

**MINUTES OF THE TAS MONTHLY MEETING  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012  
Approved by Membership**

Dale Johnson, president, announced that the speaker's presentation would occur first followed by the business meeting.

Mark Henderson apologized for the delay in being able to get into the room. He assured the group that when he dropped by Kit Carson earlier in the day, the person responsible for facilities assured him the room would be open and available at 6:30.

Paul Williams introduced the speaker, Hannah Kligman, Taos Archaeology Intern 2011-2012. He explained that the TAS had helped sponsor Hanna's work in conjunction with the BLM-Taos Field Office and the Columbia University-Gorge Project.

Hannah presented the results of her work to date in identifying and classifying petroglyph sites within the Gorge to support a proposal to place the Gorge under the National Record of Historic Places.

Dale Johnson called the business meeting to order.

Dale requested approval of the minutes of the January 10 Speaker's Meeting. The minutes were approved as reported on the TAS website.

Dale read the names of the officers nominated for the upcoming year who were also announced at the last meeting and posted on the website: Carmen Acosta Johnson, president; Paul Williams, vice president; Anna Walters, treasurer; Carol Farmer, secretary; Chris Riveles; member at large. A motion was made, seconded and approved by voice vote to accept the new officers.

Dale turned the meeting over to Carmen presenting her with three items: notebook with papers of the organization, staff of office and box of Valentine chocolates.

Anna Walters, treasurer, reported a balance as of Feb. 14 of \$9,177.33 broken down as follows: General Account (includes program expenses) \$3,854.52; Education \$3,978.96; Fieldwork \$1,343.85. She stated that the proposed budget for 2012 was available over the past month on the TAS website and asked for its approval. It was approved as follows: General operating budget including program expenses \$3,093.20; Education Committee \$2,575; Field Work Committee \$1,700.



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Anna also reported that at her request, two members, Ann Smith and Christine Ponko, conducted an internal audit of the TAS financial record in July 2011 (when Anna assumed the responsibility of TAS treasurer) and again on January 19, 2012 (of the financial records for calendar year 2011). Both informal audits were successful. She assured members that she would insure that TAS remains in compliance with the IRS, PRC and NM Attorney General.

Frank Oatman reported that he had received the final report on “dacite” samples collected with Dr. Robert Dello-Russo from two locations in this area, the La Junta site and the “Oatman” quarry. These were analyzed by Steve Shackley at Berkeley Archaeological XRF Lab. Dr. Dello-Russo sent a thank-you letter to the TAS private contributors who donated toward the partial cost of the analysis and stated that the findings will be incorporated into a short report for the BLM. In addition, the analysis report will appear on the TAS website.

Jeanie Clinton, chair of the trip committee, reported the committee has met and come up with a series of proposed field trips as follows:

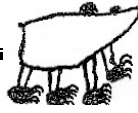
- March, Day Trip to Bob Ray petroglyph site--contact, Frank Oatman
- April State Archeological Conference  
Vista Verde petroglyphs--Hanna Klingman
- May Blackwater site near Clovis and Portales--Frank Oatman
- June Crownpoint Navajo rug auction--Jeanie Clinton
- July Day trip to petroglyphs on Chavez property in Los Cordovas--Paul Williams
- Aug. tba
- Sept. Butler Wash and Combe Ridge--Paul Williams
- Oct. Canyon de Chelly--Paul Williams, John Martin
- Dec. Shalako, Zuni
- Jan. or Feb. Yucatan--Chichen Itza, Uxmal and other sites--Paul Williams and Jeanie Clinton (Frank Purcell)

She will keep the members informed as the committee continues to develop its plans.

CJ Johnson, chair of the SiteWatch Committee reported that over 30 people (members and non-members) are registered, but only about 12 are active in the program. These people spent over 150 hours visiting their sites and traveled more than 700 miles in the process. At least ten people are planning to attend the Santa Fe SiteWatch Foundation annual state meeting on Feb. 19. Her committee is establishing a new relationship with Paul Williams' replacement at BLM. In addition, it will be meeting next month to reevaluate assignments, introduce new team members, and reinforce the processes of SiteWatch operation. CJ is planning to step down as SiteWatch chair after five years of service and is looking for a replacement.

CJ Johnson, chair of the Education Committee, reported her committee members are Don Keefe, Sara Jean Gray, Mark Henderson, Phil Alldritt, Chris Riveles and Jane Starks.

**1.** In 2011 committee members worked with the Chrysalis Programs, provided GPS training at the Cyber Magnet school and at UNM to Phil's Archaeological Methods Class, and conducted after school programs with Rocky Mtn. Youth Corps at Enos Garcia Elementary School and



Ranchos schools. At Ranchos they conducted five separate after-school programs for K-5th graders.

2. For 2012 the committee is planning to provide similar programs at Enos Garcia Elementary School, fund bus transportation for student field trips that support classroom New Mexico history curriculum, offer GPS training to members and others, sell books at both the ASNM and Pecos conferences to fund education activities, identify books the organization would like to keep and find library housing for them.

Mark Henderson, chair of the Program Committee, commended committee members, Skip Miller and Anna Walters (publicity) and advisors, Dorothy Wells and Gary Grief in planning programs through May 2012. Mark announced that he is stepping down as chair of the committee but assured members that programs are in place through May of this year.

Carmen reported that in addition to standing committees, a number of ad hoc committees have also been at work over the last six months. The Liability Insurance Committee concluded after much research that the best policy is not to buy insurance but to continue requiring a signed waiver of responsibility form from all members participating in field trips. She thanked the chair, Steve Robertson, and those who worked with him. She also acknowledged members of the nominations committee for a job well-done in assembling the slate of newly elected officers and the by-laws committee for their work on reviewing and reinforcing the by-laws.

Carmen also acknowledged the private landowners who have permitted TAS to do field work on their property and the partner organizations, Mesa Prieta, Columbia University Gorge Project and the BLM, who have worked closely with TAS.

Greg Sagemiller, chair of the Scholarship Committee and ASNM board member, thanked the outgoing TAS board members for their outstanding work and recognized other ASNM board members, CJ Johnson (secretary) and Anna Walters (treasurer) for their service.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Farmer, Secretary