

**State Historical Resources Commission
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**February 24, 2012
Meeting Minutes**

Attendees: Adrian Praetzellis (SSU), Mike Newland (SSU), Wendy Teeter (UCLA), Laura Miranda (NAHC), Janet Eidsness (SCA Native American Program), Cassandra Hensher (SCA Native American Program), Anmarie Medin (CT), Trish Fernandez (ARC Vice Chair), Donn Grenda (SHRC/ARC Chair), Jennifer Darcangelo (PG&E), Jim Nelson (PG&E), Jennifer Farquhar (SCA President), Gabriel Roark (ICF), Kristina Roper (SCA Liaison), Mark Rudo (NPS).

Agenda Item II. Meeting minutes from Nov. 17, 2011 teleconference had been distributed by email. Kristina motioned to approve with minor edits; Janet seconded; motion carried.

Agenda Item III. Focused Report on Workgroups Progress

- **Standards & Guidelines:** The working group had a teleconference on Feb. 2 (see attached notes). Working group members provide a summary of the teleconference to the ARC participants. The working group had decided to focus on recommendations that could be accomplished relatively easily – that is, through existing mechanisms and not requiring legislative remedies that would take longer. Examples of other qualification systems were shared, including cities, state agencies, national, and other countries. The working group will take these examples and develop a proposal for professional qualifications to do work in California, specifically Principal Investigator level. There was some discussion on how to anticipate and mitigate concerns that might come from those affected by this change, such as considering professional experience equivalency. The working group will have a first draft to share with at the SCA Business Meeting at the Annual Meeting in San Diego in March. The working group will work with the SCA to build support and address any concerns from the professional community. After working out the details, the working group will bring it before the full ARC for motion per public meeting requirements. After approval, the ARC will bring the qualifications proposal to the SHRC for formal motion. Action Item: Donn will provide a progress report to the SHRC at the next meeting so any Commissioners can obtain more information if they desire.

Interpretation:

- Mike Newland reported on the working group progress, which largely consisted of working with SCA Board on overhauling the SCA web page and coordinating with OHP to link the two. The working group decided it would be best for OHP to link to SCA, that way OHP is not in the position of having to vet web pages for appropriate content. The working group is hoping to identify local archaeologists who can serve as contacts for local schools, etc. The local archaeologist would be a point of contact for teachers looking for resources to meet curriculum goals and tie into archaeology month.

The working group is also discussing how teachers might earn Continuing Education units for working on archaeology projects and incorporating that into their curriculum. Archaeologists can teach the teachers, then the teachers can translate that into age appropriate content that works with education standards. Lesson plans could be developed as mitigation for adverse effects of federal undertakings. Action Item:

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Kristina works with the Three Rivers school board and offered to work with them on seeing how to make these plans work. Action Item: Mike (with Trish's help) will put together a list of people who are willing to help with local outreach efforts.

Agenda Item IV: Update on other Workgroups

- **Conservation:** No report.
- **Curation:** Report on Action Item 114: Following up on emails, the group realized that a proposed survey letter on curation issues had not been distributed. It was held up because we were not clear if it should go out on letter head from the ARC or the SHRC. Trish will follow up with OHP to confirm the appropriate format and letterhead required and the current status of the letter.
- **Protection:** No report.

Agenda Item V: Review Previous Action Items (All)

- AI 112: Laura drafted a letter that is with Donn. Trish will follow up to determine the status of the letter. There was clarification that the letter is directed to tribal governments, not individuals. Laura and Janet will decide whether a separate letter is warranted to others who commented on the first draft of the white papers.

Next Teleconference: Thursday, May 31, 10:00-11:30.

Get any location changes or updates to Anmarie by May 15, 2012.

ACTION ITEMS:

No.	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	Completed
99	Create subcommittees for White Papers. Work with authors to determine composition.	Anmarie / Donn	Ongoing	Ongoing
107	White Paper authors shall review the list of ideas and create priorities of what can and should be worked on by the ARC.	Cindy S., Leslie M., Susan H., Mike N., Adrian P.	Ongoing	Ongoing
108	Research existence of a group for parks and open spaces districts; how to work with such districts.	Leslie M.	Ongoing	In progress
109	Research how to work with OPR	Janet E.		Done
112	Draft language for SHRC letter to tribal governments inviting them to participate by joining our working groups	Laura Miranda Trish (follow up)	April 30	In progress
114	Draft letter requesting info on collections not curated	Cindy S. Trish (follow up)	April 30	In progress
120	Distribute information on	Laura Miranda		Pending

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	legislative calendar			
121	Work with SCA Board on posting Interpretation information on SCA web page	Mike Newland & Jennifer Farquhar	Ongoing	Ongoing
122	Research references to professional standards in existing regulations and statute. ID where in CEQA statute such standards might best fit.	Laura Miranda	Ongoing	Ongoing
123	Report ARC progress to SHRC	Donn Grenda	Next SHRC meeting	In progress
124	Liaison with Three Rivers School District on implementing plans	Kristina Roper	Ongoing	Ongoing
125	Create list of local archaeologists for outreach contacts.	Mike Newland with Trish Fernandez	Ongoing	Ongoing

Standards and Guidelines Working Group of the Archaeological Resources Committee

2 February 2012 conference call notes

Present: Jennifer Darcanglo, Freddie Romero, Janet Eidsness, Adrian Praetzellis, Christine McCollum, Anmarie Medin. Regrets from Laura Miranda.

Adrian: Goal of the meeting is to set our priorities, i.e., which of the 4 goals should we pursue first? And how should we go about it? Let's pick something that is actually do-able.

Anmarie: Baby steps are good. Focus on professional qualifications. SHRC could endorse them and OHP can use them. Caltrans PQS would be relevant.

Janet: Let's float the qualifications to the various stakeholders, and include a grandfather/mother provision.

Christine: SCA Professional Standards committee would support the idea. The group can use her committee to help with the approval effort.

Jennifer: Pushback from the profession should be avoided by predicting potential flashpoints.

Freddy: Is it possible to pursue parallel tracks—both qualifications and guidelines—simultaneously?

Janet: There are existing standards in California: Riverside, San Diego, the Information Center system, etc. She will compile key references and email out to the group.

It was the consensus of the group that qualifications should be our first priority. As we continue we'll reconsider if we should expand to include guidelines.

The order of action will be

1/ define the quals,

2/ get the endorsement of SCA and SHRC

3/ work towards making the quals mandatory

The group agreed to meet up at the Society for California Archaeology conference this spring. As it approaches, Adrian will send out a notification so we can decide on day/time/place.