

Utah Professional Archaeology Council Spring 1999 Newsletter

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Editor's Comments

Andrew Ugan, UPAC Newsletter Editor

Hello all and welcome to the UPAC Newsletter. As your newly volunteered newsletter editor, I'm taking advantage of my position and preempting our President to make one important announcement:

SEND ME YOUR E-MAIL

ADDRESS: In an effort to make the newsletter more timely, more responsive, cheaper, and easier to manage I'd like to develop a distribution list of UPAC members and provide information electronically. While fancy formatting will be lost, news can be processed and distributed quickly and at no cost.

Moreover, it will provide a means of sending out late breaking news on short notice and hopefully make it easier to solicit contributions from individual members. Those who don't have e-mail and those who wish to continue to receive a print version will of course do so. If you have e-mail and are interested in the idea, get ahold of me at "andrew.ugan@anthro.utah.edu" and simply put "UPAC e-mail" on the subject line. I'll take care o' the rest.

UPAC Presidential Message, Spring 99 Denis Weder, President

It's time to start thinking about our spring campout: 23 and 24 April 1999 at Knolls (mile marker 41) along I-80 west of Salt Lake City. We will follow the usual schedule: business meeting at 1:00 PM on Friday and papers/discussion Saturday morning. There will also be tour(s) of local

sites. The Knolls area is an ORV area with lots of hills, sand dunes and mudflats, so plan accordingly. If anyone has any papers they would like to present, let me know. I plan to have a speaker on Native American issues.

The Antiquities Section has graciously offered to sponsor a breakfast on Saturday morning. We are planning a catered Dutch oven dinner Friday night.

We are planning a tour for Saturday afternoon which will include Danger and Jukebox caves, some of the WW II facilities at Wendover, and several prehistoric sites on Air Force property along the Utah/Nevada border. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES PLEASE NOTIFY EITHER MYSELF OR RENAE (801-533-3529) IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

While perusing the four boxes of documents that Stan McDonald gave me when I began my term, I noticed that the bylaws had probably been amended. In order to verify this, I began searching out old newsletters to determine if the proposed amendments had actually been passed. They were and I retyped the Bylaws to include these amendments. If any one is interested in a copy, let me know. I hope this is the first step towards getting UPAC documentation in electronic format. (Thanks to Evie Seelinger, who donated her entire collection of newsletters, and to Kevin Jones for filling in the missing ones. We have an almost complete set of newsletters in the Division of Antiquities library. We are missing one newsletter: Vol. 6 No. 2 from spring or summer 1988; if anyone can send me a copy, I'd appreciate it).

Retyping the Bylaws was an eye opener: how many of you are aware that we have a

Curriculum Director? Does any one know who it is? The Bylaws indicate that it is an elected position, but in reality it is not. This situation needs to be discussed at the next meeting. Another possible change in the Bylaws concerns the process for selecting meeting locations. It's supposed to be a voting matter, but in my experience has been (and continues to be) decided by the President. A third Bylaws change we need to formalize is the Journal subscription for USAS members. According to the Bylaws, USAS members do not get a free Journal, but since they do, we need to formalize this benefit.

I will soon be delivering a copy of the Bylaws to each UPAC officer with their pertinent sections highlighted; to all future presidents, I would recommend all new officers read them immediately upon election. I wish I had. (But don't try to hold me to Robert's Rules of Order, I haven't gotten to that yet).

Does anyone have a list of UPAC fellows? Will those of you willing to admit it please let me know who you are so I can start a list?

More detailed info on the spring meeting will be forthcoming.

State of Utah Antiquities Permits

When renewing your antiquities permit please make sure your application is complete and signed. Also, make sure you include a copy of a current curation agreement. Antiquities permits cannot be issued unless you have a curation agreement. I would prefer if you sent the application in with the curation agreement; that way I'll

have everything at once. We will need to have current resumés of principal investigators and field supervisors listed on your permit.

