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Skyline view of Columbus, Ohio: the site of the 2006 ACRA Conference hosted by Hardlines Design Company September 7-10.

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ACRA's Mission

Our mission is to promote the professional, ethical, and business practices of the cultural resources industry, including all of its affiliated disciplines, for the benefit of the resources, the public, and the members of the association by:

- promoting and supporting the business needs of cultural resources practitioners;
- promoting professionalism in the cultural resources industry;
- promoting and providing educational and training opportunities for the cultural resources industry; and
- promoting public awareness of cultural resources and its diverse fields.

A basic tenet of ACRA's philosophy is the cost efficiency of private-sector firms in meeting the need for expertise in cultural resource management. ACRA is strongly opposed to unfair competition from tax-supported contracting programs. We believe that a greater benefit to society, and to the resources, derives from the existence of a healthy community of tax-paying, job-generating, private-sector CRM businesses.

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MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

AN ACRA UPDATE ON THE PRESERVE AMERICA SUMMIT

By Karen Hartgen

Lead agency: The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

There seems to be some concern that ACRA is not a key player in the Preserve America Summit announced by First Lady Laura Bush in early May. I would like to share with you the events that have taken place to date and assure you that we are responding to every request.

Shortly after the announcement, ACRA was invited to participate as a non-federal partner on the Planning Committee. This entailed a few conference calls about how the ACHP was going to organize the interest areas and how the selection process would work for becoming a member of the panels. The Council itself selected the co-chairs of the 11 panels that included a number of governmental agencies and fewer non-governmental groups. However ACRA and the SAA were not included as a co-chair even though we had offered to serve as such. There was some concern that the Society of Historical Archaeology President Doug Scott was selected to co-chair the "What's Important" Panel. The concern arose because the SHA had not been included in the non-federal groups on the Planning Committee and both ACRA and SAA made an issue of this since all three groups have been active in the Council's Archaeology Initiative.

The next step is the selection of panel members. I, as President, working with Nellie, selected ACRA members that have been active in the organization. I believe that nine of the panels should include a person with cultural resource management Section 106 experience in working with federal agencies. Each selected person was contacted and agreed to serve if

selected. These nominees are ACRA's, the key CRM business organization in the country, official nominees. Each of the nominations includes a resume, a short description of ACRA, and a letter from me as President stating why these individuals were selected to represent ACRA. These are due June 7th and the announcement of the panel participants will be made available at the end of the month.

And, what if our nominees are not selected? We will take all necessary action, whether early or later in the process, to insure that our expertise and concerns are reflected in the final proceedings in New Orleans in mid-October.

ACRA Recommendations for Select Issue Areas of the Summit

The American Cultural Resources Association's recommendations provide diversity of knowledge, skills, and perspectives in the field of cultural resources management, including Section 106. Specifically we bring to the table private sector interests, practical applications, theory and practice as implemented, and a strong stakeholder involvement. All of our CRM recommendations can contribute to any issue area as they are professionals with experience in many areas of the country, have experience in working with Indian tribes, and have longtime relationships with many agencies of the federal government.

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Building a Preservation Ethic and Public Appreciation for History

How can public understanding of America's history and the importance of our historic and cultural patrimony be enhanced?

Co-Chairs: Department of Education; Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; Preservation Action; Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

Recommendation: Lucy Wayne, Ph.D., RPA, Vice President of Southarc, Inc., Gainesville, FL
Email: lucy@southarc.com

Coordinating the Stewardship and Use of Our Cultural Patrimony

How can communities benefit from an integrated program for preserving and using historic properties and conservation of documents, artifacts, collections, artistic works, and other cultural expressions?

Co-Chairs: National Endowments for the Arts and Humanities; Institute of Museum and Library Services; the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; the Getty Foundation (pending)

Recommendation: Jo Reese, M.A., RPA, Corporate Vice President and Senior Archaeologist, Archaeological Investigations Northwest, Inc., Portland, OR
Email: Jo@ainw.com

Determining What's Important

What needs to be done to identify and recognize America's historic places?

