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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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The 10th Annual ACRA Conference will be held at the Hotel Monaco, Washington D.C. Next year's conference, which will focus on government issues, is scheduled to start one day early, on Wednesday, to afford attendees an opportunity to meet with their legislators.

The Hotel Monaco is the former Tariff Building, built in the mid-nineteenth century. This Registered National Landmark is Washington, DC's first all-marble building. For a preview of the hotel visit [www.monaco-dc.com](http://www.monaco-dc.com).

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## MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*Submitted By IThomas R. Wheaton*

After the April 21 hearing of the Parks Subcommittee of the House Resource Committee, it became obvious to me that we needed good information on the numbers of historic properties being found. The Parks Subcommittee kept going back to the idea that all significant properties should already be listed, and that if they could eliminate the consensus eligible properties and only deal with the listed and formally determined eligible properties everything would be just fine. They also kept beating the drum about vast numbers of projects being held up by Section 106.

I felt we needed a handle on how many projects we are really talking about and how many have eligible or listed properties and what the effect of only dealing with the listed properties would be. No one had good information with which to discuss this issue, not the ACHP, not the NCSHPO, not the Trust, and certainly not ACRA.

From our two trips to the Capitol Hill this spring, and seeing how much Congressional staff really appreciate good hard data, particularly from their own districts, I felt like I could take on a quick project to gather some information and have it ready when the Subcommittee came out with its bill and held hearings this summer. This could be used to counteract the kind of horror stories, often unsubstantiated, the applicant industries love to tell.

I figured it would be a simple matter of getting some of our members in the appropriate states and districts to contact their SHPOs for this information. This proved to be very naïve on my part.

With the help of our members we sent out requests to the SHPOs in the states of the 46 Congressmen on the House Resources Committee. We got back useable information from 11 districts in 7 states (Colorado, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and South Carolina), which

represent less than a quarter of the members and less than half the states. Two states, South Dakota and Utah, provided limited information. It seems that few states keep track of eligible properties, and fewer keep track of the eligible and listed properties by project. Few have the resources or are willing to devote the resources to track the properties, even when it might mean saving their jobs and untold numbers of historic properties in the future.

Despite the small sample size, we did gather some quasi-useable data. Some states had to use estimates to give us the information we needed. However, I feel that, in general, the overall totals give a fairly accurate picture of what is going on.

We found that few, if any, historic properties are "formally determined eligible" by the the Secretary of Interior, and that the percentage of historic properties "determined eligible by consensus" is significant in all the districts. Of a total 5,898 significant historic properties in these districts, 3,800 or 64% have been "determined eligible by consensus", and are neither "listed" on the National Register of Historic Places nor "formally determined eligible" by the Secretary of Interior. If such historic properties were eliminated from consideration in Section 106, 3,800 significant historic properties in these districts would have been ignored and probably would have been destroyed by federal undertakings. These are properties considered by the Committee Members' constituents and their SHPOs to be important to their history, to their sense of place, to their sense of belonging, in other words, to their common heritage. This should be a powerful argument for Committee Members to vote against the "discussion draft" and any bill that comes out of it.

The idea that considering "eligible" properties causes massive and far-reaching delays in projects was also refuted. In none of the states examined, did

the data support this. The total number of federal undertakings in these states is 51,200, and only 5,283 or 10% had historic properties recorded. None of these undertakings stopped a project last year, and all but one state have no records of the NHPA ever stopping a project. South Dakota had only one such project that anyone could remember. Were projects delayed because of Section 106? Almost certainly. But in my experience that is nearly always the fault of poorly trained and overworked agency and SHPO staff, applicants who put off doing any work until forced to at the last minute, and, occasionally, poor work conducted by a consultant.

The number of such delays has, in my experience, decreased immeasurably since the 1970s, as most applicants have learned to comply with the law earlier in the development process, and the SHPO and agency staffs have learned the proper interpretation of the law through various training programs, both federal and private.

