussion forums so our members can use this opportunity to learn about each other’s research and engage in meaningful dialogue.

Meeting registration fees and member dues support the SCA and its programs. The cancellation of the 2020 Annual Meeting was a big financial hit and we have no idea what to expect for the 2021 Virtual Meeting. As such, we have elected to keep the 2021 fee at the 2020 rate.

ATTENTION PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS!!

PROFESSORS – Support and sponsor your students. Direct them to the James A. Bennyhoff Memorial Fund Award and sponsor them through the application, research, and presentation phases. STUDENTS – Get help with your research project. The fund can offer assistance with money (up to $1,500), plus obsidian sourcing and hydration analysis and radiocarbon dating.

APPLY if any part of your research incorporates the following: development, refinement, or modification of time-sensitive typologies or seriation studies; integration of primary data to revise existing culture historical taxonomic frameworks; or analysis of artifacts in existing museum collections. We will also accept mission register studies as they might bear on late prehistoric tribal distributions in California, which was a deep and abiding interest to Dr. Bennyhoff. We encourage engagement of Native communities into any research.

RESEARCH PROPOSALS ARE DUE DECEMBER 15, 2020. For details, go to https://scahome.org/sca-meeting-awards/james-a-bennyhoff-award-2/. Send questions and submissions to Pat Mikkelsen, Bennyhoff Committee Chair, at pat@farwestern.com.