Co-Chairs: Department of the Interior; Private Co-Chair (pending)

Recommendation: Kevin Pape, M.A., RPA, President, Gray & Pape, Inc, Cincinnati, OH
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Protecting Places That Matter

How can historic preservation be better integrated into public planning and the effectiveness of Federal protective mechanisms for historic properties improved?

Co-Chairs: General Services Administration; Department of Commerce (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration); National Trust for Historic Preservation

Recommendation: Ian C. Burrow Ph.D., RPA, Vice President/Principal Archaeologist, Hunter Research, Trenton, NJ
Email: iburrow@hunterresearch.com

Improving the Preservation Program Infrastructure

What should be done to clarify the roles of key preservation entities and build their capacity to promote preservation?

Co-Chairs: Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

Recommendation: Karen S. Hartgen M.A., RPA, President, Hartgen Archaeological Association, Inc, Rensselaer, NY
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Using Historic Properties as Economic Assets

How can communities be encouraged to use their historic properties as economic development assets?

Co-Chairs: Department of Commerce (Economic Development Administration); National Housing and Rehabilitation Association

Recommendation: Nellie L. Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant and Former President of Preservation Action (1975-1998), Bethesda, MD
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Involving All Cultures

How can the capacity of all cultures, notably Indian tribes and Native Hawaiians, to understand, protect and enjoy historic properties of concern to them be improved?

Co-Chairs: Department of the Interior; National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers; National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Recommendation: Michael R. Polk, RPA, Principal Archaeologist and Co-Owner of Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C., Ogden, UT
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Fostering Innovation

How can the potential of technology be harnessed and nontraditional solutions to preservation challenges be encouraged?

Co-Chairs: Department of Transportation; The History Channel

Recommendation: Susan Chandler M.A., RPA, President, Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc., Montrose, CO
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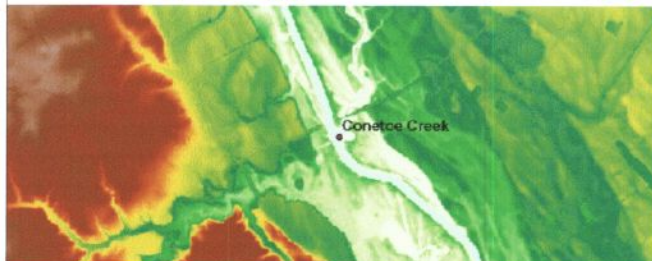
Participating in the Global Preservation Community

How can America share its preservation successes with the world and learn from the efforts of other nations?

Co-Chairs: Department of Agriculture; U.S. National Committee of ICOMOS (International Council on Monuments and Sites) (pending)

Recommendation: Jeffrey H. Altschul, Ph.D., RPA, Chairman, Statistical Research, Inc., (SRI), Redlands, CA
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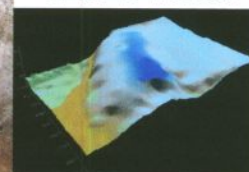
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ACRA's 11th Annual Conference

Columbus Ohio, September 7-10, 2006
at the [Westin Great Southern Hotel](#)

The ACRA conference rate at the Westin is \$125/night. This rate will be valid until September 1, 2006, but rooms are limited. Be sure to say you are reserving a room for the ACRA conference.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Nellie Longworth, Government Affairs Consultant

May 2006

Comments

Congress is back in full swing after a very quiet month of April that included more than two weeks of Easter recess. Many issues are on the front burner as Congress is anxious to recess in early fall to have adequate time to campaign for the mid-term elections. The deficit continues to soar (moving toward \$900 billion), the Iraq War needs additional funding, Hurricane Recovery is overdue for federal support and issues of earmarks, lobbying and ethics hang over the members of both House and Senate.

I am often asked about the fate of Section 106 in this Congress. It's a hard call but it appears that the House Resources Committee and Chairman Pombo are putting more energy into changes to the Endangered Species Act and NEPA than historic preservation. Interior Secretary Nominee Dirk Kempthorne, Governor of Idaho, is a states' rights proponent and expressed strong interest in changing the Endangered Species Law during his recent confirmation hearing. Knowing that the Congress is moving on a number of important issues, including FY07 appropriations, it appears somewhat unlikely that historic preservation will enter the fray at this point.