As you may have noticed, my expectation that a bill would be forthcoming in the summer was not borne out. Holding public hearings in the Resources Committee appears even less likely, as the new modus operandi is to call a meeting two days hence, and vote a bill out to the House floor in less than a week. But when the time comes, we will be able to provide to the Committee Members and staff some good, albeit incomplete, information based on real numbers rather than anecdotal stories from developers.

While I was doing this, it bothered me that the Subcommittee leadership and staff pretended not to understand that most parts of the country have not been surveyed and thus, most archaeological sites have not been found, despite the fact that we have had almost 40 years since the NHPA to find all of them. What have we been doing anyway, just sitting around goofing off? This sounds a little like the argument they are using against the Endangered Species Act, i.e. most of the species are still

endangered after all these years, so obviously the law is useless and should be done away with.

I made some calculations just to get some idea of the parameters we are dealing with. There are 3,537,438 square miles in the U.S. or approximately 2,263,960,477 acres. Assuming there is one site for every 100 acres, including mountain tops and wetlands, etc., that would give an approximate total of 22,639,605 archaeological sites, give or take a few million. If 10% of those are eligible for the National Register, this would mean that there are 2,263,960 archaeological sites that should be listed on the National Register, not including historic buildings and landscapes. At last count, there were approximately 75,000 historic properties of all types listed on the register and the majority are definitely not archaeological sites. Hmmmm, I guess we were goofing off after all.



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## MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT AN ACRA YEAR

*Submitted By Ian Burrow*

I have never had so much email. A year as President of ACRA has involved more electronic communication than I could possibly have imagined. The Board, the Executive, the Committees, Members Only, ACRA-L, and of course our prolific and soon-retiring Executive Director, generate a mass of mail, almost all of which gets copied to the President.

But this is a very good thing. If such a level of activity is any guide, and I think it is, ACRA is a very vital and energized organization. We have opinions, suggestions, complaints, thanks, information and stories that we share with each other all the time. It has truly been a great privilege to be your President for the last year, and to be involved in so many aspects of this Association.

Before providing a brief personal review of the last 12 months, I want to express my sincere thanks to everyone who has been so active, supportive, and collegiate in the many issues with which we have had to deal. I have served on many boards and committees during my professional career, but I can honestly say that none has been so rewarding, educational, and satisfying as ACRA. I have come to know, or come to know better, many interesting and talented people both inside and outside the organization. I have had the opportunity to be engaged with several nationally important issues. It's been quite a ride.

Those national issues took up far more of our time and energy than we could have anticipated at this time last year. Preeminent among them has of course been the ongoing battle over Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. I won't go through all of our efforts in detail, but we have I think acquitted ourselves well so far. We coordinated effectively with other national organizations like SAA, SHA and RPA, we mounted a campaign to get information from SHPOs to support our case, we lobbied and lobbied, and we have tried to keep on top of the Byzantine proceedings on Capitol Hill in order to judge when to act. This battle is continuing, and we will have to remain very proactive on this issue for a long time to come.

The telecommunications industry, and their ongoing efforts to limit the application of NHPA to their undertakings, has also continued to require our attention. No sooner had a programmatic agreement been signed than the industry appeared to be rejecting it. Tribal consultation over cell tower undertakings is the latest issue to be highlighted as a problem for these poor struggling telecommunications firms.

Amidst all the negativity in relation to historic preservation, we should acknowledge the apparently strong commitment in this Administration to the President and Mrs. Bush's Preserve America initiative. For the second year in a row, we were recognized as a part of the national

historic preservation scene through the invitation extended to the ACRA President to attend the Preserve America Awards ceremony at the White House. The refreshments were excellent.

