



UPAC NEWS

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Lori Hunsaker, President Kenny Wintch, Editor
Winter 2008

President's Message

Lori Hunsaker, UPAC President

Greetings UPAC members, colleagues, and friends;

This is my final "Message" as President and I sincerely want to thank UPAC members for this opportunity to serve. It has been an exceptional experience, allowing me to learn, grow, and have the opportunity meet and interact with many of you.

Utah is fortunate to have some of the most interesting, sundry, and to some extent, archetypal archaeology in the world; from diverse, yet representative hunter-gather and horticultural patterns, to unique historic settlements, and key western expansion corridors. We are all fortunate to work in this region, regardless of our role and can benefit from each other's wisdom, insight, and perspective, which is arguably as diverse as our archaeology. UPAC provides an opportunity for all of us to come together and share our perspectives, learn from our differences, and ultimately make an impact as a collective with unified interests. Despite our differences, we all share a passion for archaeology and united we can make a positive impact in the future of archaeology in this state.

We owe a debt of gratitude to the founders of UPAC for their insight and ambition to organize this institution back in 1982. Over the past twenty-six years UPAC has been infused with several new members and has fostered at least two (possibly even three) generations of archaeologists. As a member of the "second generation," I have benefited and been inspired by mentors, colleagues, and friends from this organization, and I look forward to these continued interactions. It is important for new members and generations to "carry the torch" and continue to carry out the goals conceived by our founders and to grow UPAC in a positive direction.

In the past, our winter meetings have provided an excellent opportunity for us to come together and work toward solving issues in our business meeting. Our winter meeting also provides an opportunity for growth. This year, I have attempted to assemble a broad selection of research presentations and discussion forums that will hopefully appeal to a broad audience. Like other professional meetings and conferences, I believe our winter meeting has the potential allow archaeological professionals to share and collaborate on their work, interests,

and concerns. Perhaps this meeting will be a first step toward a more formal meeting or conference, which would seem only fitting, given the prodigious nature of archaeology in our region.

I look forward to seeing many of my long beloved friends and colleagues at the winter meeting and I look forward to making many new acquaintances.

Thanks!
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Winter 2008 Meeting

The UPAC Winter Meeting will take place January 25-26, 2008 at the Utah Division of State History's building (the former Rio Grande Railroad depot) located at 300 South Rio Grande Street in Salt Lake City. An ambitious schedule has been assembled for this year's meeting. A more-or-less finalized agenda for the meeting follows.

Friday, January 25th

9:00 – 11:30 Symposium: "Prehistoric Archaeological Patterning, Interpretations, and Site Formation Processes" (Zephyr Room)

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 4:30 Business Meeting (Zephyr Room)

5:00 – 6:00 Tour of repository facilities at the Utah Museum of Natural History (transportation from State History to the museum will be available)

6:00 – 8:00 Social Gathering Utah Museum of Natural History (cash bar), room 319 – Museum access is restricted and parking is limited, so if you plan to attend, please join us at 5:00 or make transportation arrangements with Lori Hunsaker prior to that time.

Saturday, January 26th

9:00 – 11:30 Symposium and Panel Discussion: "Emergency Wildfire Stabilization or 'So, Are You Guys Chaining Over Sites?' -- The View From Milford Flat" (East Conference Room)

9:00 – 11:30 Symposium: "Historic Archaeology... Heritage of the West" (Zephyr Room)

11:30 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 4:30 Roundtable Discussion and Forum: "Curation Crisis" (East Conference Room)

1:00 – 4:30 Symposium: "Prehistoric Archaeology Partnerships and On-Going Project Reports" (Zephyr Room)

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You can access the UPAC website, complete with UPAC contacts and membership application at:
<http://www.upaconline.org>. Check out cool links, contents of past Utah Archaeology journals, UPAC News, and event updates!

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SUBMISSIONS

UPAC News welcomes all submissions by Utah archaeologists and others working in Utah in archaeology or related fields. Issues of relevance to UPAC News readers include ongoing research, education and preservation efforts, ARPA investigations, biographies, new hires, conferences and symposia, etc.



(Winter 2008 Meeting, continued)

In addition, a non-rotating poster session will be held throughout the two-day meeting. Additional details about the above symposia, etc., can be found on UPAC's website (www.upaconline.org) and on UPAC's Yahoo group site (a link to which can be found on the UPAC website home page). Don't miss this meeting!

Proposed Bylaws Changes

As mentioned on the Yahoo group page recently, the Executive Committee is proposing a handful of changes to the UPAC Bylaws. The proposed changes are in response to changing times and technologies. A brief discussion of each of the six changes are shown below. Please have a look at these and be prepared to discuss them at the upcoming business meeting and then vote on them via mailed ballot thereafter.

First, a proposed clarification of journal distribution duties. The Executive Committee proposes to change the bylaws in order to specify that distribution of the journal is the responsibility of the Treasurer.

Second, the Executive Committee proposes to change the bylaws in order to allow for electronic, online voting in place of - or in addition to - voting by mailed ballot. This proposed change would result in significant cost savings to the organization, as printing and mailing costs for the ballot process would be avoided.