There are some triggers to be watched, such as the floor vote in the Senate on the "clean Historic Preservation Act reauthorizations bill" which is, as yet, unscheduled for floor action. When it passes the Senate and is sent to the House, there is almost no chance that it will be approved by the Resources Committee for House floor action "as is", thus it is likely to languish until the next Congress.

However, I check all sources everyday!!!!

FY06 Supplemental Appropriations Bill In Shadow Of Presidential Veto

Each spring, Congress revisits its current program appropriations and determines what programs need additional monies to carry them through the end of the year - in this case, September 30, 2007. This year's measure adds funding to many federal agency programs, with a strong emphasis on the Iraq war, veteran benefits AND Hurricane Recovery. Both House and Senate have considered HR 4939 and both versions include funding of \$28.9 billion for hurricane recovery in the Gulf States. Of that total, \$80 million underwrites historic preservation grants to stabilize and repair damaged historic properties and an additional \$3 million for SHPO offices in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Texas to carry our Section 106 reviews.

Due to differences in the House and Senate versions of the Supplemental, a House-Senate conference has been convened to iron out those differences. This year, the conference is under a cloud of a potential presidential veto due to the Senate's exceeding of the cap of \$94.5 billion set by the White House as the limit on spending in this bill. Should a veto take place, it would be the first bill vetoed by President Bush.

The House measure totals \$91.9 billion but the Senate bill climbed to \$109 billion. To avoid a veto, Senate Majority Leader Frist (R-TN) has suggested reduction of the Senate mark through an across-the-board cut while others would prefer a limit on earmarks. The pressure is "on" to resolve the differences, as the money is desperately needed by many agencies. Our interest is that the Hurricane Recovery is retained to

take into account the need for historic preservation funding in all the affected states.

FY07 Interior Appropriations Marked Up By House Appropriations Committee

On May 4th, the House Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related agencies marked up the FY07 Interior spending bill, which includes funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. Chairman Charles Taylor (R-NC) noted that there were serious budget constraints on the subcommittee that are visible in cuts to good programs. The full appropriations committee took action on May 10th, making few changes in the subcommittee mark.

The Historic Preservation Fund did not escape the budget knife, though some areas of the program were maintained at last year's levels. The States were marked up at \$35.717 million, and the Tribes at \$3.941 million, both close to last year's levels. The Save America's Treasures Program was halved to \$15 million

for earmark grants, zeroing out an additional \$15 million for competitive grants administered by the National Trust. Preserve America received \$3 million, \$2 million less than last year and \$7 million below the President's Budget. The total funding of \$58.658 million was \$15 million less than FY06. Heritage Areas monies were increased by \$2 million to \$13.8 million. Though disappointing, it does reflect the effort to retain funding for core, mission-essential programs through reductions to grants programs, land acquisition, and construction. The National Park Service sustained a cut of \$100 million from FY05 to \$2.2 billion. The cuts are \$80 million in construction and land acquisition. The Committee added \$40 million to prop up park base operations. The stateside Land and Water Conservation grants are eliminated.

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation was increased to \$5.1 million.

There is no schedule for the Senate mark-up of Interior Appropriations.

FY07 Appropriations To Date

Program	FY06 Level	President's Budget	House Mark-up
Dept of Interior	\$9.861 billion	\$9.61 billion	\$9.65 billion
National Park Service	\$2.256 billion	\$2.156 billion	\$2.2 billion
SHPOs	\$36.5 million	*	\$35.717 million
Tribes	\$4 million	*	\$3.941 million
Save America's Treasures	\$30 million	\$14.8 million	\$15 million
Historic Black Colleges	\$3 million	*	\$1 million
Preserve America	\$5 million	\$10 million	\$3 million
HPF Total	\$73.25 million	**\$64.6 million	\$58.658 million
Advisory Council On HP	\$4.6 million	\$5.1 million	\$5.1 million

* - The President's Budget totaled these categories at \$39.6 million without a breakdown

First Lady Laura Bush Announces A Preservation Summit To Be Held In New Orleans In October, 2006

To celebrate the 40th anniversary of the National Historic Preservation Act, First Lady Laura Bush has announced the convening of a two-day national Preservation America Summit. The goal is to make recommendations designed to advance historic preservation programs and policies with summit attendance limited to 250 participants. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation will host the summit with assistance in planning from many federal agencies and private partners.