Another encouraging area of national involvement has been our work with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. With the active encouragement of Julia King, the first archaeologist to sit on the Council, we have provided substantial input on their Archaeology Initiative. I was pleased to be able to attend the ACHP spring meeting in Annapolis and see the workings of the Council at first hand. In a great cooperative effort, the presidents of ACRA, SHA, SAA and RPA put forward the name of Dan Roberts (of ACRA member JMA) as our consensus choice to sit on the ACHP Archaeology Task Force. We look forward to feedback from Dan as this progresses. The current hot issue for the ACHP is a review of their Human Remains policy.

Two big federal agencies, the Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service, have also sought ACRA input. The Corps is considering whether to change its existing internal 106 "Appendix C" procedures to bring them more closely in line with 36CFR800, something we have recommended strongly that they do. In the National Park Service there are ongoing changes in policy and organization in which we have a direct interest. Together with Judy Bense, SHA president, and Ken Ames of SAA, I was invited to an informal dinner meeting with Janet Matthews and her senior staff in the Cultural Resources Division to talk over their thoughts and objectives for this important part of the NPS.

Another federal agency with whom we have had useful contact, this time in a more directly business setting, is the Small Business

Administration. The SBA is in the process of revising its small business standards and categories, and we have had two meetings and several rounds of communication about this. ACRA's main concern is that the proposed use of employees as a measure of small business size could work to the disadvantage of many of our members. We have also raised with the SBA the desirability of obtaining an NAICS code for the CRM industry. This is a debate we need to have within the Association.

ACRA has also been involved at state and local level. Our policy in these cases has generally been to act in a supporting role to ACRA members who know these situations better than the rest of us. We have therefore written in support of historic preservation agencies under threat in the State of Alabama and the City of San Diego over the last year, as well as providing input on other local situations.

ACRA made a strong showing at the Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in York in England in January. We spent some enjoyable time with English counterparts in CRM, exchanging experiences and insights and sharing refreshing beverages. Our links to other organizations are important. Our Liaison Committee provides us with connections to many national and regional organizations in this country. The ACRA president is also part of the President's Listserv, which includes all the major US archaeological organizations and the British Institute of Field Archaeologists.

In all this activity I have at times this year felt somewhat frustrated that I have not been able pay more attention to some perennial membership issues that are part of ACRA's raison d'etre. Among these I count matters such as insurance,

unfair competition, professional standards, training, CRM in higher education, marketing, information on our industry, and a number of other issues.

The latest version of our salary and business survey is now available for anyone in CRM to participate in. This will provide us baseline information on where our industry stands in 2005 and enable us to identify and follow trends in the changing world of CRM.

Our Education Committee continues to work on gathering information about higher education programs nationwide that include CRM. We are also continuing to seek to develop marketable workshops on the business of CRM that can be run at conference venues.

This year marked a small but I hope significant addition to ACRA's activities. A group of ACRA members have provided peer review services for Gnomon, Inc., in connection with their report on cultural resource assessment modeling in Wyoming. This project is ongoing at the time of writing, and the fees are modest, but it is a hopeful development. I can see a time when ACRA is regarded as a trustworthy source for similar work, obtaining contracts for our members and establishing a reputation for high standards and reliability.

We have seen a steady stream of new members during the year, including ArcCom, Bennett Management Services LLC, Raquel Camacho, Earthworks, Inc. Diane Hanson, Hardy-Heck-Moore, Inc., Integrated Archaeological Services, MRS. Consultants, LLC, The Public Archaeology Laboratory, Terracon, Ruth Troccoli, and Ruth and Brian Vogel, Consultants. I welcome all of them to the Association and urge them to be active participants.

This year has of course seen important decisions about our future internal organization. We are in the middle of transitional arrangements which, at the end of the year, will see us with a two year presidency and Scott Stull as our new Executive Secretary. A flurry of activity, including conference-call board meetings in the middle of the year, enabled us to get all of this in place. At the same time we have moved to electronic voting, and launched an appeal to help us cover the costs of this transition and of our upcoming 10th anniversary conference in Washington D.C.

