

**State Historical Resources Commission
Archaeological Resources Committee**

**January 25, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

ARC Members in Attendance: Anmarie Medin, Adrian Praetzellis, Jennifer Darcangelo, Donn Grenda, Wendy Teeter, Jim Nelson, Myra Herrmann

Agenda Item II. Corrections to Previous Meeting Notes

Meeting minutes from both Oct. 13, 2015 and Dec. 8, 2015 meetings had been distributed by email. Donn motioned to approve 10/13; Adrian seconded; motion unanimous. Jennifer motioned to approve 12/08; Adrian seconded; motion unanimous. Both approved.

Agenda Item III. Update on Standards Working Group progress

Anmarie reviewed progress to date; that is, draft guidance out for review, six commenters broken down into 139 separate comments that Anmarie tabulated for the group and shared via email. Following the decision of the Dec. 8 teleconference, Trish and Anmarie met with Rob Jackson (original author of ARMR). Rob stated that when ARMR was first issued, there was universal approval and acceptance because the state needed such guidance. Rob agreed with the overall discussions of the ARC and the areas where ARMR could be improved. To wit, evaluation under all four criteria, more discussion of consultation and how to integrate the results of consultation into conclusions, and other changes that have become “best practices” in the 25 years since ARMR was issued. Rob wondered if we could emphasize the need for a work plan to be approved by an agency before going into the field so excavation goals are clear and appropriate for the site and the project.

In ongoing efforts to implement Action Item 144, Anmarie asked for volunteers to form a focused working committee to update the existing ARMR. Jennifer and Myra volunteered; Trish had volunteered previously. Anmarie is working with SHPO and Deputy SHPO to ensure the Committee's work is within the Commission's authority as defined in Public Resources Code. Pending outcome of SHPO's direction, the working group will strive to have a draft update of ARMR for sharing at the next ARC meeting which will be at the SCA annual meeting in Ontario. The ARC will solicit comments on the updated ARMR from meeting attendees and determine appropriate course of action once scope is better known based upon those comments.

Agenda Item IV: Update on other Workgoups progress

- **Conservation:** No report.
- **Interpretation:** No report.
- **Curation:** Adrian noted that the curation crisis is ongoing; Wendy concurred. Most repositories are no longer accepting collections. What are we actually curating? Perhaps we need to revisit discussions about what gets curated in an effort to maximize the value of limited space. Adrian reminded us the Curation white paper had the goal of assessing the size of the problem. Perhaps we can do a Survey Monkey or some such to obtain information. What about connecting with RPA? SCA has a program to grant funds to orphan collections, but that is for writing up the collection, not paying for curation fees. Wendy will think about how to proceed and report back to the group.
- **Protection:** No report.

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Agenda Item V: Review Progress on Previous Action Items (All)

The only action items are ongoing so no additional discussion. .

Agenda Item VI. Review Action Items from this meeting

Agenda Item VII: Schedule next meeting

Meeting will be held at SCA Annual Meeting in Ontario, date and time subject to conference organizers.

ACTION ITEMS:

No.	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE	DUE DATE	Completed
144	Draft Guidance	Anmarie lead (working group)	Oct. 16, 2015 for Public Review Draft	Ongoing
145	Teleconference for Guidance working group	Anmarie	Aug 18	done