The Summit focus areas will be developed over the summer by eleven panels made up of 10-12 experts who will develop program and policy recommendations in the following areas:

- Building a Preservation Ethic and Public Appreciation for History
- Coordinating the Stewardship and Use of Our Cultural Patrimony
- Determining What Is Important
- Protecting Places That Matter
- Improving the Preservation Program Infrastructure
- Dealing with the Unexpected
- Addressing Security
- Using Historic Properties as Economic Assets
- Involving all Cultures
- Fostering Innovation
- Participating in the Global preservation Community
- ACRA has been invited to participate in the Summit and will be represented by President Karen Hartgen.

Preserve America Presidential Awards Highlight Rose Garden Ceremony

On May 1 - one of Washington's most beautiful spring days - the President and Mrs. Bush welcomed invitees to a ceremony to celebrate the Award program of Preserve America. The awards were given to:

The Mission San Luis, Tallahassee, FL - a NHL mission that burned to the ground in 1704 - has been recreated as the former colonial Spanish capital. It is now the site of year-round education on Spanish colonization, Apalachee Indians and missions of the southeastern US;

Maryland Heritage Areas Program - This program protects historical, cultural and natural resources through local tourism efforts that now include 10 Certified Heritage Areas representing 18 counties and 62 municipalities;

Tauck World Discovery - Yellowstone Guest-Volunteer Program - in Yellowstone National Park - This 80-year-old escorted tour company launched a program to allow park visitors to donate 2 hours of their labor to a variety of park rehabilitation and preservation projects. To date, 10,000 volunteer hours of labor are appraised at \$160,000 have been donated to protect park assets;

Explore the Highway with Hampton Save-a-Landmark Program - Hampton Hotels identify and assist in the rehab of iconic roadside attractions such as the World's Largest Santa Claus (AK) The Blue Whale (OK), The Gingerbread Castle (NJ) and La Plaza Park (CA). In five years, Hampton Inns have invested \$2 million to preserve 25 uniquely American roadside landmarks. Their goal is to restore a landmark in every state by 2010.

The President and First Lady both encourage communities of all sizes to benefit economically from their heritage.

WORKER SAFETY

OSHA: NOT JUST FOR BIG CONSTRUCTION FIRMS

By William Self, WSA, Inc.

Firms involved in cultural resource management (CRM) work often conduct field efforts involving the operation of motor vehicles, monitoring of heavy equipment excavation, test trenching, stratigraphic profiling of trenches, manual excavation, and other tasks. What many small firms, and perhaps large firms, may not know is that the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) mandates certain training and record-keeping requirements meant to provide for increased worker safety nationwide. These OSHA laws and regulations likely apply to you and your firm. Did you know that any firm with at least one employee must have an applicable health and safety plan that details the safe practices, training, personal protective equipment (PPE) and record-keeping on all work the firm does, including work in the office place? Are you aware that if you employed 10 or more staff at any time in the previous year, or fewer than 10 staff if you incurred a "recordable injury," you are required to complete and post OSHA Form 300 in a conspicuous place (in all offices) between February 1 and April 30 each year? Or that 25 states have more stringent laws and regulations than federal laws (CAL-OSHA for example)?