It is hard not to resort to clichés when making parting remarks of this kind, so here goes. Once again I thank all my fellow ACRA board members, and those many not on the board, who have given of their time and talents to help ACRA deal with the many matters I have mentioned above. I have very much enjoyed working with everyone, and am constantly amazed and pleased at how much we have in common, and at the high level of trust we have developed in this Association. Long may it continue.

Although I suspect this will be only one of many and better tributes, I must close by expressing my deep appreciation and thanks to Tom Wheaton. My presidential year would have been much less enjoyable and a great deal more stressful without Tom's guiding hand and 10 years of ACRA wisdom. It's clear to me that without Tom there probably never would have been an ACRA in the first place, and he will certainly leave a Tom-shaped hole when he leaves us for sunnier climes. However, he quits an active and maturing organization that will move forward successfully from the solid foundation he has done so much to build. Au revoir and hasta la vista Tom, and thanks for all the emails!

## 10TH ANNIVERSARY ACRA CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON DC

*Submitted By IThomas R. Wheaton*

You should all be aware by now that our annual conference this year is in Washington, DC, where we held our first conference in 1995. This year, we will be proactive and visit Capitol Hill to expose them to cultural resources consulting and to expose our members to the (drum roll) "Corridors of Power". So far, over 70 of you have indicated your willingness to climb the Hill. This should be educational all the way around. Nellie Longworth has been key to this entire effort, and I literally could not have done it without her, and we will be forever in her debt. Jeanne Ward was also a great help and will have some experience to carry forward as chair of the Conference Committee.

The plenary session is looking more interesting all the time. Not only will we have Dr. Jan Matthews, who recently reorganized the CRM division of the National Park Service and took over the position of Keeper, we will have the first archaeologist on the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Dr. Julie King, who has been handling the "archaeological initiative" for the Council this year. We also

expect to have the lead Congressional staffers of the Parks Subcommittee, both from the minority and the majority. This promises to be an interesting, and perhaps even exciting encounter. Don't miss it.

During the conference we will also have Federal Preservation Officers (FPOs) from various federal agencies discussing topics of interest to our members, a panel of private sector companies from outside the U.S. who have a unique perspective on what we do, and legal advice (not legally binding however) from ACRA's legal firm, one of the largest and most prestigious in Washington. We will learn how to keep good employees (and it is not simply a question of more money), hand out some awards, meet with our committees, and have a reception in historic Union Station. And last, but not least, we will have a post conference tour of one of the most up-to-date CRM curatorial facilities in the US, and get to see some interesting archaeological and historical resources in Maryland.

I hope to see you all there, and I hope to see some clients as well.

## ACRA AND THE SAA CONSULTING ARCHAEOLOGY COMMITTEE

*By Scott Stull*

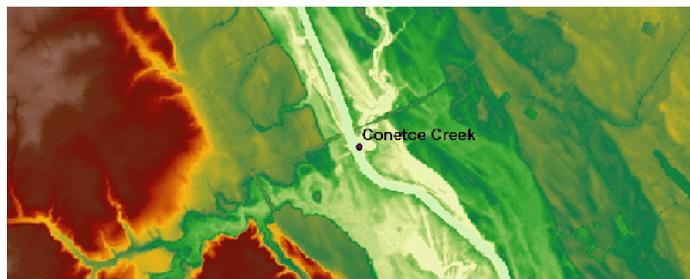
ACRA and the SAA Consulting Archaeology Committee will be cohosting a Cultural Resource Management Happy Hour from 5-7 pm on Thursday, April 27, 2006, at the Caribe Hilton during the SAA Annual Meeting in San Juan, Puerto Rico. There will be a cash bar for the Happy Hour.