Third, the Executive Committee proposes to change the meeting schedule from its current, semi-annual (winter and summer) format to having only one "official" meeting per year, likely in the winter. A bylaws change is needed in order to effect this change and its consequences (i.e., the likely effect it would have on officer nomination timing).

Fourth, the Executive Committee proposes to make UPAC's webmaster an "official" position and explicitly an officer of the organization (and thus, a member of the Executive Committee).

Fifth, Executive Committee proposes a bylaws change that would allow for implementation of alternative (d) proposed by the journal editor, below.

Finally, the Executive Committee (and the newsletter editor, in particular) proposes to change the bylaws, if necessary, in order to explicitly allow for electronic, on-line publication of the *UPAC News* on UPAC's website, instead of the traditional method of printing and mailing the newsletter. This simple change would result in significant cost savings to the organization, as printing and - especially - the cost of mailing the newsletter would be avoided.

Treasurer's Report

Rachael Gruis

As of December 31, 2007, the UPAC account currently has approximately \$1,715.18 in checking and \$8,910.01 in savings. We will also be able to view all account histories online with Washington Federal Savings, which we have been unable to do in the past. This will make it much easier to view and manage the UPAC accounts.

Utah Archaeology Editor's Note

Jason Bright

At the time of this writing, the 2005 issue of the journal is essentially ready to go to the printer. It only needs some last-minute formatting before being submitted to the printer prior to the upcoming meeting. Mailing should take place about a month later. The 2006 issue has some submissions being reviewed, but it could definitely use more material. Please be encouraged to submit articles of any length. My email address for most of the work is utah.archaeology@gmail.com, but hard copy submission is fine, too.

The Executive Committee has discussed the state of the journal and some possible future discussions. I want to outline some of them here so the membership is primed for discussion of the topic at the Business Meeting.

First, the 2006 issue will be my last, so nominations should be taken for an editor for the 2007 issue. I can help the incoming editor with the initial hurdles. Second, the Executive Committee has discussed what format the journal could take, if changes were to be made. As is, the journal is meant to be a once-a-year publication with a relatively open range of topics focusing on Utah archaeology. The journal is often behind schedule for a number of reasons. One of them is the vicious cycle, wherein appropriate articles are not submitted to the journal because it's always so late in production, which reduces the submission pool and further delays production. A number of options have been informally discussed that may remedy the situation the journal is in. A few are described below.

- a) Drop the journal. It is a arduous task, especially without permanent support, and perhaps there isn't enough material out there to support it.
- b) Skip a production year. This would put things back on track, but leaves memberships without a journal for a year's dues.
- c) Alter the format so that instead of a yearly journal, it is more of an "Occasional Papers" series. An editor with a



topic and a set of authors would produce each issue. It might include papers held together by a theme, it might present a conference symposium, it might present selected papers from conferences, USAS or UPAC meetings. One issue could be research oriented, another could be management oriented, and yet another might be avocationally oriented. The advantage to this is that at times when there is enough material to present, it could be presented, rather than scrambling yearly for "enough," and its future would directly reflect interest.

- d) Create "permanent" support for an annual production by having members at institutions be a part of a board that spreads the workload around amongst themselves, and will have university or agency technical and administrative support.
- e) Finally, change nothing.

These are just a few ideas that could be implemented and can be discussed at the Business Meeting. The agenda will have some room for such a discussion.

Utah State University Program Change and Contract Program Initiation

Steve Simms, USU Anthropology Dept.

Utah State University is developing a Masters degree program with a specialization in Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management. The degree aims to train archaeologists to have a strong sense of research, but who also have the necessary knowledge and skills to grow in the real world of cultural resource management archaeology. The program will accomplish this through a combination of academic coursework, hands on experience in the field, the lab, and the USU Museum of Anthropology, coursework in CRM regulations and business practices, and a choice of internship tracks and thesis tracks. Students will tailor their program to work in an agency environment, a private sector environment, or a more traditional track to bridge them to a doctoral program at another university. Utah State has long done CRM archaeology, but this will be shifted to the USU Innovation Campus, a research park environment. USU Archaeological Services aims to provide students with experience in CRM, and aims to generate funding to supplement graduate teaching and research fellowships. We are also working with private firms and government agencies in the region to provide graduate internships as an additional facet of the program. The program is pending approval by the Utah System of Higher Education and Board of Regents, but proposes to accept the first class in Fall semester 2009. Future possibilities include distance delivery for the Masters degree. For information about anthropology at Utah State University see: <http://www.usu.edu/anthro/> For more information about the effort to offer the Masters degree contact Steve Simms at: s.simms@usu.edu (435) 797-1277

Join the UPAC Yahoo! Group!

- All UPAC members and interested parties are invited to join the UPAC group available on Yahoo! This group requires a Yahoo! Account, which is free. Then visit <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/UPAC/> to join.
- Postings to this site include UPAC business, announcements, and other bits of archaeological interest.