Site-specific health and safety plans identify and analyze each task or operation on a worksite for potential hazards, and for each hazard, worker protection precautions are specified. Site health and safety plans are of key importance to worker protection as well as environmental protection. Information that should appear in the plan includes: (i) a listing of key

safety and project personnel, emergency phone numbers, and locations of the nearest fire and police departments, ambulance, and hospitals; (ii) site maps, including hospital route, site location, and site feature maps; (iii) a description of hazards associated with proposed work; (iv) appropriate personal protective equipment and mitigation measures necessary for protection against identified hazards; (v) medical examination histories for each employee (if applicable); (vi) description of required worker training and records confirming that each employee meets the health and safety training requirements; (vii) air monitoring plans and techniques used (if applicable); (viii) required safe work practices while performing assigned/scheduled tasks, and on contaminated sites; (ix) decontamination procedures for people and equipment; (x) an emergency response plan; (xi) confined space procedures; and (xii) a spill containment plan. The OSHA website (<http://www.osha.gov/>) goes into great detail about worker safety, training, recordkeeping requirements, and has links to necessary forms and guidelines. There are numerous private firms that can assist in preparing job hazard analyses, plans, and forms.

Whatever the size of your firm, the ACRA Worker Safety Committee recommends that you familiarize yourself with these mandatory requirements. Some will pertain directly to the work you do - such as working in or near excavations - while others may be

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less pertinent but still of interest to your employees (e.g., ways to reduce repetitive stress injuries such as carpal tunnel syndrome). The overall goal, of course, is worker safety. Nothing in the CRM industry is more important than keeping your employees safe, and nothing will ruin your day faster than an employee injury, especially something preventable. Although following OSHA guidelines to the letter will not rule out the possibility of worker injury, it greatly reduces the potential, and the "insult-to-injury" aspect of having to face OSHA without proper training and safety records, and the ensuing fines and penalties.

ACRA intends to offer a generic site health and safety plan to its members, something intended to be used as a starting point from which to develop your own plan to fit the specific needs of your projects and company. In general, the following steps should be part of every company policy and philosophy toward work:

- Have a project health and safety plan for every job you do, and go over it with your staff before they begin work.
- Conduct annual or more frequent training for your staff, stressing the safety aspects of your plan
- Conduct project "tailgate" training as conditions dictate (weekly on large jobs).
- Maintain a notebook of training records; what topics were discussed, when, where, and an accompanying signature page for attendees.
- Maintain and post OSHA Form 300. As noted earlier, the OSHA Form 300 is a mandatory recordkeeping form that OSHA requires of all firms that had at least 10 employees at any time in the previous year or any size firm that had had a "recordable" injury (these can be minor injuries; see form for definition) in the previous year. If these size criteria apply to your firm, the

form must be posted in a conspicuous place for the designated period each year.

- Have each employee be responsible for worker safety - not just their own, but co-workers and others on the jobsite. Have them report safety concerns they notice, so that they can be addressed before an injury occurs.

Adherence to these steps can assist in providing a safe workplace for your employees, reduce the possibility of worker injury and OSHA fines, and lead to a more prosperous year for your company and continued employee well-being. Remember: "Safety First."

From time to time, the ACRA Worker Safety Committee (chair, Teresita Majewski, members James Karbula and William Self) will prepare articles for the ACRA newsletter with information on safety issue of interest to ACRA member firms. If a member firm has questions or would like more information on a health and safety topic, contact Teresita Majewski at tmajewski@srcrm.com, and she and the other committee members will see how they can help.

SPRING MEETING ITEM:
UPDATE ON ACHP ARCHEOLOGY TASK FORCE ACTIVITIES
OFFICE OF FEDERAL AGENCY PROGRAMS

Background: This Spring, the Archeology Task Force has focused its energy on revising and distributing the ACHP's human remains policy.

ACHP human remains policy statement out for comment.

On March 14, 2006, the ACHP published in the Federal Register a request for comments on a proposed revision of its 1988 human remains policy statement, entitled "Policy Statement Regarding Treatment of Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects." This request for comments has been distributed to Federal, Tribal and State preservation officers by broadcast e-mail and to the governments of all federally-recognized Indian tribes, major Native Hawaiian Organizations, and professional archeological and preservation societies by mail. The ACHP website at www.achp.gov also contains a link to the Federal Register notice and request for comments. The comment period will close on June 28, 2006.