This will be an expansion of the normal meet-and-greet hour ACRA usually has, but was not well attended in the past. ACRA's information session will be from 4:00 - 5:00 pm on Thursday at the Caribe Hilton, just prior to the hosted Happy Hour. This will be an opportunity for ACRA to present its recent government relations activity regarding the NHPA and keep people up-to-date on whatever has taken place in Congress up to that point. The SAA committee will also be presenting information on their activities.

There will be no CRM Expo at the San Juan meeting, so this Happy Hour will be the main avenue for members of the CRM community to meet with each other and with potential employers or employees.

If you have any questions, please contact Scott Stull at [scott@hartgen.com](mailto:scott@hartgen.com).

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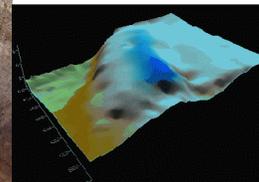
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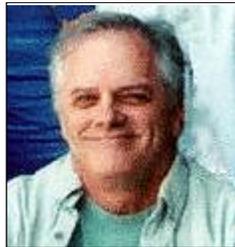
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## ACRA ELECTION RESULTS

### PRESIDENT ELECT

**Michael R. Polk**  
Principal Archaeologist/Owner  
Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C.  
Ogden, Utah



Since 1983, Mike has been Principal Archaeologist and owner of Sagebrush Consultants, L.L.C. Mike is a charter member of ACRA and was active in the formation of the organization in 1995. Besides serving on the Board of Directors (1995 - 2004), as Secretary (1995 - 1996), and as President (1996 - 1997), he chaired the Federal Contracting subcommittee (of the Government Relations Committee) from 1999 to 2004.

As ACRA's President Elect, Mike plans to bring to the association a high level of experience, leadership, energy and effort, particularly during the difficult times that cultural resource legislation currently faces at both the national and state levels. He means to work diligently with other preservation organizations to advance our cause.

His goals are to serve ACRA as secretary and to help with the needed organizational activities as the structure of ACRA changes, and to continue the work of the Liaison Committee to recognize and encourage the activities of individuals within ACRA.

### TREASURER

**Karen Van Citters, CSI, CDT**  
Van Citters: Historic Preservation, Albuquerque, NM

Karen is Principal of Van Citters: Historic Preservation, LLC. VCHP works in preservation consulting, and for 10 years, Karen has managed to track the VCHP income, financial responsibilities, pay employees and subcontractors on time, and retain a little for long range development of the company. As she says, "They didn't teach this at architecture school, but because I managed to figure it out before I turned it over to our bookkeeper." Karen looks forward to being of service for our organization.

### SECRETARY

**Chad Moffett**  
Historic Preservation  
Mead & Hunt, Inc., Minneapolis, MN

Chad has served on the Board of Directors for four years and is chairperson of the Liaison Committee, where he has helped to organize and recognize other ACRA member representatives who serve as liaisons to CRM-related and client organizations.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, SMALL FIRMS

**Nurit Goldman Finn**  
**President and Owner**  
**Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Inc., Anamosa, IA**

As a member of the Board, Nurit states, "I will work hard with ACRA to protect our historic preservation laws and the CRM field. For me, ACRA is like a bridge that has kept me connected to key issues and other professionals in the field. My hope is that the organization will continue to reach out to CRM firms of all sizes across the country. As a small business owner, I try to stay current on topics relating to Section 106, and also maintain the high standards that ACRA has helped to promote. ACRA is a crucial resource for all of us, and I am honored to serve on its Board."

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MEDIUM FIRMS

**Steve J. Dasovich**  
**Head, Cultural Resource Services Division**  
**SCI Engineering, Inc., St. Charles, MO**

"I believe that I can contribute to ACRA through my experience in public education about the merits of archaeology and historic preservation and in my direct dealings in the legislative process. ACRA is beginning to take a larger and more significant role in the national scene; one might say it is maturing well. We are currently faced with significant obstacles to our way of earning a living and to our professional obligation of learning more about our cultural heritage. Hard-line stances on preservation of sites, while still a goal and still possible at any number of particular sites, are no longer practical platforms and negotiation is the name of the game. We need to be flexible in our approaches to current issues, and thoughtful with our proposed solutions. Above all, we need to balance the needs of our diverse membership, and figure out how to better appeal to prospective members. ACRA's mission statement is wide-reaching and therefore ambitious. I hope to be able to provide at least some of the necessary vision for this mission and look forward to serving our membership."