For excavation permits, please include a copy of the research design. If you have people that you want to add to your permit as field supervisors or principal investigators, send a letter requesting the additions along with a resumé for the person(s). We can usually review those in a few days. If you have any questions, please call Ron Rood at 801-533-3564. (Email rrood@history.state.ut.us).

UPAC Membership, January 13, 1999

Dear UPAC Membership:

As VP for Membership in UPAC, I put together a little bit of information on our current membership. These numbers are based upon the membership rolls as of November, 1998. There are some new members but I don't think the overall numbers have changed much. This might be of some help in assessing our membership needs. These numbers are based on a current UPAC membership of 156 individuals.

The first thing I did was look at membership based on the State the member lived in. Not too surprising, 63.5% of current members live in Utah. 36.5% of current UPAC members live outside of Utah, but many are CRM individuals who do work in the state. The membership of individuals from states other than Colorado, Arizona and Nevada is below 6.

Next, I wanted to look at the demographics for UPAC. There is really no way to look at age without a detailed survey, but I did look at sex. 59.6% of the membership are male while 40.3% are female.

The next thing I looked at was the distribution of UPAC members by their affiliation, i.e. Federal, State, Academic, CRM, etc. This is probably the most interesting breakdown. Just over 30% of UPAC members are affiliated with a CRM company (n=47). Federal archaeologists make up the next highest category at 19.8% (n=31) followed by academic based archaeologists at 12.8% (n=20). State employed archaeologists make up 10.8% (n=17) of the membership. Students and USAS members each comprise 3.8% (n=6 for both) while 18.5% (n=29) are unknown. For the unknown, I could not tell from the name on the membership roster the affiliation of that person. I suspect several are USAS or they work for private CRM companies. I'm not sure.

Finally, I looked at UPAC members' musical preferences. Based upon a sample of UPAC members, it appears that Bluegrass is the music of choice of 75% of UPAC. The second most popular is Freestyle Jazz Improvisational Accordion at 20% followed by Ginger Baker Drum solos at 5%.

Thanks,

Ron Rood
Vice President Membership and
Ethics

Status of Utah Archaeology

Utah Archaeology News

At the Fall 1998 business meeting a change in editorship for Utah Archaeology was discussed. Steve Simms was nominated as the new editor for UPAC. He and the present editor, Kevin Jones are currently working on the transition of the journal.

The Utah Division of State History will continue to market the journal, and the same printer in Salt Lake City will be used to produce the journal.

Kevin and Steve are working on several issues at once. Kevin will continue to produce the 1997 issue (which is at the press), and the 1998 issue (which is close to being sent to the press). Steve is soliciting manuscripts for the 1999 issue. With both editors working on the journal during this year of transition, it is hoped that the 1999 issue can be out early that year. This effort can only be successful if the journal is supported by archaeologists working in the region who are willing to submit high quality manuscripts for the journal. Please consider submitting full length articles or short research reports (see the editorial in this issue of the UPAC News by Jason Bright). Also, book reviews are always needed and are relatively easy to write.

Kevin and Steve are hoping that an extra effort this year by all of us who support the journal will put Utah Archaeology closer to its intended

schedule. If this happens, we will be in a position to pursue a marketing campaign next year to place the journal in more libraries across the western U.S. and in the hands of archaeologists who are interested in the region, but who are not members of UPAC. This will not only increase the readership and the stature of the journal, it may attract new members to UPAC. A similar marketing effort a number of years ago showed great promise, and will be attempted again as the journal gets closer to being on its intended schedule. Again, this can only happen with the support of archaeologists.

Continue to send inquiries about purchasing the journal to:

Utah Archaeology
Utah Division of State History
300 Rio Grande
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Direct inquiries about editorial matters and journal production regarding the 1997 and 1998 issues to:

Kevin Jones
Utah Division of State History
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Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Direct inquiries about editorial matters, journal production and manuscript submission for the 1999 issue to:

Utah Archaeology
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THIRD USAS EDUCATION WORKSHOP HELD IN PROVO

Although the new Level 1 and Level 2 curriculum is not yet finished, the workshop component of the USAS Utah Avocational Archaeology Education Program (UAAEP) is progressing ahead of schedule. The third workshop, on the topic of faunal analysis was held at the Museum of Peoples and Cultures in Provo last January 23rd.