This draft revised policy was developed following review of comments submitted on Working Principles previously published in the Federal Register on September 1, 2005. These Working Principles were designed to guide reconsideration of the 1988 human remains policy. Written comments received on the Working Principles can also be found on the ACHP website.

ACHP hosts tribal consultation meetings on draft human remains policy.

On April 10, Expert member Julia King and the ACHP's Executive Director conducted the first regional government-to-government tribal consultation meeting in Shawnee, Oklahoma. The Citizen Potowatomie Nation graciously hosted this meeting in its new Heritage Resource Center. The ACHP's Native American Advisory Group also attended as an observer. Following the meeting, NAAG met to discuss how to assist the ACHP with its outreach efforts.

By the time of the ACHP meeting in Salt Lake City, the next tribal meetings will have been held the week of May 1 in Washington DC, Sacramento, California, and Portland, Oregon. Another tribal consultation meeting also will have been held in Albuquerque, New Mexico, just prior to our meeting in Utah.

On March 13, Dr. King described the draft revised policy and other activities of the Task Force to the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. On April 27, Dr. King and ACHP staff discussed the draft revised policy in a forum organized for the Society for American Archaeology's annual meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Dr. King will report to the membership on all of these events.

Action needed: No action needed by the membership at this time.

2006 ACRA AWARDS

By Charissa Wang Durst, Awards Committee Chair

Dear ACRA Member:

The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2006 ACRA awards is JULY 7, 2006. Awards will be presented at the 2006 ACRA Annual Meeting in Columbus, Ohio. The 2006 categories are:

Industry Award

An award presented to an ACRA company's client (mining, energy, transportation, etc.) that has shown a commitment, above and beyond what is required to meet regulations, to the preservation of cultural resources. This could be a single project, or recognition of on-going commitment.

Public Service Award

Recognition of an ACRA company or an employee of an ACRA company that has made a long-term contribution to the study, management, and/or protection of cultural resources or has contributed volunteer efforts and resources for the betterment of their immediate community, county, state, etc. These include efforts toward training students for CRM careers, internships, etc. and school programs, environmental programs, preservation programs, and interpretive programs.

Quality Product Award

Recognition of a high quality product produced by an ACRA member company. The product can be in the form of innovative or long-term research, preservation of a cultural resource for future generations (such as a building or archaeological site), or an outstanding report, book, brochure, etc.

PLEASE NOTE:

- All ACRA award nominations will be good for three (3) years. Any nomination that does not receive an award the year it was submitted will automatically be considered for the following year, and if no award is received, again for the year after that.
- If you submitted a nomination in 2005 that did not win, it will be automatically reconsidered for the 2006 Awards, and again in 2007 if it does not receive an award in 2006. Similarly, if you submit a nomination this year and it does not win an award, it will automatically be reconsidered for 2006 and 2007.
- Submit THREE identical copies of your nomination.
- If you are nominating a substantial, multi-volume report, please consider submitting the three copies on a CD in PDF format.
- ACRA will send press releases to three local media outlets of the winner's choice.
- Please direct any questions to Charissa Wang Durst, ACRA Awards Chair, at Hardlines Design Company, 614-784-8733.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

1. Who Can Enter

Architects, archaeologists, historians, students, and professionals working in the cultural resources management field in the United States, either in the public or private sector, may submit a nomination for any of the three (3) categories. For projects, nominations must have been directed and substantially executed in the United States not more than five (5) years ago. Nominations for the Public Service Award and Quality Product Award must have been executed by an ACRA member in good standing: Nominations for the Industry Award must be submitted by an ACRA member in good standing.

2. Providing Additional Material and Publication

If the nomination should win, the entrant agrees to make available further information and graphic material as needed by ACRA. ACRA Edition is granted the first opportunity for publication of the award announcement and supporting information about the project or work.

