

# The Surveyor

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## *President's Message*

Upon returning from a week of solo hiking in the mountains to avoid COVID-19, cell phones and TV, I discovered that the state was on fire. Welcome back! Then, I received the weekly phone call from my wife's niece, who is an IE living in Queretaro, Mexico. She said that COVID-19 is especially bad in Mexico. Projections are that her two young children will not be able to return to school until at least March. She also said something that I hadn't considered. She said that those of us in the U. S. can handle the restrictions of COVID-19 better than those in Mexico, because most Americans experience seasonal weather changes that require us to be indoors for several months every year. We are accustomed to it. Not so in Mexico. Being confined at home for long periods of time is very difficult for those in Mexico.

Mexico doesn't have the extensive virtual resources as does the U. S. She is envious of my tales of numerous virtual lectures and conferences that help keep me from being bored at home. In that sense, we in the U. S. are fortunate.

In order to protect the safety of CAS members and speakers, CAS will be holding its 2020 Annual meeting with speakers as a virtual meeting on the afternoon of Saturday, September 26. Speakers will be only in the afternoon. The virtual Quarterly Board Meeting will be held on Friday night. The CAS Board believes that limiting the virtual speakers session to Saturday afternoon will reduce the chances of attendee "burn out". My experience with all-day virtual conferences supports that belief. An additional benefit of holding a virtual annual meeting is there need not be any concerns about snow or fire closures of I-70 and other routes through the mountains.

It is my hope that every CAS member will attend the virtual 2020 CAS Annual Meeting. By holding a virtual annual meeting, it will be accessible to every member. No travel expenses.

*Bob Rushforth*  
President

## *2020 Annual Conference and Meeting*

The 2020 Annual Conference and Meeting will be a virtual conference rather than an onsite conference and membership meeting. The IPCAS website (<http://www.indianpeaksarchaeology.org/events/cas-annual-meeting>) is the primary site for information on the conference.

One of the goals for this conference is to replicate as many of the same experiences that you'd have at an in-person conference. This conference will feature:

- Fewer and longer paper presentations,
- A keynote address from Dr. Spencer Pelton,
- Select workshops,
- Welcome with happy hour and trivia,
- Colorado Archaeological Society Annual Membership Meeting, and
- Colorado Archaeological Society Executive Board Meeting.
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Another goal of this conference is to make it open and accessible for existing members and prospective members. **Conference admission is free. Registration is still required to access live events. Register now through [Member365](#) for the conference and workshops.** Note that each conference participant should register on their own even if they are part of a joint or family CAS membership.

## **Workshops (Friday, Sept. 25):**

### ***Introduction to Digital Archaeology (2:00 to 4:00 PM)***

Christian Driver, City of Boulder Department of Open Space and Mountain Parks Cultural Resources Program Coordinator

### ***G-Suite 101: How to Use Google Meet and More for Your Chapter (4:00 to 5:00 PM)***

Katy Waechter, President, Indian Peaks Chapter

## **Workshop (Saturday, Sept. 26, 10:00 to 11:30 AM)**

### ***How Do I Map That — Free and Open Source Mobile Mapping***

Christian Driver and Katy Waechter

## **Speakers and Topics (Saturday, Sept. 26, 12:00 – 4:00 PM):**

*Agricultural Adaptations in Light of Socioeconomic Changes in the Northern Rio Grande,* Kaitlyn E. Davis

*Recent Research at San Ignacio, Morelos: A Regional Center in the Teotihuacan Hinterland,* Erik L. Jurado

*Pottery Production, Learning, and Social Networks at San Marcos Pueblo, NM,* Dr. Kari Schleher

*Becoming Chacoan: The Archaeology of the Aztec North Great House,* Dr. Michelle I. Turner

*Race Relations in Rural Areas: Examining the Experiences of People of Color on a 19<sup>th</sup> Century Frontier,* Dr. Kathryn Fay

## **Membership Meeting (Saturday, Sept. 26 at 4:00 PM)**

## Keynote Address (Saturday, Sept. 26 at 7:00 PM)

Mining Paint at the Powars II Site, Platte County, Wyoming  
Dr. Spencer Pelton, Wyoming State Archaeologist

**If you are able, the Indian Peaks Chapters asks that you donate what you would have paid for registration to the conference on behalf of the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund.** The Indian Peaks Chapter is allocating 50% of all event proceeds to the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund, especially since there will not be a raffle or silent auction to benefit the scholarship program.

That's not all! Thank you gifts for conference supporters are available for each \$20 donated through the event, including bandanas featuring original artwork from IPCAS's resident artist Gretchen Acharya as well as a revival of the Handy Hypotenuse Hankie™. Additionally, all conference supporters will receive a digital copy of Bill and Marcia Tate's *The Archaeologist's Cookbook*

**Register** today for the conference and the membership meeting!

Email [annual.meeting@coloradoarchaeologicalsociety.org](mailto:annual.meeting@coloradoarchaeologicalsociety.org) with any questions or issues in registering for the conference!