**Denise DeJoseph**  
**Historical Research Associates, Inc., Seattle, WA**

"In light of the recent proposed amendments to the NHPA, I believe it will be important in the months and years ahead to focus on working with change rather than against it. At present the "good faith effort" at 36 CFR 800 does not prescribe any particular method for identifying historic properties (e.g., archaeological survey), and that generalization is unlikely to change to actively prohibit survey and evaluation efforts as part of the 106 process. However, if it does, the possibilities for creative implementation will likely remain, and we will need to recognize them to make the change positive for ourselves, our clients, the public, and "the resource." For example, a case could be made for "finding" listed historic properties as part of the process. Or that an undertaking is a method of fulfilling an agency's Section 110 responsibilities. So rather than panic at this threat to our "bread and butter," we need to be flexible and work towards positively influencing the proposed changes.

Many would argue that change is needed. If change comes (and change seems inevitable) we will be forced to find new business opportunities in the altered CRM environment. The only real threat to us is our inflexibility. As a member of the Board of Directors, I propose being flexible in the face of change and working with the system - the essence of consultation - rather than against."

**Joseph Schuldenrein**  
**President and Principal**  
**Geoarcheology Research Associates, Riverdale, NY**

"I have been active in ACRA since its inception and am concerned that member firms work together for the good of the industry and the betterment of professional standards. Partnering and retaining long-term professional associations remain one of my key concerns for the organization. The time has come for our organization to spearhead the CRM profession in the face of rising challenges to environmental legislation, budget cuts, and ongoing resistance of the academic community to revamp curricula to reflect an increasingly applied focus in the profession."

**Kim Tremaine****President****Tremaine & Associates, Inc., Dixon, CA**

"I am committed to supporting ACRA functions. I will keep informed on developments related to issues that may come before the board and will be an active participant in the role if elected. I am especially interested in ways to increase the public's appreciation for archaeology and history through heritage tourism. I believe it is our responsibility to seek interpretive opportunities, sharing our passion and enthusiasm with others. In this way, the health of our industry will remain secure."

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS, LARGE FIRMS****Sarah A. Herr****Project Director****Desert Archaeology, Tucson, AZ**

"The practice of CRM is undergoing tremendous changes that are both internally and externally motivated. Over the past 50 years state and federal laws have limited the need for salvage projects and have made the management of cultural resources in the private sector routine at a project-by-project level. Today's challenge is to include cultural resources in large-scale planning, and I see this happening in two different ways. First, as cell phone providers, mining interests, highway departments, and private property advocates push to streamline (if not eliminate) compliance, CRM is challenged to create inter-industry agreements that can still protect cultural resources. The second challenge, is to work with organizations with similar interests and local governments to identify regional conservation priorities prior to development, and to promote strategies such as voter-approved conservation plans, heritage tourism, and, when possible, preservation or adaptive reuse of historic places. To meet both challenges, we need public support, which can only be gained through education programs that promote the value of America's cultural resources in a hi-tech, globalizing world. In the field of historic preservation, CRM is at the leading edge of research, public education, and planning, and ACRA is one of the key players representing CRM interests to other industries and our governments."