3. Projects Fact Page

To ensure the jury's clear understanding, each entry must contain a single page that lists, in English, the nomination's facts under the following headings:

- Award Category
- Name of Nominee
- Basis of Eligibility

In addition, for the Quality Product Award, you must augment your submission with the following information:

- Start and Finish Dates
- Client or Source of Funding
- Project Budget
- Name and Location of Client
- Form of Final Products

4. Narrative

Nominations must contain a one-page synopsis that explains how the nominee meets the submission requirements. You may submit copies of reports or examples of the product, but items must be accompanied by the one-page synopsis.

5. Graphic Materials

Please submit graphic material in 8-1/2"x11" format. This requirement is mandatory for project entries only. However, non-project entrants are also encouraged to submit applicable supplementary material (newspaper clippings, etc.) in a bound 8-1/2"x11" format.

6. Entry Forms

Each nomination must be accompanied by a signed entry form. Reproductions of the form are acceptable.

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7. Submission Format

All required pages of each entry must be firmly bound in binders. No slides, original drawings, videos, or unbound materials will be reviewed. Materials not in 8-1/2"x11" format will not be reviewed. Materials in 11"x17" or other format folded down to fit in an 8-1/2"x11" format are acceptable. PLEASE SUBMIT THREE (3) COPIES OF THE NOMINATION.

8. Return of Entries

All entries become the property of ACRA and will not be returned. ACRA reserves the right to distribute, publish, or otherwise utilize the materials in the entry as part of its program and mission. Please do not submit your originals.

9. Entry Deadline

Deadlines for receipt of entries is JULY 7, 2006. All entries must show a postage mark as evidence of being in the carrier's hands by that date. Hand-delivered entries must arrive at ACRA's Award Chair office by 5:00 pm on JULY 7, 2006. To ensure timely arrival, ACRA recommends using a carrier that guarantees delivery within a specified number of days.

10. Winners

Winners will be notified by e-mail approximately one month before the annual meeting. You will be requested to submit digital images of the nomination that can be used in the award presentation. In order to encourage nominators to

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11. Publications

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THE BIRTH OF THE NEW UTAH ANTIQUITIES PERMITTING SYSTEM: JULY 2006

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In the April ACRA Edition, the changes being proposed by the new archaeological permitting system in Utah (for state and private lands) were introduced, but many of the details were not clear at that time. Since then, a small group of archaeologists were chosen to propose rules to govern the system which will be implemented beginning July 1, 2006. Some of the suggested changes mentioned in the April article will not happen, but others will. Following is a brief synopsis of the situation at this point. The public comment period on the proposed rules ends on June 15. The proposed rules to govern this new permitting system can be accessed at <http://www.rules.utah.gov/publicat/bulletin.htm#B2006>. Go to Vol. 2006, No. 10 dated May 15, 2006. The proposed rules begin on page 74.

In order to adequately administer the permitting system, Lori Hunsaker, former Bureau of Land Management Archaeologist, was hired to oversee the system within the Public Lands Policy Coordination Office (PLPCO), a part of the Utah Governor's Administration. Permits will change from being issued to organizations and companies to being issued to individuals, known as Principal Investigators (PI s). These PI s will be required to hold a Master's Degree in Anthropology or a related field with a year of professional experience. Survey permits will be issued for three years and excavation permits on a case by case basis. Each PI will be responsible for those working under their

permit, but there are no qualifications required for those individuals. However, the PI is totally responsible for the work done by individuals working under their direction. While the former requirement of being a Registered Professional Archeologist has been dropped, the "Code of Conduct" and the "Standards of Research Performance" promulgated by the Register has been made an integral part of the permit requirements.

It has been stated that all existing functions of the SHPO and Utah State Antiquities Section will remain the same with the exception of their permitting duties. This includes the functions of the State Archaeologist, Assistant State Archaeologist and their staff.

One of the original intents of this law was to speed up the process of project approval and to save money for the State of Utah. While some of the permitting procedures may have such an intent, whether they have this result has yet to be seen. As some have also suggested, the new permitting system may result in the promotion of better science. The jury is out on these questions until the system has had some time to function. I will report on its progress from time to time in future issues of the Edition.

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