## CAS Quarterly Board Meeting Highlights

### ***Highlights of the July 18, 2020 CAS Quarterly Meeting***

The Colorado Archaeological Society (CAS) Board of Directors held its first virtual meeting on Saturday, July 18, 2020 using the Google Meet platform. A quorum was met, as eight of nine Chapters were present and 18-21 Board members attended at various times during the meeting.

#### ***Executive Officer Reports***

**Approval of Minutes:** The Minutes of Actions Taken by the CAS Board of Directors, February-June 2020, were reviewed and approved without comment or amendments.

**Executive Secretary (Karen Kinneer) Report:** The Board was referred to the Executive Secretary's written report submitted to it before the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report was accepted without amendments. CAS currently has a positive balance of \$3,000 in its general account.

**2020 Virtual Annual Meeting and Fourth Quarterly Board Meeting:** Katy Waechter, IPCAS Chapter President, provided an update on preparations for the 2020 CAS Annual Meeting to be held September 25-26. Due to the ongoing social limitations imposed by the current COVID-19 epidemic and related Public Health Orders, the meeting will be held on the virtual meeting platform Google Meet.

Friday, September 25, 2020, will feature two workshops on Do It Yourself Site Stewardship and Foss Lidar, as well as the fourth quarterly Board of Directors meeting, and a virtual Happy Hour.

Saturday, September 26, 2020, will have six speakers/presenters, the Annual Meeting, and a multi-media (not just posters!) Archaeological Communications competition. The Annual Meeting will conclude with keynote speaker Dr. Spencer Pelton, Wyoming State Archaeologist.

To date, \$2500 has been pledged by sponsors. While no registration fees will be collected, participants will be encouraged to make donations.

This year, in lieu of the customary raffle to raise funds for the Alice Hamilton Scholarship Fund, a portion of the Annual Meeting proceeds will be contributed to the Fund.

IPCAS as host will be providing logistics support, including two tech administrators for both the Annual and Quarterly virtual meetings, and will be submitting Registration and Program materials in a timely manner.

The quarterly Board meeting will begin late Friday afternoon.

### **Committee/Special Reports Highlights**

Most Committees submitted written quarterly reports prior to the meeting. Significant news from the Committees included:

**Memberships:** CAS currently has 929 members.

**Alice Hamilton:** The raffle to raise Scholarship funds has been postponed to 2021, and the Committee is looking at alternative fund sources.

The AH Scholarship Committee granted extensions of time to the 2020 recipients to use the funds awarded them because the COVID-19 epidemic essentially cancelled their 2020 plans.

**Scientific Advisory Committee:** The Committee's reports are available on ORCA (see link on the CAS website). COVID has had negative impacts on CAS members' avocational participation because most projects were suspended in March 2020, with very limited resumption of a few projects in April and May 2020. The Committee has submitted a draft Charter to the Governance Committee for review and later approval by the Board of Directors. One objective of the Committee is "diversifying" archaeology. President Rushforth asked that IT projects related to archaeology start being recorded by the Committee.

**Publications:** Discussions regarding the continued financing and publication of *Southwestern Lore* dominated the Committee Chair's report. Do we increase subscription rates? Go online only? How to attract potential subscribers?

**Long Range Planning:** The Committee has submitted four draft Committee Charters to the Governance Committee for review and subsequent approval by the Board of Directors. During the Committee's presentation, there was considerable discussion that CAS create a fund to address "social injustice" but no action was taken.

**Awards:** President Rushforth reminded Board members that September 1 is the deadline for Chapter awards, with applications to be submitted to Jason LaBelle.

**Ways and Means:** CAS needs to address the issue of raising membership dues soon. Discussion and action need to be taken by the end of August so a vote can be taken at the September Annual Meeting.

It has been at least 16 years since the last increase in state membership dues. After much discussion, a motion was made and seconded to eliminate the Senior membership categories and establish the **state CAS portion** of Individual membership annual dues at \$20 and Family membership annual dues at \$30. The Motion carried at 18-1.

### **New Business**

**Governance:** Charters for the following Committees were presented to and approved by the Board: Long-Range Planning, Science Advisory, Education and Outreach, and Membership.

A draft Advocacy Policy was presented and approved by the Board.

**Proposed Anti-discrimination and Sexual Harassment Policy:** Katy Waechter, IPCAS President, said IPCAS is working on a draft Chapter policy. She formally requested collaboration with the Governance Committee to create a state policy.

**Google Suite Presentation:** Katy Waechter presented an overview of the features Google Suite offers for nonprofits such as CAS. She related IPCAS's current use of the Suite.

**2021 Quarterly and Annual Meeting Hosts:** The tentative schedule for 2021 state CAS meetings was presented.

- January 2021 Quarterly – Virtual meeting, Northern Colorado
- April 2021 Quarterly – Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs)
- July 2021 Quarterly – Hisatsinom (Cortez)
- Annual Meeting- September/October – Chipeta

**2021 Campout:** President Rushforth will begin planning for the CAS annual campout for some time in the summer of 2021. He welcomes suggestions for the event/trip.