**Cinder Miller****Vice President****Gray & Pape, Inc., Cincinnati, OH**

As a representative of the generation of CRM professionals that will help carry the industry into the next era, Cinder is particularly interested in issues associated with the future of the CRM and related industries. She has followed the recent challenges related to Section 106 and has a keen interest in issues associated with federal/state/local legislation associated with Section 106 and related laws. If elected to the board, she will push ACRA to think creatively about the future of the industry and to consider the long term implications of current, planned, and proposed changes to the fundamental laws that sustain our rather fragile industry. In addition, Cinder is interested in helping preservation professionals in the private sector as well as in academia work on training and employment opportunities in CRM as well as in related industries. She sees ACRA as an organization that helps to bring likeminded professionals together in an otherwise competitive industry.

**Bill Self****President****William Self Associates, Inc., Orinda, CA**

"During my 32 years in CRM there have been several changes in focus in the industry. I would like to see ACRA's role in guiding the direction of CRM to concentrate on several areas: strengthening the regulatory base that all CRM work is built upon to ensure resources protection; seeking ways for CRM firms to meet continually demanding insurance requirements; promoting CRM to future employees and providing them with quality salary, benefits, and a safe working environment; and promoting ACRA to regulators and the public sector as a professional society of businesses devoted to assisting their clientele in meeting changing regulations in a cost effective and professional manner."

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

*By Nellie L. Longworth, Consultant to Government Affairs Committee*

This fall has been a testy one in the US House of Representatives, and, though it has not dealt with the Historic Preservation Act directly, the discussion draft and changes to Section 106 are still lurking in the Resources Committee. We are keenly aware that the Resources Committee staff is trying to come up with credible incidents involving the Section 106 process that can be inflated into horror stories of delay and cost. The lead staffer on the National Parks Subcommittee noted that in his detailed examination of the Historic Preservation Act, nowhere is there a requirement that the applicant must pay for the Section 106 process. He further reminds us that change to Section 106 is still high on the subcommittee's agenda.

Meanwhile, the late summer and fall have been busy for the House Resources Committee and Chairman Richard Pombo (R-CA). The Committee took up the Endangered Species Act and weakened the Act with changes that won approval on the floor of the House of Representatives.

That success was followed quickly by the introduction of a National Energy bill proposing weakening changes to the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) that were unsuccessfully challenged in both the committee and on the House floor. A bipartisan amendment to soften the changes on the floor of the House was almost successful and showed the lengths to which the GOP leadership will go to get its way. The House rules allow five minutes for a vote but, since it appeared that the original language

was going to come up short on votes, GOP leadership held up the vote for over 40 minutes to arm twist their way to a two vote victory, 212-210. One by one, Republicans gave into floor pressure and Pombo reigned. The only good news is that the Senate has decided NOT to take any action on the bill this session.

The House tactics have a pattern. A bill, committee print, or discussion draft are introduced on Monday. Without a hearing, a committee markup takes place on Wednesday and the bill then goes to the floor on Friday, all in the same week. The lesson learned is that the National Historic Preservation Act changes to Section 106 could follow this pattern. This challenges ACRA and all other groups to make our case before Congressional members and their staffs now, before a bill is formally introduced. In our case, the committee could claim that a hearing was held last April 21 so they could quickly go to a markup and floor action.

During the conference in Washington DC, more than 50 members of ACRA will be spending the afternoon of November 10th on Capitol Hill. We will visit offices of key committee members in both the House and Senate, as well as tapping the 90-member Historic Preservation Caucus of the House. This is a very important activity and all are welcome to join in the effort to save Section 106 from disastrous change. The good news is that the Senate does not welcome any change to Section 106.

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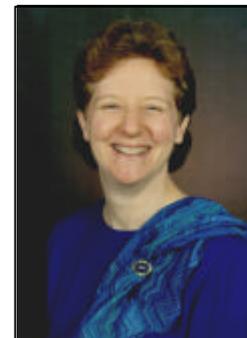
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Visit the Heritage Preservation Commission's web site for additional information (<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/hpc/welcome.asp#TopOfPage>). To learn more about Dr. Ollendorf and ALO Environmental Associates LLC, visit the company website (<http://www.aloenviro.com>).



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