USAS members from the Price, Vernal, Richfield, Provo, Salt Lake and Ogden attended, as did students from the U of U, BYU and two elementary schools in the Salt Lake area. A total of 37 people attended the workshop which was designed to teach the basics of animal bone identification. Whitney Parker, age 12, won the prize for the youngest participant (a Zinj mug) while the prize for the oldest participant went unclaimed. Chris Horning won the prize for the person who traveled the greatest distance to attend the workshop (a shark jaw and a Zinj mug) while Adam Webb, age 12, won a bottle of Tabasco Sauce for correctly identifying a femur.

Previous UAAEP workshops on flintknapping, taught by Dennis Weder and Cooking with Hot Rocks taught by Kristen Jensen and Jill Jensen were taught last Summer and Fall. We have a wish list of some 60 potential workshops that USAS members are interested in taking. Included are workshops on photography, ceramic analysis, rock art recording, seed identification, flotation, map making, and site stewardship. Some upcoming

workshops will be on lithic analysis and Historic Preservation Law.

If you would like to teach a workshop on your own area of expertise, or if your USAS Chapter would like to host a workshop, contact Ron Rood at the Division of State History.

Accessing CRM's Grey Literature

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Many of us appreciate the volumes of descriptive and analytic data being generated by CRM archaeology in Utah and across the country. We also recognize that much of it is limited to "grey literature" collecting dust on the shelves of state offices, and the logistic problems presented in finding desired reports amid the masses of material available. Given these problems of access, state offices may become the graveyards where CRM data go to die. I would like to address this old problem with a few reasonable suggestions that might easily rescue these data from anonymity.

First, I suggest that one or more articles in a refereed journal, of at least regional interest, be published at the completion of each large project. This way, whatever the topic may be, the list of citations will no doubt reference some or all of the archaeological work in the area, including grey literature reports. Any interested party can then easily find

the specific office and report to track down.

I recognize the extra time and money this involves, but re-focusing reporting requirements will allow us to escape the stranglehold of the "bottom-line." For example, the appropriate management agency might shift their reporting requirements to include submitting site forms and brief descriptions of their research design and results, all to be filed with the state office. The remainder of the responsibility would then be to publish topical articles in the refereed literature. This is, or is at least similar to, how Kathy Callister is approaching cultural resource management at Dugway. This way the private company, government agency or university doing the work is saved the burden of lengthy (even redundant?) report writing and can spend that time and money on the professional responsibility to publish accessible literature.

Alternatively, students and recent graduates working their way up the employment ladder, who are "under-the-gun" to publish and begin building a C.V., might take it upon themselves to do this at no cost to a CRM organization. This includes anyone at a university, private firm or state or federal office with a research question and the time to go over the literature.

While this approach is attractive, it may also be feasible to maintain a webpage that lists author, year, organization, project area and an abstract, along with a link to a downloadable .zip file. This could be compiled and maintained by a state office, which could create some sort

of partnership with other organizations to spread the workload around. As long as each submitted report contains an abstract in an electronic format, it is relatively easy to convert it into file that is readable by a common, inexpensive software application (e.g. Adobe Acrobat Reader is free to download off the internet).

Alternatively, *Utah Archaeology* or the UPAC newsletter could provide an outlet for abstracts of current research. This has been done before, but the difficult part is getting authors to submit abstracts. Why this is the case is difficult to understand, aside from the fact that authors have no incentive to quickly e-mail existing abstracts, or to drop a 33 cent stamp on an envelope.

The problem of "breathing life" into CRM data is an old one. A reasonable solution includes shifting reporting requirements from voluminous grey literature few can effectively access and manage, to include published articles. Authors then shift time and money into publishing in a more accessible forum. Maintaining an on-line database is also a feasible approach. These ideas are in keeping with the "spirit of the law," which everyone recognizes. That is, CRM archaeology does not stop once a site is excavated, but continues through providing *accessible*, substantive results.

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