Respectfully submitted,

Lawrence Beidle  
Recording Secretary

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## PAAC News

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Below you will find an opportunity to participate in the future of the PAAC as well as other education, outreach, and engagement offerings of the Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation (OAHP). The survey seeks input from as many people as possible to get a teenie tiny look into who is and who isn't engaging in these ways. There are opportunities for providing just basic data, as well as getting into the thick of it, so please consider participating even at the most minimal level. Additionally, if you know of anyone who may have insight generally or very specifically to archaeology and historic preservation education, outreach, and engagement, please send this along and encourage participation.

You can get to the survey here: <https://forms.gle/exD8mx7f2Ve7mMjp8>

I hope to provide online offerings of PAAC in October and November. There are still some logistical issues with which I am dealing, but please keep an eye out for registration mid-September on this page: <https://www.historycolorado.org/paac-event-schedule>

The survey will stay open until **11:59 pm on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.**

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact me at [rebecca.simon@state.co.us](mailto:rebecca.simon@state.co.us) or (202) 641-4303.

Becca Simon  
Assistant State Archaeologist

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## Science Advisory Committee Update

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Assisting CAS members in doing responsible archaeology is the central focus of the Science Advisory Committee. CAS faces challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic and associated necessary public health restrictions aimed at its control. Like other CAS operations, this has impacted our science projects. Despite this, CAS members have safely participated in a range of internal and external research and conservation projects. This report summarizes the Committee's work over the first and second quarters of 2020 and outlines our plans to modify and expand committee operations going forward.

### Science Advisory Report

The Committee compiles and summarizes CAS volunteer contributions to Southwestern archaeology in quarterly Science Advisory Reports. These reports document ongoing CAS member archaeological research and conservation project contributions. They portray to the archaeological community and the public the contribution CAS and its members make to understanding and preserving the rich cultural heritage of Colorado and surrounding areas. The reports also serve as a venue for information and idea-sharing among chapters and with the State Archaeologist. Additionally, they identify areas of common interest that could lead to collaborative projects among chapters or between chapters and external organizations. The Science Advisory Reports are publicly available in the [CAS document repository](#) on the [Online Resources for Colorado Archaeology \(ORCA\) website](#).

Current CAS science projects and statistics to date are documented in the 2020 Mid-Year Science Advisory Report; which is distributed to Board members for the July Board Meeting and posted on the ORCA website's CAS page for our membership and the public.

So far this year, we've recorded 65 CAS members donating 2,251 hours to 10 projects across all six science interest areas. This compares to 18 projects involving 96 members contributing 2,411 hours at this point last year. This represents reductions of 44% in the number of projects, 32% in the number of volunteers, and 7% in the number of hours donated by our members compared to last year at this time. Despite these COVID-19 driven reductions in the totals, donated time per project and per member have actually gone up so far this year.

Due to COVID-19, volunteer participation in some of these projects were suspended in March to comply with Colorado public health advisories and have not yet restarted. Others have started or restarted with limited and carefully managed operations; especially outdoor projects like survey, excavation, experimental archaeology, and stewardship. Some indoor lab and curation projects have restarted with limited operations of isolated volunteers or small groups.

### Science Committee Charter

The other major committee activity so far this year has been to prepare a committee charter. Like all committees, the Science Advisory Committee exists to create value for CAS chapters and members, the broader archaeological community, and the public. So, as part of CAS's strategic planning, the Committee created and submitted to the Governance Committee for approval and presentation to the Board, a committee charter that identifies resources the Committee proposes to offer chapters and members to assist them in successfully and responsibly pursuing their archaeological research and conservation interests. This charter will serve as our baseline in planning future committee activities.

### Going Forward

The way ahead is murky. The COVID-19 pandemic seems to be getting worse rather than better while other similar maladies loom on the horizon. Hopefully vaccines and effective treatments are in our future, but it's uncertain when these might arrive. Consequently, we need to find ways to robustly perform our science mission going forward. For the immediate future, we encourage all members to weigh the risks to themselves and others of participating in archaeological research and conservation projects; and if they decide to do so to follow public health and sponsor-specific safety guidelines. In general, it's

preferable to conduct volunteer gatherings remotely or outdoors and for outdoor or indoor gatherings, where necessary, limit the number of participants, wear masks, physically separate, don't share common objects, and frequently wash hands and sanitize any objects that must be shared, if possible.

Beyond these operational tweaks, however, lies a more profound consideration. The pandemic and ongoing social justice issues continue to lay bare inequities in the state of Native American and minority affairs. So, the question arises: how can we adjust our research and conservation project portfolio within our mission scope to help alleviate these issues? To this end, the Committee will explore ways to better tell the story of indigenous and minority contributions to Colorado's history. We will also explore how to add minority members to CAS, our Committee, and CAS project teams.

Respectfully submitted for the Colorado Archaeological Society's Science Advisory Committee,

David Melanson, Chair

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## *Resources*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Amerind Museum: <https://www.amerind.org/events/>

Check out The Prehistory Guys (<https://theprehistoryguys.uk/>) if your looking for archaeological news from around the world. Recommended by Bruce Bradley, a good place to start is this episode that includes an interview with Bruce - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zbwpqSYckWc>

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